



OAPABA
OREGON ASIAN PACIFIC
AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION

NEWS RELEASE
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

August 11, 2017

**AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION TO PRESENT JUSTICE LYNN NAKAMOTO WITH
THE MARGARET BRENT AWARD**

The Oregon Asian Pacific American Bar Association (OAPABA) congratulates Oregon Supreme Court Justice Lynn Nakamoto on her selection as this year's recipient of the American Bar Association's (ABA) Margaret Brent Award. The Margaret Brent Award is given annually by the ABA Commission on Women in the Profession to honor and recognize outstanding women lawyers who have achieved professional excellence in their area of specialty and have actively paved the way for the success of others. Previous honorees include U.S. Supreme Court Justices Sandra Day O'Connor and Ruth Bader Ginsburg.

Justice Nakamoto is a long-time supporter of OAPABA and the Asian Pacific American (APA) community and continues to break barriers for others in the legal profession. Justice Nakamoto was the first APA female managing partner in Portland, Oregon and is a founding member of the Oregon Minority Lawyers Association which is still active today. In 2011, Justice Nakamoto became the first ever APA judge in Oregon with her appointment to the Oregon Court of Appeals. Recently, she became the first APA judge to serve on the Oregon Supreme Court.

Justice Nakamoto has received numerous awards recognizing her achievements including the National Asian Pacific American Bar Association's Daniel K. Inouye Trailblazer Award in 2013 and is the namesake of OAPABA's Justice Nakamoto Award which honors leaders with a pioneering spirit who have demonstrated a deep commitment to diversity and the promotion of APAs in the Oregon legal community.

The award will be presented to Justice Nakamoto on Sunday, August 13th at the ABA Annual Meeting in New York at the New York Hilton Midtown.

About the Oregon Asian Pacific American Bar Association (www.oapaba.org): OAPABA's mission is:

Advancement: To promote the professional development and advancement of APA attorneys through education, research, and programs.

Advocacy: To act as a vehicle and forum for expressing opinion on matters of concern TO APA attorneys in our communities.

Communication: To encourage and foster communicate among APA attorneys on issues affecting our work, communities, and government.