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Welcome to our 2019 Summer Reception.

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 William Tong, Attorney General of the State of Connecticut. He is the first Chinese-American attorney general in United States history.

The recipients of our Public Interest 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 recipient is Vaishali S. Ramlal from New England Law School. It is our pleasure to introduce her and acknowledge her accomplishments at this reception. Please also applaud the organization with which she is interning which is the Bronx Defenders Services in their immigration practice focused on the New York Immigrant Family Unity Project (NYIFUP). NYIFUP is the groundbreaking, universal representation program for detained New York immigrants in removal proceedings.

We are also proud to continue supporting the Sonia & Celina Sotomayor Judicial Internship Program. Please join us in congratulating the interns listed 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 events.

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")/AABANY Summer Reception. We join AALFNY in recognizing our distinguished guest speaker the Hon. William Tong, Attorney General of the State of Connecticut and thank him for his attendance.

AABANY is proud to support AALFNY's scholarships and fellowships and to co-sponsor tonight's reception. AABANY congratulates the recipient of the AALFNY/SABANY Public Internship Fellowship, Vaishali S. Ramlal (New England Law School '20), who will be working with the Bronx Public Defenders.

AABANY also congratulates the law students who were selected for summer judicial internships in the greater New York area. AABANY proudly supports the 2019 Sonia and Celina Sotomayor Judicial Internship Program as a partner bar association.

The AABANY Legal Advice Clinic offers members the opportunity to volunteer and provide valuable advice to community members. It fills a crucial role in serving the needs of the community and expanding access to justice.

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 extends all best wishes to the 2019 scholarship and fellowship recipients in their experiences this summer. We hope that these opportunities will empower these aspiring lawyers 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,

Brian Song  
President

## **Hon. William Tong**

### ***Connecticut Attorney General***



William Tong is the 25th Attorney General to serve Connecticut since the office was established in 1897. He took office on January 9, 2019 as the first Asian American elected at the statewide level, in Connecticut.

Before his election as Attorney General, Tong served for 12 years in Connecticut's General Assembly representing the 147th District, which includes North Stamford and Darien. Most recently, Tong served as House Chairman of the Judiciary Committee. In this position Tong was responsible for all legislation related to constitutional law, criminal law, civil rights, consumer protection, probate, judicial nominations and the Judicial branch, and major areas of substantive law.

During his service in the legislature, Tong helped lead passage of landmark legislation, including the Connecticut Second Chance Act, Domestic Violence Restraining Order Act, Lost and Stolen Firearms Act, the Act Protecting Homeowner Rights, and the Act Protecting School children.

A Connecticut native, Tong grew up in the Hartford area and attended schools in West Hartford. He graduated from Phillips Academy Andover, Brown University and the University of Chicago Law School. He has practiced law for the last 18 years as a litigator in both state and federal courts, first at Simpson Thacher & Bartlett LLP, in New York City and for the past 15 years at Finn Dixon & Herling LLP, in Stamford.

Tong is the oldest of five children, and grew up working side-by-side with his immigrant parents in their family's Chinese restaurant. He and his wife, Elizabeth, live in Stamford with their three children and too many pets. Elizabeth is Vice President of Tax for North America for Diageo Corporation.

## **Excerpts from Application of Vaishali S. Kamlal**

### ***Recipient of 2019 AALFNY/SABANY Public Service Fellowship***

New England Law School, Class of 2020

I accepted the offer of a summer internship at the Bronx Defenders for several reasons. The Bronx Defenders represent thousands of low-income clients in the Bronx in court cases each year and launch initiatives to help the communities they serve. The Bronx Defenders seek to transform the justice system to benefit the public interest; this includes low-income clients and the communities that the clients live in. I accepted the offer because I always wanted to work in public interest law; I want to help those who do not have the resources to afford a lawyer. I want to learn more about immigration law, and how it relates to different practice areas, including public interest law. Many immigrant clients are low-income and do not know about U.S. immigration law. I want to provide immigrants with help they need to win their deportation cases and any other cases that they have. My goals are to assist the underrepresented, low-income populations who cannot afford to pay for a lawyer, to give them a voice in court, to make sure that these indigent low-income clients know their rights, and to reform the United States legal justice system to benefit low-income clients.

