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# 2010 FALL CONFERENCE

## RISE TO THE CHALLENGE

Gaining knowledge and skills to stay ahead in hard times

September 18, 2010

Conference Host:

**Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld LLP  
One Bryant Park  
New York, NY 10036**



### THE ASIAN AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION OF NEW YORK ("AABANY")

The Asian American Bar Association of New York is a professional membership organization of attorneys concerned with issues affecting the Asian Pacific American community. Incorporated in 1989, AABANY seeks not only to encourage the professional growth of its members but also to advocate for the Asian Pacific American community as a whole. AABANY is the New York regional affiliate of the National Asian Pacific American Bar Association (NAPABA).

### 2010 FALL CONFERENCE

The Asian American Bar Association of New York proudly presents its first Fall Conference featuring a day of CLE programs showcasing AABANY's committees. You can choose from the eleven programs described in this brochure, and if you participate in the full day of CLE programs, you will earn 4 CLE credits.

The Honorable Denny Chin will be our featured luncheon speaker.

Also during lunch, Anika Khan from Wells Fargo will review the current state of the economy and discuss the economic outlook. Macroeconomic topics to be discussed will include employment, housing, consumer confidence, global economy, and monetary and fiscal policy.

After the conclusion of the CLE programs, we invite you to stay for a cocktail reception where you can connect or re-connect with your peers, friends and colleagues from AABANY and the legal community.

### SCHEDULE

8:30 am Breakfast/Registration  
9:15 am Opening Remarks  
9:30 am Panel Session 1  
10:45 am Panel Session 2  
12:00 pm Luncheon – Sponsored by Wells Fargo

Featured Speaker: Honorable Denny Chin  
U.S. Court of Appeals, Second Circuit

Economic Outlook Presentation by Anika R. Khan  
Vice President and Economist, Wells Fargo

2:00 pm Panel Session 3  
3:15 pm Panel Session 4  
4:30 pm Closing Remarks  
5:00 pm Cocktail Reception

### PANEL SESSION 1

9:30 am – 10:30 am

#### **Fighting Real Estate and Mortgage Fraud in the Big Apple: Protecting the Good Guys**

*Presented by the Real Estate and Prosecutors Committees*

Panelists: Richard K. Farrell, Unit Chief of the Mortgage Fraud and Real Estate Crimes Unit, Kings County District Attorney's Office  
Mary E. Walsh, Attorney at Law

Moderator: Margaret T. Ling, AABANY Director, Chair of Real Estate Committee

This program will include a panel discussion by prosecutors from the District Attorney's Office as well as independent and title underwriter claims counsel regarding real estate and mortgage fraud in the New York City area. The discussion will center on true recent cases investigated, litigated and prosecuted. They will discuss fact patterns and how to recognize fraudulent behavior including identity and forgery schemes within the real estate and mortgage transaction. From the perspective of the prosecutor and law enforcement agency, the title underwriter and their retained outside counsel, attendees will learn how the "Bad Guys" are indicted and what happens to the victims of fraud.

#### **Nature & Nurture: Where is Your Right Fit in the Law?**

*Presented by the Communications and Professional Development Committees*

Panelists: Steve Greene, NY and Public Relations Director  
Johnson O'Connor Research Foundation  
Elizabeth Miu-Lan Young, Co-Founder, Inter-Change Consultants

Moderator: Linda S. Lin, Counsel, Liberty International Underwriters

Big firm, small firm, public sector, in-house, owning your own practice, litigation, transactional, international practice – ever wonder where you fit in best? This panel discussion will begin with finding out what are some of your natural talents, the nature part of you. Are you better suited for litigation or transactional work? Could you fulfill your need for creativity in Big Law? Our discussion will then move on to the nurture aspect. How does your cultural background influence your fit in the law? Have you been frustrated in the work place? Learn ways to turn the frustration into opportunity and much more.

