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NAPABA SELECTS BEST LAWYERS UNDER 40

On November 13, 2004, the National Asian Pacific American Bar Association (NAPABA) proudly announced its “Best Lawyers Under 40” at its 16th Annual Convention.

The 2004 awardees were selected from a competitive field of attorneys in all practice areas. NAPABA selected 22 individuals to receive the honor of being one of its best lawyers under the age of 40. These individuals have not only attained preeminence 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 spearheaded corporate-wide efforts to promote diversity; they have climbed high up the ladder of success despite coming to this country at a young age with no knowledge of the English language; they have tried, and won major trials; they have handled complicated deals; they have been entrusted with the responsibility of header large litigation departments – and they have done it all at a relatively early stage of their careers.

These individuals are annually 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, IKON Office Solutions, Inc.
- Hon. Alvin Wong
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- Vivian Tseng
General Counsel, Welch Foods Inc.
- Wilson Chu
Partner, Haynes and Boone, LLP
- Debra Yang
U.S. Attorney, Los Angeles
- Joseph Yao
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This year's Best Lawyers Under 40 award recipients are:

- David Chiu
Grassroots Enterprise
- Marisa Chun
Coblentz, Patch, Duffy & Bass LLP
- Christina Chung
Asian Pacific American Legal Center of Southern California
- Jay Chung
Lee Anav Chung LLP
- Anurag Gulati
General Mills, Inc.
- Mark Keam
Office of U.S. Senator Richard J. Durbin
- Christie Kennett
State Farm Insurance Companies
- Young Kim
U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission
- Victor King
California State University, Los Angeles
- Viet Le
Avnet, Inc.
- Grace Lee
Office of Massachusetts State Treasurer Timothy P. Cahill
- Nelson Lee
King County Prosecuting Attorney's Office
- Yabo Lin
Blackwell Sanders Peper Martin LLP
- Glenn Magpantay
Asian American Legal Defense & Education Fund
- Anoma Phanthourath
Shughart Thomson & Kilroy, P.C.

- Ekwon Rhow
Bird Marella
- Priya Sanger
Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.
- Jayashri Srikantial
Stanford Law School
- Hoang Quan Vu
Mayer, Brown, Rowe & Maw LLP
- Alice Wong
Sacramento County District Attorney's Office
- Frank Wu
Wayne State University Law School
- Bettina Yip
Cingular Wireless

Biographies of the awardees are available online at www.napaba.org.

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