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AALAM Holds Third Annual Educational Legal Workshop

AALAM's Community Service Committee (**Flora Chan, Nga Nguyen, Ted Shin, Vincent Lau and Uyen Le Kry**), in collaboration with the **Asian American Civic Association (Emily Damiano), Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law (Jacqueline Gonzalez Taylor), Greater Boston Legal Services (Cynthia Mark and Anh Hang), and Vietnamese American Civic Association (Duy Pham)**, held its third annual educational legal workshops program on **Saturday, July 16, 2005** at VACA in Dorchester, MA.

This year's three-hour program was tailored for the Vietnamese community in Boston. An estimated 50 people attended the workshops, which were presented in English and Vietnamese, on topics that included the legal system (conducted by AALAM member **Sherry Yee Mulloy**), immigration (conducted by AALAM member Vincent Lau), voting rights (conducted by **Attiya Dangleben**), public assistance (conducted by Anh Hang of GBLs), employment law (conducted by Cynthia Mark of GBLs), credit (conducted by **Tony Huynh**), homeowners' rights (conducted by **Hang Nina Nguyen**), and tenants' rights (conducted by **Lori Fonseca**). AALAM



Former AALAM Director Sherry Yee Mulloy and AALAM Director and Community Service Committee Co-Chair Flora Chan

volunteers, including **Geoff Why** and **H. Joon Chung**, and translators and student volunteers from VACA, assisted with the program. **Welch Foods Inc.** and AALAM donated refreshments and pastries.

In 2003 and 2004, workshops were geared toward the Chinese and Cambodian communities, respectively. For details on next year's educational legal workshops program, please visit AALAM's website at www.aalam.org in late spring 2006. Additional details about the legal workshops program were provided via the Boston Community TV channel on September 14, 2005, at 5:00 p.m., featuring Flora Chan, AALAM Community Service Co-Chair. If you would like to get involved in upcoming workshops or have questions or comments, please contact Flora Chan at caymuscs@yahoo.com.

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AALAM Summer Picnic Held at Houghton's Pond

On the afternoon of **Sunday, July 17, 2005**, more than 40 AALAM members, friends, and family gathered at **Houghton's Pond** - Picnic Site #4 at the Blue Hills Reservation in Milton for AALAM's Annual Summer Cookout.

The attendees mingled and socialized under a shady canopy of pine trees – with a comfortable breeze and partly cloudy skies also providing welcome relief from the mid-summer heat. The food was as plentiful and pleasing to the taste buds as ever, with the highlights being an “East Meets West” selection of hamburgers, hot dogs, Korean bulgogi, and that old Hawaiian favorite, grilled Spam (making its first known appearance at any AALAM event); a complementary assortment of home-cooked potluck contributions; and a dizzying array of beverages, chips, snacks, and desserts. After chowing down, a dozen or so attendees headed over to the nearby softball field, where the kids proceeded to remind their elders why the latter had made the law their chosen profession.

A fun time was had by all. Special thanks to AALAM President **Jeff Hsi** and Past Presidents **Myong Joun** and **Perry Wu** for serving as “iron chefs” and to all those who brought food and supplies, assisted with the set-up and clean-up, and otherwise helped to make the Cookout a big success!

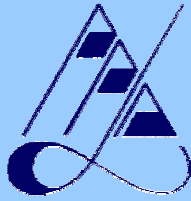


AALAM President Jeff Hsi cooking SPAM



AALAM member, families and friends enjoying the picnic at Houghton's Pond.

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Announcements

AALAM Director named Partner at Choate

AALAM Director **Eunice Kim Chapon** was recently named a partner at **Choate Hall & Stewart LLP**. Ms. Chapon's practice includes the representation of public and private companies in matters of general corporate law, mergers and acquisitions, commercial lending transactions and securities transactions, including debt and equity financings, initial public offerings, secondary offerings, Rule 144A offerings, exchange offers and consent solicitations. Eunice has been a stalwart at AALAM, most recently serving as 2004 vice-president and chair of the banquet committee for the wildly successful 19th Anniversary Banquet featuring keynote speaker SJC Chief Justice Margaret Marshall. Congratulations to Eunice!



