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Thank you for your support of the Asian American Law Fund of New York. The Fund was founded in 1993 by founders and leaders of the Asian American Bar Association of New York ("AABANY"). Since that time, the Fund has raised funds every year to support community service initiatives and, since 1997, to sponsor law students to assist community service organizations in the New York Asian American community.

This year we are very pleased to honor Hon Toko Serita, a leading judicial expert on human trafficking who presides over the Queens Human Trafficking Intervention Court and is chair of the NYS Human Trafficking Working Group.

The recipients of our Community Service Scholarship Awards have been profoundly moved by their summer experiences working in Asian American communities and understanding the legal needs of low income residents and immigrants. This year's award recipients are Henna Kaushal from UC Berkeley School of Law and Corinne Merdegia from Sandra O'Connor College of Law, Arizona State University. Nishat Tabassum from CUNY Law School received the AALFNY/SABANY Fellowship Award. It is our pleasure to introduce them and acknowledge their accomplishments at this reception. Please also applaud the organizations with which they are interning which are the NY Civil Liberties Union, Legal Aid Society's Immigration Law Unit and Kings County District Attorney's Office.

We are also proud to continue supporting the Sonia & Celina Sotomayor Judicial Internship Program. Please join us in congratulating the 31 interns in this year's program and thanking the judges participating in the program.

We continue to collaborate with AABANY and its members as we strive to expand our programs and to fund other worthy projects in the community. This year we are excited to be working with AABANY's pro bono clinic and need your support to help us reach our goal of providing much needed legal services to the Asian American communities of New York. Note that donations of time and money can be made to the Fund at any time, including through this and other fundraisers.

On behalf of the Board of the Asian American Law Fund of New York, thank you for attending today's reception and a special thanks to our host Mike Huang and Paul Hastings LLP and the firms and individuals that so generously donated to the Fund.

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Dear Friends:

On behalf of the Asian American Bar Association of New York ("AABANY"), we welcome you to the Asian American Law Fund of New York ("AALFNY") Summer Reception, and join AALFNY in recognizing our guest speaker, the Honorable Toko Serita, NYS Acting Supreme Court Justice.

AABANY is proud to support AALFNY's scholarships and fellowships and to co-sponsor tonight's reception. AABANY congratulates the 2018 recipients of AALFNY's Community Service Scholarship: Corinne Merdegia (Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law, Arizona State University), who will be working with the Legal Aid Society's Immigration Law Unit; and Henna Kaushal (UC Berkeley School of Law), who will be working with the New York Civil Liberties Union. AABANY congratulates the recipient of the AALFNY/South Asian Bar Association of New York Public Interest Fellowship, Nishat Bella Tabassum (City University of New York Law School), who will be working at the Kings County District Attorney's Office.

AABANY also congratulates the law students, who were selected for summer judicial internships in the greater New York area by the 2018 Sonia and Celina Sotomayor Judicial Internship Program, which AABANY supports as a partner bar association, and the participants of the 2018 Don H. Liu Scholars program, which seeks to identify and cultivate future Asian Pacific American ("APA") leaders in the legal profession to address an important issue they continue to face today – the barrier to advancement.

These programs would not be possible without the generous support of the corporate and law firm sponsors of AABANY and AALFNY. We thank each of them for their commitment to the APA legal community, and in particular recognize Paul Hastings for hosting tonight's reception.

AABANY wishes the 2018 scholarship and fellowship recipients all the best in their experiences this summer. We hope that the opportunities these aspiring lawyers receive through their scholarships and fellowships will empower them to further AABANY's mission of ensuring the fair administration of justice for all through the meaningful participation of Asian Pacific Americans in the legal profession.