I want to work in public interest law to defend low-income, indigent clients in the system who cannot defend themselves. In my first year of law school, I joined the CORI Initiative, a clinic that assists low-income, indigent clients to seal their criminal records by conducting a client intake, filling out forms and affidavits for the clients to take to court, as well as an instruction packet for the client to read through so they know their rights in court. Students do not go to court with clients, but we ensure the clients know exactly what they had to do and say upon their arrival in court. I assist clients and make sure they have a voice in court, and that they know their rights; by doing this, I help them fight the justice system and change it for those after them. Sealing a CORI allows the client to support themselves and helps them contribute to society and the economy.

Last summer, I worked with Legal Aid Service of Broward County in their immigration department. I prepared documents to assist low-income immigrant clients in applying for asylum, special immigrant juvenile status, and petitions to establish family relationships. Most of the clients I dealt with were unaccompanied minors who spoke no English and did not understand the law. Almost all clients who I spoke to did not know about U.S. immigration law. The family members of the clients usually had no knowledge of U.S. immigration law and did not speak English.

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## **Excerpts from Application of Vaishali S. Kamlal (cont'd)**

### ***Recipient of 2019 AALFNY/SABANY Public Service Fellowship***

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I communicated with clients and family members in Spanish to help them understand U.S. immigration law and relief that may be available to them through the immigration system. Although I did not defend clients in court, I drafted motions to help the supervising attorneys defend clients in court, and briefs to help clients obtain asylum. I ensured that clients knew the possible benefits and consequences of filing motions and applying for immigration relief. I assisted indigent low-income clients who could not afford a lawyer, to obtain legal status in the United States, and to fight in court by drafting motions for them. By helping indigent clients fight in court, I helped them understand the legal system, and assisted in the fight to change the legal system so that it benefits future low-income clients.

Last semester, I participated in the public interest clinic at New England Law Boston. While working at the clinic under a supervising attorney, I assisted low-income, indigent clients in a variety of matters, including family law and immigration law. Many clients did not speak English and had little understanding of how federal law and Massachusetts law worked, and what benefits it might offer them. I explained the family laws in Massachusetts and the federal immigration laws to each client. I told them of all possible outcomes and consequences. I went to the Suffolk Probate and Family court to argue on behalf of my clients. When I won cases, I saw the looks of joy on my clients' faces and I remember thinking that I wanted to practice public interest law to give joy, as well as a voice, to low-income clients and that I wanted to change the legal system so that more low-income clients could not only win their cases but also benefit from and understand the legal system.





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## **Report from Henna Kaushal**

### ***Recipient of 2018 AALFNY Community Service Scholarship***

UC Berkeley School of Law, Class of 2020

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 (NYCLU) for my first legal summer job. During my time at the NYCLU, I edited appellate briefs related to ongoing racial justice and immigration detention litigation, and I conducted research and drafted memoranda concerning immigration policy changes, bail and probation reform, and federal-state collaboration in illegal searches and seizures. These assignments allowed me to further develop and build confidence in the legal research and writing skills I gained during my first year of law school.

I had the unique opportunity to witness the collaborative process of mooted for oral argument on a case I contributed to. I am told that in the world of impact litigation and within the context of a summer internship program, seeing oral arguments is rare. I not only participated in the moots but I also attended the oral argument in court to see the NYCLU lawyers in action. As a result of this experience, I got an intimate look at the inner workings of impact litigation, and I gained mentors in the passionate lawyers who work hard to change the legal landscape of New York state.

Overall, my summer in New York was everything I could have asked for. I sharpened my legal skills, gained insight into my own career goals, attended community organizing events and even practiced my French skills while assisting an asylum-seeking client with job resources in New York. I am very grateful to the Asian American Law Fund of NY for supporting me and making it possible for me to have this experience. Thank you!



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## **Excerpts from Report of Corinne Merdegia**

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

Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law at Arizona State University, Class of 2019

This past summer, I interned at the Legal Aid Society's Immigration Law Unit, mainly helping New Yorkers in non-detained removal proceedings. My ten-week internship was as busy as the constantly evolving nature of our nation's immigration policies. It was no surprise to read weekly news stories featuring the hardworking Immigration Law Unit attorneys, ranging from their successful argument for the release of a Central American pizza man who was detained after a Brooklyn military base delivery to the Legal Aid Society's suit against the federal government on behalf of its clients who are separated children, requesting that these children be afforded the ability to seek possible immigration relief with their parents.