Former AALAM Director joins Peabody & Arnold

Long-time AALAM member and former Director **Sherry Yee Mulloy** has joined **Peabody & Arnold LLP** in the firm's Professional Liability Group and will continue her practice with an emphasis on the defense of malpractice claims against attorneys and other professionals. Sherry was previously associated with the firms of **Meehan, Boyle, Black & Fitzgerald, P.C.** and **Posternak, Blankstein & Lund LLP**. In addition to her years in private practice, Sherry worked in the Public Protection Bureau of the **Massachusetts Attorney General's Office** and as a law clerk in the federal district court in Boston and in the Massachusetts Superior Court.



AALAM Member Named One of Best Under 40 Lawyers by NAPABA

AALAM is proud to announce that AALAM member **Audrey Wang** made NAPABA's 2005 list of "**Best Lawyers Under 40**". The award recognizes talented individuals within the Asian Pacific American legal community under the age of 40 who have achieved prominence and distinction in their fields of endeavor, be it the practice of law, academia, business, civic and charitable affairs, the judiciary, or politics, and have demonstrated a strong commitment to civic or community affairs. She is currently a University Attorney for **Harvard University** and was most recently with **DLA Piper Rudnick Gray Cary US LLP** where she specialized in representing commercial real estate developers, including hotel chains and both public and private developers, in all aspects of land use planning and development. Audrey also serves as general counsel to **The Wang Center for the Performing Arts** (no relation). She has represented numerous community organizations in Boston's Chinatown, and is a member of the Board of Overseers for **Newton Wellesley Hospital**. She is a graduate of Harvard College and Harvard Law School, where she served on the Law Review.

2005 NAPABA National Convention

Over 800 Asian Pacific Americans (APAs) attended the **National Asian Pacific American Bar Association (NAPABA)** national convention in Chicago on **October 20-23, 2005**. The theme was "**Forging Ahead, Shaping Our Future**". AALAM was represented by **Jeffrey Hsi, Myong Joun, Perry Wu, Theo Chuang, Tricia Deraska, Elaine Tung, Vivian Hsu** and five **Suffolk Law APALSA** members. Myong Joun and Vivian Hsu were panelists on the "APA Civil Rights 101" and "Thinking About Going Solo" sessions, respectively. Current AALAM



AALAM members Jeff Hsi, Elaine Tung, Tricia Deraska, Perry Wu and Theo Chuang at Buckingham Fountain.

President Jeffrey Hsi attended the Bar Leadership Institute on October 19 for affiliate leaders. There he connected with affiliate bar leaders from all over the US including the Delaware Valley, New York, New Jersey and Connecticut NAPABA affiliates.

U.S. Senator **Barack Obama** gave an incredible keynote speech that raised the roof and inspired all in attendance to answer his call to action. This was further evidenced in that no less than four other speakers in later keynote addresses referenced his address. **Judge Ronald Lew** (CD CA) gave the keynote address at the Installation Banquet and announced his intention to take senior status next September. Judge Lew was the first (and is therefore the most senior sitting) Chinese American appointed as US District judge in the continental US (when he takes senior status, that mantle will fall to **Denny Chin**). He has been a public servant for some 33 years, including Fire and Police Pension Commissioner to the City of Los Angeles, Los Angeles Municipal Court Judge and Los Angeles Superior Court Judge. In addition to a myriad of civic and legal community activities, he was appointed by Chief Justice Rehnquist to the Committee on International Relations of the US Judicial Conference. Other keynote addresses were



(l-r) Former AALAM Presidents Perry Wu, Theo Chuang, Myong Joun and Current President Jeff Hsi at the NAPABA Convention

given by Illinois Attorney General **Lisa Madigan**, and **Judge Ilana Rovner** of the 7th Circuit US Court of Appeals.

Other conference highlights included the final rounds of the **Thomas Tang Moot Court Competition**,

unveiling of Clarence Lee's Lunar New Year stamp series by the General Counsel of the US Postal Service, the

awarding of the **2005 NAPABA Trailblazers Awards**, the naming of the **NAPABA "Best Lawyers Under 40"**, the presentation of the first-ever **NAPABA "Icon" Award** to Toll Brothers General Counsel **Don Liu**, and the NAPABA Partners / In-House Counsel Dinner with over 200 attendees (the NAPABA Partners' motto for the dinner being "leave no in-house counsel behind" as the Partners were encouraged to host one or more in-house counsel as their guests at the dinner), and numerous early evening and late night receptions. The buzz in Chicago was further increased by the start of Games 1 and 2 of the World Series the same weekend as the conference.



