

## National Asian Pacific American Bar Association

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### **NAPABA CELEBRATES APPOINTMENT OF JAMES C. HO AS SOLICITOR GENERAL OF TEXAS**

Washington, DC – The National Asian Pacific American Bar Association (NAPABA) is pleased that the Attorney General of Texas Greg Abbott has announced his intent to appoint James C. Ho as the next Solicitor General of Texas, effective after the expected departure of the current Solicitor General Ted Cruz. Mr. Ho will become the highest ranking Asian Pacific American statewide official in Texas, and one of only a very small handful of Asian Pacific Americans to have held statewide office in Texas.

The Office of the Solicitor General for Texas is responsible for supervising and approving all appellate litigation in the State of Texas. The Texas Solicitor General regularly appears before the Supreme Court of the United States, the Supreme Court of Texas, the United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit, and Texas state courts of appeal.

Mr. Ho is presently Of Counsel with the law firm of Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher LLP. He previously has served in all three branches of the federal government: as Chief Counsel to Senator John Cornyn of Texas; as a law clerk on the Supreme Court for the Honorable Clarence Thomas, and on the Fifth Circuit for the Honorable Jerry E. Smith; and in the Department of Justice both as a Special Assistant to the Assistant Attorney General for Civil Rights and as an Attorney-Adviser in the Office of Legal Counsel. Mr. Ho was recognized as one of NAPABA's "Best Lawyers Under 40" in 2006, and currently serves as a Co-Chair for NAPABA's Judiciary Committee. He also has been recognized as a "Texas Super Lawyer" in *Law & Politics*, a "Rising Star in Texas" by *Texas Monthly*, and in 2005 as one of the 35 "Best Congressional Aides Under 35" in the publication *The Hill*.

"NAPABA applauds Texas Attorney General Abbott for his leadership in appointing Jim Ho," said Les Jin, Executive Director of NAPABA. "The Asian Pacific American population is growing rapidly in Texas, and the inclusion of Asian Americans in positions of leadership within the Texas state government is the logical next step." John C. Yang, Co-Chair of NAPABA's Judiciary Committee, added, "Mr. Ho is a very talented attorney who will represent the State of Texas, and its rich diversity of residents, extremely well. We look forward to working with him on issues that affect the Asian Pacific American population in that state."

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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 the interests of over 40,000 attorneys and approximately 55 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.*