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NAPABA SELECTS BEST LAWYERS UNDER 40

On October 22, 2005, the National Asian Pacific American Bar Association (NAPABA) proudly announced its "Best Lawyers Under 40" at its 17th Annual Convention in Chicago, Illinois.

The 2005 awardees were selected from a competitive field of attorneys in all practice areas. NAPABA selected 21 individuals to receive the honor of being one of its best lawyers under the age of 40. These individuals have not only attained prominence in their respective legal endeavors, they have also exhibited steadfast commitment to community and public service, particularly in the Asian Pacific American community. They have climbed high up the ladder of success; they have tried, and won major trials; they have handled complicated deals; they have been entrusted with the responsibility of heading national practice groups – and they have done it all at a relatively early stage of their careers.

This year's Best Lawyers Under 40 award recipients are:

- George Chen, *Associate, Bryan Cave LLP*
- Pui Chi Cheng, *Partner, Cheng & Haigney LLP*
- Kathay Feng, *Executive Director, California Common Cause*
- James Hsu, *Partner, Sonnenschein Nath & Rosenthal LLP*
- Wesley Hsu, *Assistant United States Attorney, Central District of California*
- Michael S. Kim, *Partner, Kobre & Kim LLP*
- Thomas Kim, *Vice President and Principal Legal Counsel, Reuters*
- Wan Kim, *Assistant Attorney General, U.S. Department of Justice, Civil Rights Division*
- Eileen Sullivan (Nguyen) Lanterman, *Guardian Ad Litem, Maricopa County Office of the Legal Advocate*
- Otto Lee, *Partner, Intellectual Property Law Group, LLP*
- Esther Lim, *Partner, Finnegan, Henderson, Farabow, Garrett, & Dunner*
- Audra Mori, *Partner, Perkins Coie LLP*
- James Nguyen, *Partner, Foley & Lardner LLP*
- Eugene Pak, *Associate, DLA Piper Rudnick Gray Cary*
- Edwin Prather, *Associate, Rogers Joseph O'Donnell & Phillips*
- Rick Sueyoshi, *Partner, Downey Brand LLP*
- Alan Tse, *General Counsel, LG Electronics Mobilecomm U.S.A., Inc.*
- Audrey Wang, *Partner, DLA Piper Rudnick Gray Cary*
- Michael Wang, *Assistant United States Attorney, Northern District of California*
- Corinna Wong, *Hawaii Commissioner of Securities, Hawaii Department of Commerce & Consumer Affairs*
- Nicole Wong, *Associate General Counsel for Products and Intellectual Property, Google*

The awardees are chosen by NAPABA's "Best Lawyers Under 40" Selection Committee. The Selection Committee consists of:

- Jim Goh, Selection Committee Chair, *Partner, Holland & Hart LLP*
- Don Liu, *General Counsel, Toll Brothers, Inc.*
- Hon. Alvin Wong, *Judge, State Court of DeKalb County, GA*
- Vivian Tseng, *General Counsel, Welch Foods, Inc.*
- Wilson Chu, *Partner, Haynes and Boone, LLP*
- Joseph Yao, *Associate General Counsel, ExxonMobil Upstream Research Company*
- Julie Cheng, *Assistant General Counsel, Bayer HealthCare*

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The National Asian Pacific American Bar Association (NAPABA) is the national association of Asian Pacific American attorneys, judges, law professors and law students. NAPABA represents over 40,000 attorneys and 47 local Asian Pacific American bar associations. Its members represent solo practitioners, large firm lawyers, corporate counsel, legal service and non-profit attorneys, and lawyers serving at all levels of government. NAPABA continues to be a leader in addressing civil rights issues confronting Asian Pacific American communities. Through its national network of committees and affiliates, NAPABA provides a strong voice for increased diversity of federal and state judiciaries, advocates for equal opportunity in the workplace, works to eliminate hate crimes and anti-immigrant sentiment, and promotes professional development of minorities in the legal profession.