AALAM members Perry Wu and Elaine Tung at the Art Institute of Chicago with the lion outfitted with a White Sox cap in honor of the World Series

All in attendance agreed that the conference was a huge success (not to mention record-breaking attendance) and a wonderful opportunity to celebrate our profession and to make new, and renew old, friendships. We look forward to the 2006 National Conference in Philadelphia.

LeDoux Awards given to Asian Lawyers

Supreme Judicial Court Justice **Francis X. Spina** presented the seventh annual Clients' Security Board's **William J. LeDoux Award** to Boston Attorneys **Hang Nina Nguyen** and **Hung Tran**. Ms. Nguyen is the managing partner of the Law Office of Hang Nina Nguyen in Dorchester, and Mr. Tran is a solo practitioner in Dorchester.



(l-r) SJC Justice Francis X. Spina, LeDoux Award Recipients Hung Tran and Hang Nina Nguyen, and Clients' Security Board Chair John R. Gobel

AALAM Board Members **Lisa Yee** and **Jeffrey Hsi** attended the ceremony. Established in 1997 in honor of the late William J. LeDoux, a member of the Clients' Security Board from 1987 to 1997, the award is presented annually to honor an attorney who, serving *pro bono*, performs outstanding legal work in representing a claimant before the Board. Established by the Supreme Judicial Court in 1974, the Clients' Security Board oversees the disbursement of funds to clients who have been victimized by attorney defalcation. Through a portion of the annual registration fees paid by attorneys to the Board of Bar Overseers,

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the Clients' Security Board reimburses clients who have been victimized by instances of attorney misappropriations. The establishment and operation of the Board is considered an exemplary model in legal circles across the country.

Nguyen and Tran received the award for work they performed on behalf of Vietnamese immigrants who had entrusted funds to a lawyer, and upon his death, learned that their funds were missing. Many of the clients who were Vietnamese did not speak English, and, for cultural reasons, were reluctant to suggest their lawyer had misappropriated their funds. Ms. Nguyen and Mr. Tran, and other Vietnamese American lawyers, met with members of the Clients' Security Board at the Vietnamese American Community Center in Dorchester and helped organize a meeting at the Community Center to introduce potential claimants. From December 2003 through May 2005, the Board held hearings on more than fifty claims and voted forty-seven awards totaling \$1,185,359 relating to this matter. Nguyen's and Tran's efforts included providing translation and interpreting services for the Board and for the claimants.

AALAM extends its congratulations to Attorneys Nguyen and Tran for their selection for the LeDoux Award, and applauds their extraordinary efforts and commitment to community service.

Thomas Tang Regional Moot Court Competition held in Boston

The **Thomas Tang Moot Court Competition** for the Northeast Region, as organized by the **National Asian Pacific American Bar Association (NAPABA)**, was hosted by **Northeastern University School of Law** in Boston on **September 30 and October 1, 2005**. AALAM was a sponsor of the event. Additionally, a number of AALAM members participated as judges during the two rounds Friday, and Semi-Final and Final rounds on Saturday. A big thank you goes to AALAM Vice President **Quan Le** for organizing the judges. AALAM members that participated as judges included **Eunice Chapon, Jeffrey Hsi, Paul Kawai, Grace Lee and Joey Lee**.

The Northeast competition consisted of fifteen teams from ten schools, which included, **Northeastern University, Boston College, Boston University, Penn State, Fordham University, St. John's University, New York University, Cardozo School of Law, Syracuse University** and the **Touro Law Center**.

The winning team was **Brian LeClair** and **Julie Lu** of Syracuse University. The runners-up were **Isadora Velazquez** and **Nicole Lobaugh** from Penn State University. Both teams advanced to the National Tournament that was held in conjunction with the NAPABA National Convention in Chicago. The semi-finalists were

Claire Wong Black and **Anna Fung** of Fordham University and **George Ching** and **Jill David** of Fordham University. Brian Leclair was the outstanding speaker for the Region. The best brief was submitted by the team of **George Ching** and **Jill David** of Fordham University.



(l-r) Competition winners Julie Lu and Brian LeClair, AALAM President Jeffrey Hsi, and runners-up Isadora Velazquez and Nicole Lobaugh

The competition is administered by the NAPABA Law Foundation and the NAPABA Judicial Council and honors the late Judge Thomas Tang, who served on the US 9th Circuit Court of Appeals from 1977 to 1995. It is designed to provide law students, particularly APA law students, with an opportunity to hone and showcase their writing and oral advocacy skills. The students compete for scholarships totaling \$10,000 which are generously sponsored by the Anheuser-Busch Companies. Congratulations to all participants!

