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OAPABA Celebrates National Recognition of its Members at NAPABA's 25th Annual Convention



OAPABA members at the 25th NAPABA Convention. For more pictures, please visit oapaba.org.

Portland, OR. – From November 7-10, 2013, 15 members of OAPABA attended the 25th Anniversary of the NAPABA Convention in Kansas City, Missouri. Over 1,200 Asian Pacific American (APA) attorneys, judges, and law students from across the Nation attended the Convention. The Annual Convention's "Momentum" theme highlighted and celebrated the monumental achievements of APA attorneys over the past 25 years at the highest levels of the legal profession while also encouraging attendees to collaborate for future progress and successes. OAPABA was proud that many of its members were at the forefront in celebrating these monumental achievements.

OAPABA Member Judge Lynn Nakamoto is the First Oregon Recipient of the National Trailblazer Award

On November 8, 2013, Judge Lynn Nakamoto, the first APA judge of any Oregon Appellate court, received national recognition for her outstanding contributions to APA Attorneys at a special ceremony at the 25th National Asian Pacific American Bar Association (NAPABA) Convention in Kansas City, Missouri. Judge Nakamoto received the inaugural 2013 Senator Daniel Inouye Trailblazer Award, NAPABA's highest national honor. The Trailblazer Award recognizes individuals who have demonstrated vision, courage, and tenacity, and who have made substantial and lasting contributions to the Asian Pacific American (APA) legal profession, as well as to the broader APA community. Judge Nakamoto was one of six recipients to receive this national award. OAPABA was proud to celebrate the Trailblazer award of Judge Nakamoto.



Judge Nakamoto with the 2013 Trailblazer Award Recipients

Judge Nakamoto was also one of the keynote speakers for the LGBT reception held on November 8, 2013.

OAPABA Member Trung Tu Installed for his Second Term as NAPABA Northwest Regional Governor

OAPABA Member Trung Tu was also officially inducted for his second term as NAPABA Northwest Regional Governor during the Saturday night Gala Installation Banquet on November 9, 2013, at the Convention. Judge Alok Ahuja of the Missouri Court of Appeals, Western District performed the swearing-in ceremony. Trung is a partner at McEwen Gisvold LLP where he specializes in business litigation, legal malpractice defense and employment law. The NAPABA Board of Governors is comprised of the Executive Committee, which consists of nine elected Officers, ten Regional Governors,

who represent the nine NAPABA regions across the United States, and four At-Large Members. The Northwest Region encompasses Oregon, Washington, and Hawaii.



OAPABA Student Members Appointed NAPALSA Board Members

OAPABA was also proud to celebrate the appointment of Tucker Kraght as Public Relations Chair and Samrach Sar as Pacific North Regional Director for NAPALSA, the student chapter of NAPABA. Mr. Kraght is a second year law student at the Willamette University College of Law and previously served as the Pacific North Regional Director for NAPALSA. Mr. Sar is a first law student at the Willamette University College of law.

Congratulations to Judge Nakamoto and OAPABA members Trung Tu, Tucker Kraght, and Samrach Sar on their wonderful accomplishments!

About OAPABA: OAPABA seeks to promote the professional development and advancement of APA attorneys through education, research and programs; to act as a vehicle and forum for expressing opinions on matters of concern to APA attorneys and our communities; and to encourage and foster communication among APA attorneys on issues affecting our work, communities and government.

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