

National Asian Pacific American Bar Association Law Foundation

1612 K Street N.W., Suite 1400
Washington, DC 20006

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
November 30, 2009

Contact: Priya Bose
(202) 775-9555

NAPABA Law Foundation Announces Winners of the 2009 Thomas Tang National Moot Court Competition

The National Asian Pacific American Bar Association (NAPABA) Law Foundation is pleased to announce the 2009 Thomas Tang Moot Court Competition winners from a field of 60 teams from around the United States and abroad. The National Finals were held in Boston, MA, on November 21, 2009.

The Thomas Tang National Moot Court Competition was founded in 1993 by the Asian Pacific American (APA) Law Student Association of the South Texas College of Law in Houston, Texas. It is now administered by the NAPABA Law Foundation and the NAPABA Judicial Council. The Competition honors the late Judge Thomas Tang, a champion of individual rights, an advocate for the advancement of minority attorneys, and an ardent supporter of NAPABA and the moot court competition. Judge Tang served on the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit from 1977 until his passing in 1995. Judge Tang's wife, Dr. Pearl Tang, continues his legacy and participates in the Competition events every year.

The Competition is open to all students but is especially designed to reach out to APA law students and provide them with an opportunity to showcase their writing and oral advocacy skills and compete for scholarships totaling \$10,000. The scholarship prizes are generously donated by Anheuser-Busch Companies, Inc., a long-time supporter and sponsor of the Thomas Tang Moot Court Competition. The NAPABA Law Foundation also gratefully acknowledges the generous financial support provided by State Farm Insurance Company and Intel Corporation to the Thomas Tang Moot Court Competition.

Champion Yumi Nam and James de los Reyes, University of California Hastings College of the Law
Finalist Dena Sacharow and Mick Jacobsen, Nova Southeastern University Law Center
Semi-Finalist Nidhi Soni and Geetu Naik, Chicago-Kent College of Law
Semi-Finalist Pat Chia Hua Jan and Tara Shelke, John Marshall Law School

Best Brief Dena Sacharow and Mick Jacobsen, Nova Southeastern University Law Center
2nd Brief Yumi Nam and James de los Reyes, University of California Hastings College of the Law
3rd Brief Sophia Apostola and Jennifer Chang, Northeastern University School of Law
4th Brief Pat Chia Hua Jan and Tara Shelke, John Marshall Law School
5th Brief Nidhi Soni and Geetu Naik, Chicago-Kent College of Law

Best Oralist Tara Shelke, John Marshall Law School
2nd Oralist Leighton O'Connell Miller, Loyola University Chicago School of Law
3rd Oralist Ruby Banipal, Chapman University School of Law
4th Oralist Dena Sacharow, Nova Southeastern Law Center
5th Oralist Yumi Nam, University of California Hastings College of Law
6th Oralist Geetu Naik, Chicago-Kent College of Law

The NAPABA Law Foundation extends its sincere congratulations to all of the winners and competitors.

We are actively making preparations for the 2010 competition in Los Angeles, CA. More information can be found at www.thomastang.org.

The National Asian Pacific American Bar Association Law Foundation is a non-profit, charitable and educational affiliate of NAPABA, that is tax exempt under IRC Section 501 (c)(3). In furtherance of its mission, the NAPABA Law Foundation:

- *Provides financial assistance to Asian Pacific American law students who have demonstrated academic excellence and social leadership.*
- *Supports the development of internships and fellowships in the areas of public interest and community service relating to the Asian Pacific American community.*

Develops and supports programs to educate the legal profession and Asian Pacific American communities about legal issues affecting those communities.