AALAM on Boston Neighborhood Network Television (BNN)

AALAM has ventured into television media and will be producing six 30-minute programs over the next 12 months for the **Boston Neighborhood Network Television** (otherwise known as cable access television). It all began when AALAM Director **Ingrid Schroffner** was interviewed on BNN's **Legal Line** Program. It was such a hit, that AALAM was asked if they wanted to produce their own program for the Asian community. The show will be aired on the BNN channel on Comcast and RCN cable systems. The shows will also be posted for streaming over the internet in the near future. For more information about the show, please visit our website at www.aalam.org.

BNN Legal Line Interview: On **Wednesday, June 22, 2005**, from 5:00 to 5:30 p.m., AALAM Director **Ingrid Chiemi Schroffner** was interviewed on **Legal Line**. This show aired live on the Boston Neighborhood Network, Comcast Channel 9 or RCN Channel 15. Ingrid was interviewed by the host of the show, Attorney **Mary Healey** of the **Massachusetts Association of Women Lawyers**. The topic was Cultural Considerations for Asians in Massachusetts Probate and Family Courts, based upon presentations with AALAM and the BBA arranged by Ingrid in 2003 and 2005 as well as articles written, the most recent one published in Massachusetts Lawyers Weekly, June 13, 2005 issue: "**Addressing the Cross-Cultural Needs of Probate and Family Court Litigants.**"

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Ingrid spoke about these programs, as well as the outreach programs sponsored and arranged by AALAM. Specifically, Ingrid spoke about the July 16, 2005 AALAM Community Workshop held at the Vietnamese American Civic Association. (see article page 1) Most instrumental in organizing this workshop was AALAM Director **Flora Chan, Esq.**, whose name was specifically referenced by Ingrid as a contact for the viewers. Further, Ingrid described the purpose of AALAM and that it has been in existence since it was incorporated in 1984. A Cambodian woman called into the show on live television, seeking advice. Ingrid referred her to the AALAM website. She also described other programs sponsored by AALAM, including the 2004 Community Workshop sponsored in Lowell for Cambodian residents. Further resources which were locatable on the AALAM website were also noted. There were three additional callers at the end of the show, whose calls could not be taken due to time constraints.

AALAM looks forward to possible further Legal Line interviews on other Asian related issues by other AALAM Executive Board Members.

AALAM's first show: On **October 19, 2005**, 5:00-5:30pm, AALAM aired its **first-ever** TV show on **Boston Neighborhood Network Television** ("BNN"). AALAM Director **Ingrid Chiemi Schroffner** was the inaugural host.

AALAM's first guest was Attorney **Carwina Weng**, an Assistant Clinical Professor at **Boston College Law School**. Professor Weng -- who supervises students in Civil Litigation and Women and the Law Clinics, teaches seminars affiliated with clinics, conducts community outreach and workshops and directs Legal Assistance Bureau operations and projects in rotation with other faculty -- was part of a joint BBA/AALAM panel seminar on "Addressing the Needs of Asian American Litigants" in March of this year.

The program covered Professor Weng's areas of practice, which include family, domestic violence and elder law. Recently, BC Law School has been seeking to incorporate cultural considerations training into their clinical programs, and Professor Weng has been a part of those efforts.

Among the issues addressed was how Professor Weng teaches her students to be aware of cultural considerations in representing clients, including those of Asian American descent. One topic of discussion was recognizing that when you are reviewing information given to you by a client, you have two cultures interlocking and interacting. Some litigants of other cultures might perceive themselves as outsiders. Professor Weng is well-versed on the need to understand what clients' expectations are with respect to the Court system. Also, she has taught techniques on



Professor Carwina Weng, Esq.

getting to what a client means. For instance, looking into what cultural views and parenting styles are. What does the client think of family? What are traditional roles in the client's culture?

Visit www.aalam.org for information on future shows.

AALAM Kicks Off 2005-2006 year at Edwards Angell Palmer & Dodge

The evening of **Thursday, September 22, 2005** was full of merriment at the Boston offices of **Edwards Angell Palmer & Dodge** (then known as Edwards & Angell) on Federal Street, which graciously hosted this year's kick-off event for AALAM. At least seventy Asian American attorneys, faculty and law students attended this lively social event to meet and catch up with one another and partake in the sumptuous food and drink.