Very truly yours,

s/ James R. Cho James R. Cho AABANY President

## Hon. Toko Serita

# NY State Acting Supreme Court Justice



Toko Serita is a New York State Acting Supreme Court Justice who presides over three problem solving courts in Queens County Criminal Court - a drug court, a mental health recovery court, and the Queens Human Trafficking Intervention Court (HTIC). The QHTIC is one of the oldest and largest courts in this state that serves to identify and assist victims of human trafficking who have been arrested on prostitution-related charges. Justice Serita has presided over the QHTIC since 2008 and is considered a national leading judicial expert on human trafficking. Through her work, she has advocated for the need to develop a

coordinated judicial response to human trafficking, and in 2013, the QHTIC served as the model for this nation's first statewide initiative involving the creation of eight new trafficking intervention courts to address this problem within the criminal justice system. In 2015, Justice Serita became the Chair of the Statewide Judicial Committee on Human Trafficking, whose judicial members represent each of the 11 trafficking intervention courts, including the five counties comprising New York City, as well as Buffalo, Rochester, Syracuse, Westchester, Suffolk & Nassau Counties. She lectures on this subject throughout the country and also works closely with the state court's Office of Policy & Planning which oversees these trafficking intervention courts and conducts trainings throughout the state.

Justice Serita was first appointed to the Criminal Court in October 2005. Prior to becoming a judge, Justice Serita served as the Executive Assistant to two Administrative Judges of the Supreme Court Queens County: first, to the Hon. Steven W. Fisher, and then the Hon. Leslie G. Leach. From 1989 - 1999, Justice Serita was an appellate attorney at the Legal Aid Society, Criminal Appeals Bureau, where she argued before the New York State Appellate Division, First and Second Departments, the New York Court of Appeals, and the Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit. She is a former co-chair of the National Asian Pacific American Women's Forum (NAPAWF), and was previously the Citywide Chair of the Gender Fairness Committee of the New York City Criminal Court from 2007-2010, as well as a member of the statewide Criminal Jury Instructions Committee. She is currently a member of the NYS Judicial Committee on Women in the Courts, the Asian American Bar Association of New York (AABANY), and the National Association of Women Judges (NAWJ). She is currently the President of the Asian American Judges Association of New York (AAJANY). She is a graduate of Vassar College and City University of New York School of Law, and is married to Paul Lewis, Esq.

# **Excerpts from Application of Henna Kaushal**

# Recipient of 2018 AALFNY Community Service Scholarship

UC Berkeley School of Law

My Sikh faith instilled in me a deep commitment to community (*sangat*) and service (*seva*), and relentless optimism in the face of adversity (*chardi kala*). In my community, I have spent several years organizing with the Sikh Family Center and the Jakara Movement, two local, grassroots organizations. With the Sikh Family Center, I have organized domestic violence awareness campaigns and Know Your Rights presentations translated into Punjabi so the information is accessible to elders and newer immigrants. With the Jakara Movement, I have facilitated political education workshops for South Asian youth on the connection of Punjabi water issues with Standing Rock and combating anti-blackness within our community.

As an undergraduate, I furthered my racial justice work by serving as an intern in the Asian Pacific American Student Development office where I coordinated recruitment and retention activities for minority students. Within this office, I saw a lack of resources specific to South Asian and Middle Eastern students at a time when Islamophobia was rampant across the country and campus. I created a new initiative to specifically serve these impacted communities, which focused on expanding spiritually and culturally-sensitive mental health resources for them. I made a conscious decision to build bridges across minority communities, not within our subset, who were similarly struggling. This work led me to serve as a representative on the Chancellor's Committee for Students of Color and Multicultural Engagement where I voiced the concerns of these communities to the university administration.

Inspired by community lawyers from my hometown, I decided to go to law school to gain the skills necessary to become a legal advocate for marginalized people.

Throughout my journey in the legal field, I want to contribute to organizations that share my dedication to civil rights and seek to build transformative change. This is why I sought work with the New York Civil Liberties Union for my first legal summer job. Their demonstrated commitment to defeating anti-immigrant ordinances, ending mass surveillance and protecting asylum-seekers and undocumented immigrants improves the lives of not only Asian Pacific Americans but all people of color. The NYCLU takes a community lawyering approach to their work by engaging with movements on the ground and building coalitions. They support local leaders in their fights for justice, whether that is for employment, housing, reproductive or voting rights. This is ultimately the type of lawyer I wish to become and seeing it in action will be an invaluable experience for me.