I am thankful for the opportunity to learn about the front lines of immigration law through the guidance of my supervising attorney, who assigned me clients who are seeking cancellation of removal or are seeking asylum and withholding from removal. Several clients arrived from the Caribbean more than twenty years ago as children and found themselves in rough circumstances as teenagers. However, decades old convictions have found their ways back into the lives of my clients, opening them up with the possibility of deportation to their countries of origin despite evidence of rehabilitation. While compiling country condition packets to supplement their asylum applications, I was shocked to learn that many countries discriminate against their deported nationals and refuse to offer them aid, housing, and employment while they seek integration back into society. Fortunately, attorney representation and the ample research done to aid these clients heightens the clients' likelihood of success to remain in the United States.

Also, I volunteered to help Nepalese clients in Queens reapply for their Temporary Protected Status during a TPS application clinic at Adhikaar, a Nepalese community center. I served four families who relocated to New York City and have stayed since under TPS after the devastating earthquake that affected Nepal in 2015. I can proudly say that New York City's immigrant communities, especially the Asian American communities, are in safer hands because of the continued bonds between its grassroots organizations and the help of the Legal Aid Society's dedicated attorneys.

Finally, and most importantly, I am appreciative of the Asian American Law Fund of New York for allowing me to pursue my internship with the Legal Aid Society. I am grateful for AALFNY and the Edward G. H. Chin Memorial Scholarship for this eye-opening experience and I look forward to serving New York City and its Asian American communities next year.

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## **Excerpts from Report of Nishat Tabassum**

### ***Recipient of 2018 AALFNY/SABANY Fellowship Award***

City University School of Law, Class of 2019

I had a wonderful experience at the Kings County DA's office. I was placed in the School Advocacy and Juvenile Crimes Bureau. This bureau handles cases that occurs on school grounds, to and from school as well as any crimes dealing with juvenile between the ages of 16-24. With raise the age legislation going into effect this bureau will soon only be handling crimes for juveniles between the ages of 18-24.

I worked on some press cases, was able to stand on cases in court for updates, assisted with misdemeanor arraignments, and overall really learned about the intricacies of what occurs in a prosecutorial agency when a case is being handled. I appreciated the bureau's ability to always have be involved in something whether it was big like writing motions or small like preparing discovery.

The fellowship was allowed me to really engage in the internship and not take on an outside job. As a result there was often days I was able to stay after my regular hours to work with many of the assistant district attorneys and prep for trial or case conferences. One week, I was able to come in early and stay later to help one of the ADA's prepare for trial and without the assistance of the fellowship I would have been restrained with time and not engaged in these invaluable experiences. Most days I felt like an ADA instead of an intern due to the level of work my co-workers often asked me to engage in or work on.

My only suggestion for the fellowship is to perhaps create a mentorship aspect so a fellowship recipient can really get some guidance on how to navigate their internship, how to talk to other attorneys in their field in order to make the most of the opportunity and properly network. Thank you again so very much for picking me as the recipient this year. I am eternally grateful to be able to have my dream internship experience without the added stress of taking on an extra job. As always if I can be of assistance to AABANY or any future recipients let me know!

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### *Community Service Scholarship Recipients*

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<b>Year</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Law School</b>	<b>Community Service Organization</b>
1997	Winnie Lee	Brooklyn Law School	AALDEF
1998	Franklin Chiu	Brooklyn Law School	AALDEF
1999	Pei Pei Cheng	NY Law School	MFY Legal Services
	Jason Park	Brooklyn Law School	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 Rights
	Hye Won Chung	CUNY School of Law	Restaurant Opportunities Center of New York
	Ali Najmi	CUNY School of Law	AALDEF
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2008	Haeya Yim	Brooklyn Law School	AALDEF
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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	American U Washington College of Law	Legal Aid Society
	Jasleen Singh*	UC Berkeley School of Law	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	Temple University Beasley School of Law	AALDEF
	Marissa Wong	Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law	Kings County DA Office
	Devika M. Balaram*	New York University School of Law	Queens Legal Services
	Ruhi Behal*	Fordham University School of Law	Queens Legal Services
2018	Henna Kaushal	UC Berkeley School of Law	NYCLU
	Corinne Merdegia	Arizona State U Law School	Legal Aid Society
	Nishat Bella	CUNY School of Law	Kings County DA Office
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## **AABANY Pro Bono Legal Advice & Referral Clinic**

An elderly woman and her son were being harassed and evicted by their landlord. The mother and her deceased spouse had raised her entire family in her apartment and her son had spent his entire life there. The basis for the eviction was that they declined to sign leases that their landlord suddenly demanded after allowing this practice for nearly 40 years.