#### **Is Asia Right for You? The Ins and Outs of Working in Asia**

*Presented by the Young Lawyers Committee*

Panelists: Jenik Radon, Adjunct Assistant Professor, Columbia's School of International and Public Affairs; Partner, Radon and Ishizumi, LLP  
Meng Ru, Counsel, Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld LLP  
Catherine X. Pan, Associate, Goodwin Procter LLP  
Jie Xiu, Associate, Troutman Sanders LLP  
Stephanie Xiaofeng Lin, Associate, Guzov Ofsink LLC

Moderator: Anting J. Wang, Associate, Hahn & Hessen LLP

Have you ever thought about working in Asia or transitioning to an Asian focused practice? Then this panel is right for you. Our speakers are seasoned Asia practitioners who will discuss the hurdles they have faced in getting to Asia and the pros and cons of an Asian focused practice. In addition, the speakers will share their thoughts on developing contacts abroad, maintaining transnational client relationships and address the legal skill level, language fluency and cultural familiarity appropriate for attorneys interested in this area.

### PANEL SESSION 2

10:45 am – 11:45 am

#### **Bankruptcy 101: Introduction to Bankruptcy Law for Associates**

*Presented by the Young Lawyers Committee*

Panelists: Jeffrey Zawadzki, Senior Associate, Hahn & Hessen LLP  
Anting J. Wang, Associate, Hahn & Hessen LLP

Bankruptcy today is a booming business and associates of all stripes are being asked to take on bankruptcy assignments, both relating to bankruptcy practice and procedure as well as bankruptcy-related litigation. This program is designed to introduce associates to the basics of bankruptcy practice and will address concepts central to understanding restructuring and insolvency, including the basics of Chapter 7, Chapter 11, the automatic stay, discharges and fraudulent transfer law.

**Hot Topics in IP Law: Forging Your Path as an IP Practitioner**

*Presented by the Professional Development Committee*  
 Panelists: Eugene Chang, Partner, Willkie Farr & Gallagher LLP  
 Ashima Dayal, Partner, Davis & Gilbert LLP  
 Jennifer Sim, Senior Corporate Counsel, Gap Inc.  
 Moderator: Karen Lim, Associate, Fross Zelnick & Zissou, PC

Ever wanted to know what it takes to practice intellectual property law? Learn about the latest developments in the field from a panel of experienced patent, trademark, and copyright practitioners, and discover how you might best position yourself to forge your path in these growing and fast-evolving areas of law.

**The Nuts and Bolts for APAs Who Want to Run for Public Office**

*Presented by the Government and Public Sector Committee*  
 Panelists: Kevin Kim, Democratic Nominee for New York City Council  
 Grace Meng, Assemblymember, New York State Legislature  
 More to be announced  
 Moderators: William Ng, AABANY Director  
 Lai Sun Yee, AABANY Director

The panelists will speak about what motivated them to run for office and the issues and challenges they encountered as APAs running for state and local elected office. They will provide advice and suggestions on what potential candidates should consider if they contemplate running for office such as fundraising, putting together a campaign team, and getting grass roots support. Also, there will be discussion about campaign and election law issues that affect candidates for elected office.

**PANEL SESSION 3**  
**2:00 pm – 3:00 pm**

**To Plead or Not to Plead: That is the Question Under *Twombly* and *Iqbal***

*Presented by the Litigation Committee*  
 Panelists: Vincent T. Chang, Partner, Wollmuth Maher & Deutsch LLP  
 James Yu, Partner, Seyfarth Shaw LLP

On May 18, 2009, the U.S. Supreme court handed down its decision in *Ashcroft v. Iqbal*, holding that the heightened pleading standards under *Bell Atlantic Corp. v. Twombly* - that a complaint must present enough facts to state a claim for relief that is plausible on its face - applied to all Federal civil cases. This seminar will provide an update for those who want to know more about either filing or arguing against motions to dismiss under these new pleading standards with an analysis of post-*Iqbal* case law developments over the last year.