We are pleased to extend our congratulations to the AALFNY 2018 Community Service Scholarship recipients Corinne Merdegia and Henna Kaushal, and the AALFNY/SABANY 2018 Public Service Fellowship recipient Nishat Bella Tabassum, on the occasion of AALFNY and AABANY's 2018 Summer Reception.



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# **Excerpts from Application of Corinne Merdegia**

# Recipient of 2018 Edward G.H. Chin Memorial Scholarship

Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law, Arizona State University

I am deeply committed to servicing the needs of Asian Americans and protecting Asian immigrants' rights. As a daughter of Filipino health professionals who migrated to New York City, I share my parents' interests in secure futures for Asian immigrant families seeking to fulfill their American dreams. In the past eight years, I've immersed myself in strengthening migrants' rights in Southeast Asia, from handling migrant domestic worker cases in Hong Kong's Labor Tribunal to promoting anti-trafficking initiatives at the U.S. Embassy in Manila, Philippines.

I made the conscious decision to temporarily leave my native New York City to attend law school at ASU Law in Phoenix so that I could pursue my dreams of becoming an immigration attorney. Much to my surprise while filling out naturalization forms, I learned that Phoenix is home to steadily growing Filipino and Vietnamese populations in the greater metropolitan area. My externship with the United States Citizenship and Immigration Service (USCIS) last semester gave me the tools needed to understand how the federal government operated in the field of immigration law. In fact, I submitted policy research suggestions to the Department of Homeland Security's Office of the General Counsel, recommending amendments to certain provisions in the Immigration and Nationality Act.

This summer, I will return to New York City to work in the Legal Aid Society's Immigration Law Unit. I am excited to intern at one of the few organizations in the nation that guarantees legal counsel to indigent noncitizens and immigrants. As an intern, I will be expected to prepare asylum cases and represent unaccompanied minor clients and other nonimmigrant clients at risk of deportation at Immigration Court. Despite New York City's status as a "sanctuary city", there is no guarantee that federal agencies will respect the rights of immigrant populations, especially in Lower Manhattan, Queens, and the Bronx. In fact, executive directives last year specifically targeted Cambodian and Vietnamese refugees, many of whom reside in New York City.

After my summer internship, will be a Rule 38 certified student attorney practicing in my law school's Immigration Clinic during the fall semester. I will assist in representing migrant youth in Immigration Court proceedings. In addition, I will help individuals from the community who may need guidance in navigating the visa petition, immigration benefits procedures, and citizenship process. My Legal Aid internship will directly hone my skills in becoming an effective counselor for migrant children that direly need relief in the greater Phoenix area.

Ultimately, my goal is to return to New York and to serve the needs of New York's diverse immigrant community and protect the interests of Asian American families that call New York City their home.

# **Edward Gim Ho Chin Memorial Scholarship**

Edward Chin was a commercial transactions lawyer who passed away from cancer in 2017. He began his legal career at Fried, Frank, Harris, Shriver & Jacobson and assisted Arthur Fleischer, Jr. on one of the early editions of his classic *Takeover Defense* treatise. He became a partner at Hertzog, Calamari & Gleason in 1984 where he practiced bank finance and aviation law. He joined Winston & Strawn as a partner in 1999 upon the merger of the firms and later retired in 2009. He was listed in Euromoney's Guide to the World's Leading Aviation Lawyers for more than 10 years. He graduated *cum laude* from Fordham University School of Law in 1977 where he was a member of the Law Review. Prior to becoming a lawyer, Ed worked as a research engineer and had six US patents in navigation, guidance and landing systems. He also recorded an oral history that is housed at the Museum of Chinese Americans in New York City.