A woman recently was seeking a divorce from her husband who held all of their assets and frequently threatened to kill her and himself, if she ever left him. A light bulb clearly went off in her head during the consultation when she first recognized the signs of domestic violence and abuse in her situation.

An employee began to suffer from anxiety and depression and sought treatment after her employer broke its promise of a specified salary. The employer, not only declined to move her assignment closer to her home to accommodate her disability, it revealed her mental health status to her colleagues in violation of the law.

In December 2015, AABANY started the Monthly Pro Bono Legal Advice and Referral Clinic by leveraging expertise and language skills of its strong and diverse membership. Since then, working with community organizations, the Clinic has provided thousands of low-income clients with free legal advice and referrals. The Clinic effectively expands access to justice and provides the Asian American community a gateway to getting high quality, culturally, and linguistically competent legal services. In the fall of 2018, the Clinic began to systematically incorporate Know-Your-Rights presentations on topics such as discrimination, elder, housing, immigration, wage and hour law, and accessing the civil court system in New York.

AABANY members and other volunteers have given advice about housing, immigration, family law, benefits (SSI, Medicare, and Medicaid), wills/trusts, employment, criminal law, and many other subjects. Volunteers have explained official letters and interpreted government forms. Clients come to the Clinic located in Confucius Plaza, Chinatown in Manhattan from all five boroughs, with some coming from as far as Yonkers, Long Island, New Jersey, and Connecticut. Most of these clients are monolingual Chinese and Japanese speakers.

The dry facts cannot wholly paint the Clinic's importance to the Asian American community. The Clinic was able to provide the elderly client and her son with an understanding of the holdover process and referrals to pro bono counsel and lawyers who charge on a sliding scale. Because of her cultural upbringing, the woman whose husband threatened to kill her would have never termed her marriage abusive and received help from a legal services office that specializes in representing survivors of domestic violence without a consultation with a Clinic volunteer.

Over the course of a couple of months, a Clinic volunteer lawyer continued to advise the employee client whose employer refused to accommodate her disability. As a result of this advice, the employee successfully filed a complaint with the New York City Human Rights Commission pro se. Every month clients come to the Clinic with reports of flagrant violations of the law and have nowhere else to turn. Every month at least dozens of AABANY members work pro bono together to level the playing fields.

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

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.

This spring with the generous support of the Asian American Law Fund of New York (AALFNY), which serves as the Clinic's fiscal sponsor, the Clinic has begun to seriously raise funds to build and sustain its infrastructure and explore an expansion of its services into the borough of Brooklyn.

We welcome both financial and volunteer support. The Clinic can only operate with the generosity of donors and volunteers. Please support this important project, expand the APA community's access to justice, and make a donation to the Clinic. Please make sure that you indicate to AALFNY in the notes or memo line that this donation is made specifically to benefit the Clinic. Please contact [karen.yau@aabany.org](mailto:karen.yau@aabany.org) with any questions or leads about supporting the Clinic financially.

Warmly,

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## **The Sonia & Celina Sotomayor Judicial Internship Program**

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](http://www.SCSJIP.org).

We proudly recognize the 2019 Judicial Law School Interns.

Alicia Altidor	New York Law School
Emely Batista	Albany Law School
Nicholas Bergara	Emory Law School
Brian Brown	Brooklyn Law School
Benjamin Chasan	Columbia Law School
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Ashley Kang	New York University School of Law
Summon Mahmood	Oklahoma City University School of Law
Katheryn Maldonado	William & Mary Law School
Briana Merritt	Emory Law School
Chelsea Minuche	Columbia Law School
Yuriko Miyasaka	New York Law School
Avita Morgan	City University of New York School of Law
Sangbo Nam	Columbia Law School
James Nguyen	City University of New York School of Law
Layla Noriega	Brooklyn Law School
Nicolette Nunez	Emory Law School
Basil Oswald	Columbia Law School
Nathaly Ramirez	Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law
Joshua Santangelo	Emory Law School
Cheska Tolentino	Seton Hall University School of Law
Emily Tso	Cornell Law School
Lourdes Vazquez	American University, Washington College of Law
Angela Wang	St. John's University School of Law
Siqi Wang	Duke University School of Law
Saba Waqar	Brooklyn Law School
Qian Wu	Emory Law School