**Hot Topics, Hot Career: Forging a Path in US Immigration Law**

*Presented by the Immigration and Nationality Law Committee*  
 Panelists: Hon. George Chew, Immigration Judge, US Department of Justice  
 Tsui Yee, Partner, Yee Durkin & Puri, LLP  
 Midori Hills, Director, Legal Services of CUNY Citizenship Now!  
 Moderator: Rio M. Guerrero, The Guerrero Law Firm

Understand what to expect in the coming months and years in the area of immigration law – as the current administration continues to increase enforcement of immigration laws while at the same time seeking to pass immigration reform. Also could a career in U.S. immigration law achieve your goal of an ethical and financially-rewarding law practice? How may it serve the greater good of your community and the country? Come listen to seasoned practitioners provide unique perspectives. This program is geared toward anyone contemplating an immigration law career, including law students, new practitioners and more seasoned practitioners in transition.

**For the Asian-American Woman Attorney: Custom Making Your Career**

*Presented by the Women’s Committee*  
 Panelists: Christine Chung, Partner, Quinn Emanuel Urquhart & Sullivan, LLP  
 Peggy Kuo, Chief Hearing Officer, New York Stock Exchange  
 Lai Sun Yee, AABANY Director

This program will focus on how Asian-American women attorneys facing barriers as double minorities can "custom make" a career for themselves and achieve success. The speakers will share personal stories of their paths to their current positions, including the movement between private and government sectors. They will also provide insight into their working environments, and suggest structures that need to be in place to increase the number of Asian-American women in top positions. Although this program highlights the experiences of women attorneys, we welcome all seeking to create their own pathway to success.

**PANEL SESSION 4**  
**3:15 pm – 4:15 pm**

**Rainmaking and Business Development: The Right Moves to Make it Rain**

*Presented by the Corporate Law and the Corporate Counsel Committees*  
 Panelists: Katherine M. Choo, Senior Counsel, Litigation and Legal Policy  
 General Electric Company  
 Vernon G. Chu, General Counsel, BBC Worldwide Americas, Inc.  
 Sanjay Desai, General Counsel, Trapeze Software, Inc.  
 Robert W. Leung, Partner, Boies, Schiller & Flexner LLP  
 More to be announced

This roundtable discussion will provide law firm attorneys with a behind-the-scenes look into what in-house lawyers are looking for when hiring outside counsel. Attendees will be offered a rare glimpse into the minds of those in-house counsel that ultimately make the decision on which outside counsel to engage and will have the chance to learn directly from these decision-makers how best to improve upon their business development skills.

**The ABCs of Your New Practice: The Expectations of a Junior Associate and How to Exceed Them**

*Presented by the Young Lawyers, Corporate Counsel and Litigation Committees*  
 Panelists: To be announced

This roundtable discussion will provide junior associates with insight as to what expectations are had of them throughout the course of a case or transaction. The program will feature both partners at law firms as well as in-house counsel, in order to provide guidance from both perspectives, as someone who is managing the matter and a client receiving legal services. Junior associates can expect to learn what substantive and procedural expectations partners and clients have of them in any case or transaction.

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**Early Registration ends August 31st**

<b>AABANY Member Rates</b>				
	<b>Early Registration – Full Day</b>	<b>Full Day</b>	<b>CLE Programs, Breakfast and Lunch</b>	<b>Cocktail Hour</b>
<b>Individuals in Law Firms/Corporations</b>	<b>\$80</b>	\$100	\$80	\$30
<b>Individuals in Public Sector/Non-Profit Sector/Students</b>	<b>\$60</b>	\$75	\$60	\$30

<b>Non-Member Rates</b>				
	<b>Early Registration – Full Day</b>	<b>Full Day</b>	<b>CLE Programs, Breakfast and Lunch</b>	<b>Cocktail Hour</b>
<b>Individuals in Law Firms/Corporations</b>	<b>\$160</b>	\$200	\$160	\$60
<b>Individuals in Public Sector/Non-Profit Sector/Students</b>	<b>\$120</b>	\$150	\$120	\$60

**REGISTRATION**

Please register on the website for the 2010 Fall Conference at [http://bit.ly/fall\\_conference](http://bit.ly/fall_conference). For those who do not wish to register online, you can print the form from our website and mail it in. Payment can be made by check or credit card. Please check back on the website for regular updates to the programs and the schedule. On the website, you can indicate which programs you plan to attend.

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