His friends and family have generously set up a scholarship fund to honor his legacy and memory and we thank the following for their donations to this scholarship fund in the last year:

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# **Excerpts from Application of Nishat Bella Tabassum**

# Recipient of 2018 AALFNY/SABANY Fellowship Award

City University of New York Law School

The past six years I spent a substantial amount of time working with victims of domestic violence from a programming, legislation and facilitator perspective. I was part of working groups, such as the Gender Equity commission we recommended solutions to pervasive problems, such as sexual assaults in school. Victims of domestic violence are often recriminalized in our current justice system when they bring charges against their perpetrators. South Asian victims are further stigmatized in their community, and face a plethora of mental health issues that fail to get addressed throughout the course of their abuse. During my internship at SAKHI for South Asian Women, I assisted in coordinating and eventually leading the legal clinics for our clients where attorneys from various non-profits, such as New York Legal Assistance Group and Sanctuary for Families, worked on cases ranging from citizenship applications to gaining custody of children. I listened to countless stories from domestic abuse survivors describing the powerlessness and fear they experienced because their abuser threatened to divorce the survivor and have them deported. I helped these survivors apply for VAWA so they could rebuild their lives without the constant fear of deportation.

Kings County District Attorney's Office not only prosecutes the abuser, but offers a wide range of support services, such as assistance with immigration, housing, and economic empowerment programs to help the survivors heal and become financially independent. It is one of only four recipients nation-wide that received a grant from the Office on Violence Against Women of the United States Department of Justice, to seek to identify victims who are at highest risk for being in a potentially fatal abusive relationship. With its vast resources, innovative programs, and profound impact, the Domestic Violence Unit will serve as valuable experience towards my growth and career goals. It will place me at the epicenter of learning how to appropriately provide legal resources to survivors who continue to be resilient as I explore the gaps that legislation may ultimately remedy.

Long term, I intend to work towards legislative reform, and prosecutorial experience is vital in understanding how legislation, policies and politics affect our communities. As I have learned that one of the strongest approaches to assisting domestic violence survivors is protecting and supporting them through enacting legislation and public policy. I am interested in starting my legal career as a Prosecutor because I believe the Prosecutor's Office has the unique privilege of representing the communities in their jurisdiction by creating policies and programs for vulnerable populations.

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# **AABANY Pro Bono Legal Advice & Referral Clinic**

Through its Pro Bono & Community Service Committee, AABANY conducts the monthly pro bono clinic ("Clinic") in Manhattan's Chinatown that provides free legal advice and referrals to primarily low-income members of the Asian community with limited English proficiency. Since the Clinic's inauguration in December 2015, by leveraging expertise and language skills of AABANY's strong and diverse membership, it has helped hundreds of community members who have received thoughtful advice and appropriate legal referrals from AABANY members.

People commonly need to consult with an attorney in order to understand their legal rights, defend and enforce their interests, understand their options, and make informed decisions. For the low-income Asian American New Yorkers, financial, linguistic and cultural barriers make getting reliable legal advice all too often unattainable. The Clinic thus serves a critical role in being a gateway to getting competent legal services and representation for community members who otherwise have no way to access legal assistance. By leveraging the expertise and language skills of AABANY's strong and diverse membership, the Clinic has helped some of the most vulnerable members of the Asian community.

During the last monthly clinic in June 2018, over 30 pro bono clients, most of whom were elderly, sought help. The legal difficulties that they had were wide-ranging, from understanding basic information to resolving complex legal problems. For example, an elderly mother and her adult son were being evicted from their respective apartments in the same building on the basis that they declined to sign leases when the landlord had allowed this practice for nearly 40 years, until recently. They sought legal advice in understanding the Housing Court process and referrals to pro bono counsel and lawyers who charge on a sliding scale.

The Clinic has also become a model for other pro bono activities, including one-day DACA renewal clinics that were held this past fall and winter.

The Clinic (and the associated training) has provided valuable opportunities for AABANY members to get experience in legal interviewing, issue spotting, working with interpreters, and problem-solving as well as gaining a basic understanding of a range of substantive areas. Moreover, the Clinic has also provided a meaningful experience for volunteers who are heartened by their service to community members who desperately need their assistance.

