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**OAPABA AND OFALA CONGRATULATE THE HONORABLE STEVEN R. POWERS
ON HIS HISTORIC APPOINTMENT AS THE FIRST FILIPINO AMERICAN TO BE
APPOINTED TO THE OREGON COURT OF APPEALS.**

It is a tremendous privilege that the Oregon Asian Pacific American Bar Association (OAPABA) and the Oregon Filipino American Lawyers Association (OFALA) congratulate the now Honorable Steven R. Powers.

On July 11, 2017, Governor Kate Brown announced eight appointments to fill judicial vacancies on Oregon's courts. These appointments will be effective July 17, 2017.

Among the appointments to the Oregon Court of Appeals, the Honorable Steven R. Powers comes highly regarded. He will also be the first Filipino American appellate judge in Oregon.

Steven R. Powers is an insurance coverage and appellate lawyer at the law firm of Parsons Farnell & Grein, LLP, where he has worked since 2015. From 2011 to 2015, Mr. Powers was deputy general counsel and public safety policy advisor in the Office of the Governor. Mr. Powers served as a Deputy District Attorney for Multnomah County, and appellate attorney at the Oregon Department of Justice, and as Chairperson of the Oregon Board of Parole and Post-Prison Supervision.

Mr. Powers began his legal career as a petitions law clerk at the Oregon Supreme Court and he is a graduate of Western State College Colorado and a law graduate from Willamette University College of Law. He is a founding board member of the Oregon Filipino American Lawyers Association.

Service on the Oregon Court of Appeals is an honor granted by the citizens of Oregon. The Oregon Court of Appeals consistently ranks as one of the busiest appellate courts in the nation, handling – most notably death penalty cases, ballot title cases, lawyer discipline matters, and tax

court cases – the Court receives appeals and judicial review from Oregon’s trial courts and administrative agencies.

The Oregon Court of Appeals has always been committed to honoring the trust placed in it by the citizens of Oregon, they approach every dispute with an open mind, treating every case, every party, and every advocate with dignity and respect. It is clear they have achieved another extraordinary lawyer to join their ranks.

About the Oregon Asian Pacific American Bar Association: 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.

About the Oregon Filipino American Lawyers Association: OFALA’s mission is to:

- share and validate our experiences as Filipino American legal professionals;
- increase the visibility of Filipino American legal professionals and their accomplishments;
- promote equality and multiculturalism by increasing diversity within the Oregon State Bar and within the broader legal system;
- empower Oregon’s Filipino American community by increasing its access to the legal system;
- cultivate relationships between the Oregon Filipino American Lawyers Association and other Filipino American organizations; and,
- celebrate Filipino American culture and heritage.