AALAM President **Jeff Hsi**, a partner at EAPD, said a few remarks to the group and introduced **Professor Margaret Woo** of **Northeastern University Law School**, who also addressed the crowd. Among those present were former President and founding member, **Paul Lee**, a partner at **Goodwin Procter LLP**, and past AALAM Scholarship Award Recipient, **Heather Chang**.

Heather, a third-year law student, reports that she has had experience working at a public defender's office and is currently working in a program for an organization that addresses prisoners' rights.



AALAM President Jeff Hsi and Professor Margaret Woo



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AALAM forum on APAs in Politics

On **June 7, 2005**, AALAM, along with the **Asian American Center at Northeastern University**, presented "**Asian Americans in Politics: A Discussion with Officeholders and Candidates**". The event took place at Northeastern University and was attended by over fifty people. **Former Governor Michael Dukakis** made the opening remarks for the panel moderated by University of Massachusetts-Boston Professor **Paul Watanabe**. **Ramesh Advani** (Chairman, Norfolk Board of Selectmen), **Amy Mah Sangiolo** (Vice President, Newton Board of Aldermen), **Greer Tan Swiston** (Candidate, Newton Board of Aldermen), and **Sam Yoon** (then-Candidate, Boston City Council) served as panelists.



(l-r) Former Gov. Michael Dukakis with panelists Paul Watanabe, Greer Tan Swiston, Sam Yoon, Amy Mah Sangiolo, and Ramish Advani.

Sam Yoon & AALDEF Make Boston Political History

On **November 8, 2005**, in the City Council race, Boston elected its first-ever Asian city councilor in Korean-American **Sam Yoon**, who came in a convincing third on his first run for the office. Sam is the only new face on the Council. Now, two of the four at-large councilors and two of the nine district councilors are members of minority groups. In an at-large race marked by a fiercely contested fight, Sam won the seat vacated by **Maura Hennigan**, who ran unsuccessfully against **Mayor Thomas M. Menino**. He will take office in January for a two-year term. Congratulations to Sam!



Election Day 2005 also proved historic for Asian Americans as the **City of Boston** (the "City") distributed bilingual Chinese and Vietnamese ballots and voter notices, also a first, in twenty four voting precincts. The City distributed the bilingual materials to comply with the terms of a settlement approved in a **U.S. Department of Justice** (the "DOJ") suit brought against the City under the Voting Rights Act. The **Asian American Legal Defense and Education Fund** ("AALDEF") had initiated an inquiry with the DOJ after observing Voting Rights Act violations in the 2004 election. On Election Day 2005, AALDEF led a nonpartisan coalition of organizations that trained and deployed a group of poll monitors, which included AALAM members, to inspect polling sites, observe poll worker conduct, and interview voters.

AALAM Ventures West

The **Asian American Lawyers Association of Massachusetts** (AALAM) moved out West --- Metrowest! Instead of having your typical social event in the downtown Boston area, a **Sushi & Wine Tasting Event** was held in Concord, MA at the offices of **Hamilton Brook Smith & Reynolds** on **Thursday, October 27, 2005**. The event was held in connection with the Boston Chapter of the **National Association of Asian American Professionals** (NAAAP), and provided AALAM members with an opportunity to practice



their networking skills on a group of unsuspecting professionals. Approximately forty people attended, including an Asian American entrepreneur and even some non-law graduate students! The event also attracted several AALAM members who practice in the Metrowest area, notably **Elaine Tung**, **Virginia Lee**, **Ted Shin**, **Vivian Tseng** and **Linda Chin**. While one member who shall remain nameless got lost and ended up on the tarmac of Hanscom Air Force Base, most attendees found their way to Hamilton Brook, tasted Hamachi and Toro (that's yellow tail and fatty tuna for you novices!) and socialized.



AALAM Cues it Up!

AALAM recently hosted its first pool social - **Rack 'Em** - at **A Jillian's** in Boston on **November 9, 2005**. (And no, we did not go swimming but played billiards.) The night was filled with memorable moments as AALAM members and student APALSA members put aside their mild-mannered legal personas and transformed into pool sharks intent on sinking the eight-ball before their trash-talking competitors. For three hours, we mingled, hustled, talked law, stuffed ourselves with buffalo wings and hung out with old and new friends.



AALAM Member Featured

Long time AALAM member **Francis Chin** and his family were prominently featured in an ad for WGBH, a PBS station, as Leadership Circle members, having supported WGBH since 1980. Kudos to the Chin family.