### **Objectives**

Clinic Objectives for FY 2018-19 include:

- Thoughtful expansion of pro bono advice and referral services to diverse Asian ethnic communities;
- Support limited pro bono advice and referral services ("pop-up clinics") at other community partner organizations in Asian ethnic communities in other NYC boroughs;
- Explore and develop partnerships with other community organizations;
- Incorporate know-your-rights trainings; and,
- Establish and cultivate support for a sustainable funding proposal to adequately and financially support current Clinic operations.

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Congratulations to this year's AALFNY's Community Service Scholarship recipients

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# AABANY Pro Bono Legal Advice & Referral Clinic (cont'd)

The Clinic's Long-term Objectives for the next 3 years include:

- Expand this Clinic model to other sites, in outer boroughs;
- Expand this Clinic model to serve other Asian populations;
- Implement a sustainable funding strategy to ensure the long-term success of the Clinic.

### **Background**

The Monthly Clinic was inaugurated in December 2015 after the Chinese Consolidated Benevolent Association (CCBA) contacted AABANY about the possibility of starting a legal clinic at their office, located in Manhattan's Chinatown. With enthusiastic support from its leadership, AABANY kicked off this partnership. During the following months, increasing numbers of pro bono clients found their way to the Clinic. In June 2016, the Clinic moved to Asian Americans For Equality (AAFE) for several months.

### **Current Operations**

Beginning in January 2017, the Clinic found a home at the Chinese Chamber of Commerce of New York (CCCNY) in Confucius Plaza. CCCNY is a community partner that has extensive ties in the Chinese community. It has been a reliable partner and has provided effective outreach to the low-income community in need of legal assistance, including consistently reaching out to the ethnic media.

The Clinic occurs on the second Wednesday of each month at CCCNY, located at 33 Bowery Street, Suite C202, New York, NY 10002, from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Co-chairs of the AABANY Pro Bono & Community Service Committee coordinate the Clinic.

At the Clinic, clients complete an intake form and sign a limited-scope retainer acknowledging that they will receive one-time legal advice. AABANY has pro bono professional liability insurance that covers volunteer attorneys who are members of AABANY. Volunteers sign an agreement and an attestation of AABANY membership. Committee co-chairs provide a brief orientation for new volunteers and conduct basic initial intake to assign clients to attorney volunteers based on legal issue and language proficiency.

Clients have sought advice and referrals on wide-ranging subjects. The most common topics include: Housing, Immigration, Family Law and Employment Law. The Clinic seeks to provide competent legal advice and effective referrals for further legal assistance, regardless of the subject matter. Committee co-chairs recruit from AABANY's membership both volunteer attorneys and language interpreters. An average of 10 lawyers and a ½ dozen interpreters usually volunteer at each Clinic.

The average number of clients seen at each Clinic currently ranges from 30 to 35.

We welcome both financial and volunteer support. Those who are interested in supporting or collaboration with the Clinic should contact Pro Bono & Community Service Committee Co-Chairs, Pauline Yeung-Ha, Karen Kithan Yau, Asako Aiba and Judy (Ming Chu) Lee.

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# Community Service Scholarship Recipients

The Asian American Law Fund of New York awards Community Service Scholarships each year to law students with a demonstrated commitment to the Asian American community. The purpose of the award is to assist law students with their tuition while encouraging them to use their legal knowledge and training to benefit the Asian American community in New York and to foster commitment by law students to public service to the Asian American community in New York.

