



## MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

Dear APIS Members,



Thanks to each of you for being a member of the Asian Pacific Interest Section of the State Bar of Texas (APIS). APIS contributes to the APA community by sharing information from the State Bar to our members, giving APA attorneys and others interested in APA issues a chance to serve as leaders in our community, and creates a sense of community for PA lawyers across our great state.

I began my term as Chair at the onset of the new bar year after a year in which APIS held all of its events entirely remotely. I must thank our outgoing chair Jim Thomas and the rest of the Board and Council of 2020-21 for their strong leadership in a time where in-person events were not feasible. Looking ahead, APIS is excited to hold its 2022 Annual Conference live and in-person in Austin. Attendance at the Annual Conference gives all of us the chance to meet new and old members, forge friendships, network, and learn from each other. I have been honored to develop lasting friendships through APIS, and I hope you have the same opportunity.

In this first newsletter, we are highlighting events happening at local APA bar associations. We welcome the chance to hold more events with local associations. If you have any ideas, suggestions, or feedback for what APIS can do to better serve you, please contact me at [araval@bergplummer.com](mailto:araval@bergplummer.com). I look forward to seeing you soon!

Sincerely,  
Amar Raval  
APIS Chair

## 2021 - 2022 OFFICERS

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**Congratulations to our 2021 APIS Award Winners!**

# ***2021 APIS Award Winners***

## **Justice Wellington Chew Award**

Judge Ravi K. Sandill (Houston)

## **Outstanding Mentor**

Stacey Cho Hernandez (Dallas)

## **Champion of Diversity**

Punam Kaji (Dallas)

## **Pro Bono**

Meyling Ly Ortiz (Dallas)

## **Affiliate of the Year**

Dallas Asian American Bar Association

## **Best Under 40**

Cheuck Ang Yee, II (Austin)

Joshua D. Lee (Houston)

Jason Shyung (Dallas)



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## **2020 APIS AWARD WINNERS**

### **JUSTICE DAVID WELLINGTON CHEW AWARD**

Judge George Thomas  
(Austin)

### **OUTSTANDING MENTOR**

Warren Huang  
(Houston)

### **CHAMPION OF DIVERSITY**

Alison Chen  
(Houston)

### **PRO BONO**

Yu Cheng "Jack" Fan  
(Dallas)

### **AFFILIATE OF THE YEAR**

Asian American Bar  
Association of Houston

### **BEST UNDER 40**

Kat Li (Austin)  
Meyling Ly Ortiz (Dallas)  
Sang Shin (Houston)



ASIAN PACIFIC INTEREST SECTION  
State Bar of Texas

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**Contact Information for Local Bar Associations**

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**Austin Asian American Bar Association**

<https://www.austinaaba.org/>

President: Tristan Dau

President-Elect: Cheuck Yee

**Dallas Asian American Bar Association**

<https://www.daaba.org/>

President: Stacey Cho Hernandez

President-Elect: Jonathan Koh

**South Asian Bar Association of Austin**

<https://www.saba-austin.org/>

Chair: Puneet Kohli

Vice Chair: Ragav Bajaj

**South Asian Bar Association Dallas**

<https://www.facebook.com/SABADFW/>

<https://www.sabanorthamerica.com/group/dallas>

President: Shivan Mehta

President-Elect: Mehronissa Modgil

**Asian American Bar Association of Houston**

<https://aabahouston.com/>

President: Sarah Tejada

President-Elect: Joshua Lee

**South Asian Bar Association of Houston**

<https://www.houstonsaba.com/>

President: Nishi Kothari

President-Elect: Mukul Kelkar

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To submit contact information for affiliates, please email [ssyed@bellnunnally.com](mailto:ssyed@bellnunnally.com)

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Upcoming Events

*Proactive Allyship*

THE ASIAN AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION OF HOUSTON  
CORDIALLY INVITES YOU TO THE

# 2021 GALA & SILENT AUCTION

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2021 AT 6:00 P.M.  
FOUR SEASONS HOTEL HOUSTON  
1300 LAMAR STREET  
HOUSTON, TX 77010

Keynote Speaker

**Michael C. Wu**, *Chief Legal Officer, Bath & Body Works, Inc.*

Master of Ceremonies

**Rose-Ann Aragon**, *KPRC2 Space and News Reporter*

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## Upcoming Events

THE DALLAS ASIAN AMERICAN BAR  
ASSOCIATION PROUDLY PRESENTS

# 2021 ANNUAL AWARDS NIGHT

OCTOBER 28, 2021 AT 6 PM  
\$100 NONMEMBERS | \$30 MEMBERS

THOMPSON HOTEL | [REGISTER HERE](#)  
205 N. AKARD STREET, DALLAS, TX 75201

ALL ATTENDEES MUST BE FULLY VACCINATED.  
MASKS SHOULD BE WORN PER CDC GUIDELINES.



JOIN US FOR COCKTAILS AND  
DINNER, AWARDS PRESENTATION,  
AND FIRESIDE CHAT WITH OUR  
SPECIAL GUEST

**DAVID LAT**

MANAGING DIRECTOR - LATERAL LINK  
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Upcoming Events



BANK OF AMERICA

**WOMEN'S  
LEADERSHIP  
SERIES**

**ASIAN AMERICAN  
LEADERS  
STANDING UP FOR  
RACIAL JUSTICE**

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2021**  
6 PM RECEPTION | 7 PM PROGRAM



**HONG OGLE**  
SPEAKER



**SONAL SHAH**  
SPEAKER



**ANNE SUNG**  
SPEAKER

Program may be accessed via YouTube: [HERE](#)



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**Call for Topics, Sponsorships, and Award Nominations**

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**Call for Topics, Sponsorships, and Award Nominations!**  
APIS Annual Conference 2022

APIS is excited to announce the intent of resuming our Annual Conference in person in April 2022 in Austin, TX. More information on the APIS Annual Conference to come.

**Call for Topics**

Do you want to speak about your area of legal expertise or important legal matters regarding the APA community? APIS wants to hear from you!

**Call for Sponsors**

APIS appreciates our sponsors. In exchange for sponsorship, APIS will highlight your firm or company during our Annual Conference. Moreover, your firm/company will be highlighted in our newsletters, our website, and our Facebook page.

**Call for Award Nominations for 2022**

Do you know a stellar attorney who deserves to be recognized? APIS is soliciting award nominations for the following awards in 2022:

- Justice David Wellington Chew Award
- Outstanding Mentor
- Champion of Diversity
- Pro Bono
- Affiliate of the Year
- Best Under 40

Contact Sang Shin at [sshin@jw.com](mailto:sshin@jw.com) to submit topics, learn about sponsorship opportunities and submit award nominations.

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