## **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 2019 judicial interns. The training, experience and guidance they provide are invaluable. We deeply appreciate your effort:

Hon. Sanket Balsara	US Magistrate Judge, Eastern District of New York
Hon. Margo Brodie	US District Court, Eastern District of New York
Hon. Denny Chin	US Court of Appeals, Second Circuit
Hon. James D'Auguste	NY Supreme Court, New York County
Hon. Jackie Deane	New York City Family Court, Kings County
Hon. Connie Gonzalez	New York City Family Court, Queens County
Hon. Dora Irizarry	US District Court, Eastern District of New York
Hon. Pam Jackman-Brown	Queens County Supreme Court, Civil Branch
Hon. Anne Marie Jolly	New York City Family Court, Queens County
Hon. Peggy Kuo	US Magistrate Judge, Eastern District of New York
Hon. Dean Kusakabe	New York City Family Court, Queens County
Hon. John Lansden	Queens County Housing Court
Hon. Richard Lehrburger	US Magistrate Judge, Southern District of New York
Hon. Kiyo Matsumoto	US District Court, Eastern District of New York
Hon. Edwina Mendelson	Deputy Chief Administrative Judge, Office for Justice Initiatives
Hon. Sarah Netburn	US Magistrate Judge, Southern District of New York
Hon. Katherine Parker	US Magistrate Judge, Southern District of New York
Hon. Diccia Pineda-Kirwan	NY Supreme Court, Nassau County
Hon. Joanne Quinones	Kings County Supreme Court, Criminal Court
Hon. Edgardo Ramos	US District Court, Southern District of New York
Hon. Ramon E. Reyes	US Magistrate Judge, Eastern District of New York
Hon. Emily Ruben	Queens County Family Court
Hon. Enedina Pilar Sanchez	New York City Housing Court, Bronx County
Hon. Vera Scanlon	US Magistrate Judge, Eastern District of New York
Hon. Laura Taylor Swain	US District Court, Southern District of New York
Hon. Alexander Tisch	NY Supreme Court, New York County
Hon. Peter Tom	NY Supreme Court, Appellate Division, First Department
Hon. Kathleen Tomlinson	US Magistrate Judge, Eastern District of New York
Hon. Richard Tsai	New York City Criminal Court, NY County
Hon. Eric Vitaliano	US District Court, Eastern District of New York
Hon. Carolyn Wade	NY Supreme Court, Kings County
Hon. Ona Wang	US Magistrate Judge, Southern District of New York

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

We salute the 2019 High School Judicial Interns:

Esha Adnan	Susan E. Wagner High School
Alex Aflak	Fort Hamilton High School
Mame Amar	High School of Law and Public Service
Angellina Araya	Bard High School Early College of Queens
Amanda Baez	Manhattan Hunter Science High School
Kayla A. Blenman	East Williamsburg Scholars Academy
Lauren Braithwaite	The Young Women's Leadership School of Queens
Radion Dabija	James Madison High School
Gordon Ebanks	Stuyvesant High School
Lorenzo Garcia	High School of American Studies at Lehman College
Oscar Habarta	Eleanor Roosevelt High School
Katherine Huerta	Academy of American Studies
Tasnia Islam	The Brooklyn Latin School
Bikramjit Kandola	Brooklyn Technical High School
Karem Katary	Fort Hamilton High School
Samil Levin	Rachel Carson High School for Coastal Studies
Caylie McAree	Tottenville High School
Janelle Moe	James Madison High School
Eden Moore	The Brooklyn Latin School
James Mun	Francis Lewis High School
Lia Papafloratos	Baccalaureate School for Global Education
Allison Patino	Hillcrest High School
Katie Pimental	NYC iSchool
Jehan Pitt	Brooklyn College Academy
Thenuri Poththewela	Port Richmond High School
Karla Rodriguez	Academy of American Studies
Zoe Sharif	Townsend Harris
Sinziana Stanciu	Bard High School Early College of Queens
Elizabeth Weise	Convent of the Sacred Heart
Edward Wu	Benjamin N. Cardozo High School
Jessica Yauri	The Young Women's Leadership School of Brooklyn

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