"As Leadership Circle members, we enjoy a closer connection to WGBH."
Francis Chin
Waban, MA
Attorney and WGBH Leadership Circle member

Passions
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Why have you supported WGBH since 1980?
WGBH has been a source of rich entertainment and learning over the years for me, my wife, Wai Jit Chow Chin, and our son, Alexander, 17. Early on, we could contribute little more than moral support. As we've grown, we've seen WGBH grow and keep pace with our evolving interests. As Leadership Circle members, we enjoy a closer connection to WGBH.



Meet the AALAM Board of Directors

Beginning with this issue of the newsletter and continuing with future issues, we will be profiling our Board of Directors....

Grace H. Lee serves as Deputy Treasurer and General Counsel to the **Massachusetts State Treasurer and Receiver General**. She is the first Asian-American to serve as chief legal counsel to a statewide officeholder in Massachusetts. Ms. Lee graduated from California State University at Northridge and the New England School of Law.



Prior to her appointment, she specialized in discrimination and civil rights law as an associate at Morgan, Brown & Joy, LLP, a staff attorney at the U.S. Department of Education, Office of Civil Rights, and as the Chief of the Civil Rights Division in the Norfolk County District Attorney's Office. Ms. Lee was named one of the "Best Lawyers Under 40" by the National Asian Pacific American Bar Association in 2004.

Geoff Why graduated from Boston College in 1988 (philosophy and political science) and Boston College School of Law in 1998. After law school, he worked at the Suffolk County District Attorney's Office in their Appellate Division. In 2001, he joined the Consumer Protection and Antitrust Division in the **Office of the Massachusetts Attorney General** where he is currently an assistant attorney general and the co-chair of their Diversity Committee. Since 2003, Geoff has been a director on AALAM's board. From 2002 to 2004, he taught legal research and writing to first-year law students at Boston University School of Law. Prior to law school, Geoff was a professional photographer having work published in magazines and newspapers.



QUAN LE recently joined **Kronos Inc.**, a work force management company headquartered in Chelmsford. Prior to Kronos, Quan was an associate with Murtha Cullina LLP where he focused on corporate and transactional work, specializing in the areas of closely-held businesses, advising start-up companies and providing general corporate and business counseling on corporate governance, entity formation and corporate restructurings, mergers and acquisitions. He also acts as counsel to several nonprofit organizations and public charities. In addition, Mr. Le has developed a practice in intellectual property, with an emphasis on trademark law, registration and maintenance, licensing and copyright matters. Mr. Le was a law clerk to the Superior Courts of The Commonwealth of Massachusetts. He serves on the board of the Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law of the Boston Bar Association and was recently asked to also serve as a board member of the National Association of Minority



Contractors for the Northeast Region. He is a member of the Boston, Massachusetts and National Asian Pacific American Bar Associations. Mr. Le received his B.A. from the University of Miami, Florida in 1993. He was a Ruffin Fellow and received his M.S. from Northeastern University College of Criminal Justice in 1995 and his J.D. from Northeastern University School of Law in 1998.

H.Joon Chung is an associate at **H.Hamilton, Brook, Smith & Reynolds**, an Intellectual Property firm located in Concord, MA. A graduate of Suffolk University Law School in May 2004, Joon served as the President of the Asian Pacific American Law Student Association. During and prior to law school, he worked as Technical Director/Manager for the Core Genome Facility of Brigham & Women's Hospital/Partners Health Care. Joon earned his masters degree from Boston College and bachelors from Oberlin College.



Ingrid Chiemi Schroffner happily returns to the Board for her third year of service. Ingrid has been an associate at **Burns & Levinson, LLP** since 1998. Her practice focus is on probate litigation, which involves litigation over trust and estate instruments and asset transfers before and after death, and the ensuing family disputes about those instruments and transfers. Prior to joining Burns & Levinson, Ingrid was an associate at David Malm & D'Agostine, PC, where she contributed to the consolidated brief to the Supreme Judicial Court for the landmark Demoulas case. Ingrid also clerked for Chief Justice Warner of the Massachusetts Appeals Court and for the justices of the Massachusetts Superior Court after she graduated from Boston College Law School in 1995. In addition to AALAM, Ingrid's current community activities include serving on the Boston Bar Association's Family Law Steering Committee since 1999. Drawing on her experiences in both capacities, Ingrid designed two joint programs between the BBA and AALAM on cultural considerations in the practice of probate & family law, one in 2003 and another more recently in March 2005. The 2003 program was the first time the BBA had jointly sponsored a program with a minority bar association.



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