Year	Name	Law School	Community Service Organization	
1997	Winnie Lee	Brooklyn Law School	AALDEF	
1998	Franklin Chiu	Brooklyn Law School	AALDEF	
1999	Pei Pei Cheng Jason Park	NY Law School Brooklyn Law School	MFY Legal Services Korean American Family Services	
2000	Amelia Toledo	CUNY School of Law	AALDEF	
	Tony Lu	NYU Law School	UNITE	
2001	Megan Penick	NY Law School	MFY Legal Services	
	Soma Syed	Albany Law School	UNITE	
2002	Silvia Liu	CUNY School of Law	MFY Legal Services	
	Suyin So	Georgetown U School of Law	AALDEF	
2003	Bharati Narumanchi	CUNY School of Law	AALDEF	
	James Paglinawan	CUNY School of Law	AAFE	
2004	Tzung-lin Fu	NYU Law School	Sanctuary for Families	
	Constance Utada	Northeastern Law School	MFY Legal Services	
2005	Deepika Bains	UC Berkeley Boalt Hall School of Law	AALDEF	
	Monica Roli Khare	Temple U. Beasley School of Law	EEOC, NY office	
2006	Eileen Choi	CUNY School of Law	AALDEF	
	Sung-Min Lee	Fordham University School of Law	Sanctuary for Families	
	Amy Tai	American U Washington College of Law	AALDEF	
2007	Miya Saika Chen	American U Washington College of Law	Center for Constitutional	
	Hye Won Chung	CUNY School of Law	Rights Restaurant Opportunities Center of New York	
	Ali Najmi	CUNY School of Law	AALDEF	
	Krishna Sampath	Northeastern Law School	AALDEF	
2008	Haeya Yim	Brooklyn Law School	AALDEF	
	Vichal Kumar*	Hofstra Law School	NYS Defenders Association	
2009	Olivia Canlas	CUNY School of Law	AALDEF	
	Niji Jain*	Emory U School of Law	Safe Horizon	

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# Collaborate & congratulate

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	Trinh Ngoc Tran	Hofstra University Law School	AALDEF
	John Ting	CUNY School of Law	Catholic Charities Newark
2011	Prathiba Desai	CUNY School of Law	Somaly Mam Foundation
	Sapna Patel	Boston University School of Law	MFY Legal Services
	Maweza Razzaq*	Brooklyn Law School	Sakhi for South Asian Women
2012	Min Young Choi	Columbia Law School	MinKwon
	Yi Lin	Southern University Law Center	MFY Legal Services
	Hira Amin*	CUNY School of Law	AALDEF
2013	Mieon Han	Fordham University School of Law	MinKwon
	Lucy Zhang	Duke University School of Law	NYLAG
	Nabila Taj*	CUNY School of Law	Queens Legal Services
2014	Rebecca Arian	CUNY School of Law	Legal Aid Society
	Eva Yung	NYU School of Law	NY Asian Women's Center
	Pooja Shah*	Pace University School of Law	Urban Justice League
2015	Kamille Go Jasleen Singh*	American U Washington College of Law UC Berkeley School of Law	Legal Aid Society Legal Aid Society
2016	Michelle Chan	University of Virginia Law School	NY Asian Women's Center
	Alice Thai	NYU School of Law	Atlas: DIY
	Maria Iman*	NY Law School	Sakhi for South Asian Women
2017	Jane Lo Marissa Wong Devika M. Balaram* Ruhi Behal*	Temple University Beasley School of Law Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law New York University School of Law Fordham University School of Law	AALDEF Kings County DA Office Queens Legal Services Queens Legal Services

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AALFNY is proud to continue its support of the Joint Minority Bar Judicial Internship Program which merged with the Sonia & Celina Sotomayor High School Judicial Internship Program to form the Sonia & Celina Sotomayor Judicial Internship Program.

The Sonia & Celina Sotomayor Judicial Internship Program seeks to increase diversity in the legal profession by educating and empowering students from underserved communities and diverse backgrounds. The Program exposes New York City high school students to legal careers through judicial internships in state and federal courts, educational workshops and mentorship opportunities. The Program also places law school students in judicial internships to introduce them to the state and federal judicial systems and sharpen their legal research and writing skills. For more information, visit www.SCSJIP.org.

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# The Sonia & Celina Sotomayor Judicial Internship Program (cont.)

We would also like to recognize and thank the judges and their clerks and staff who are hosting the 2018 judicial interns. The training, experience and guidance they provide are invaluable. We deeply appreciate your effort:

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