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AABANY APPLAUDS THE CONFIRMATION OF JUDGE DENNY CHIN TO THE COURT OF APPEALS FOR THE SECOND CIRCUIT

NEW YORK – APRIL 22, 2010 – The United States Senate unanimously confirmed Judge Denny Chin to the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit. Judge Chin is the first Asian American federal appellate court judge confirmed outside of the ninth circuit and is now the only active Asian Pacific American federal appellate judge in the country.

“The confirmation of Judge Chin as the first Asian American federal appellate judge in fourteen years is a historic achievement and a key milestone for both AABANY and the Asian Pacific American legal community,” says Robert W. Leung, President of AABANY. Yang Chen, AABANY’s Executive Director, adds, “We are elated to hear the news of Judge Chin’s elevation to the Second Circuit. While Judge Chin’s ascendance to the Second Circuit is well-deserved and long overdue, AABANY cannot rest on its laurels because building a more diverse bench remains a key area in which more needs to be accomplished.”

Judge Chin was nominated by President Obama on October 6, 2009 and unanimously voted out of the Senate Judiciary Committee on December 10, 2009. Judge Chin will be elevated from the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York, where he served as a United States District Judge since 1994. Judge Chin is a leader in the Asian American community and served as AABANY President in 1992 and 1993.

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