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WHAT HAS AABA DONE FOR YOU LATELY? A 2006-07 YEAR-END REVIEW

As I reflect during the final weeks of my AABA presidency, I am humbled by the collective accomplishments of our bar association. Through the volunteer efforts of our amazing AABA committee chairs and board members, our AABA membership has increased 100% over the past year. Here are the highlights:

- **Serving Our Community.** This year, under the Community Services leadership of Ruth Ann Castro, Victor Hwang, Jason Lee and Dot Liu, AABA dramatically expanded our clinic programs, from San Francisco and Oakland to Alameda, Contra Costa and San Mateo Counties, and with new outreach to underserved Filipinos, Lao, Vietnamese and Pacific Islanders. This month, we also re-launched our San Francisco AABA Legal Clinic in conjunction with UC Hastings' Civil Justice Clinic, thanks to Hastings clinical faculty Eumi Lee. At last count, our pro bono volunteers had staffed over 40 legal clinics and assisted over 800 clients this past year. Community Services also organized a great San Francisco Chinatown clean-up work-a-thon and hosted a barbecue for low-income seniors living in public housing.
- **Advocating For Our Community.** Throughout the year, the AABA board has ensured that AABA would lead on issues important to our communities, whether by denouncing insensitive radio DJs or a racist Asian Week column, filing an amicus brief in the landmark Woo vs. Lockyer case as the first APA bar association to support marriage equality, or opposing harsh proposals during the heated 2006 debate on comprehensive immigration reform. We also staked out legislative positions at the State Bar's annual conference, thanks to Legislative Committee chairs Mabel Ng and Debra Watanuki.
- **Educating Our Community.** Our Civil Rights/Public Interest Committee – Juna Kim, Jenny Chang, Kavitha Sreeharsha, Hongvilay Thongsamouth, and Candace Jan – organized four wonderful forums on trends in immigration law, human trafficking, the San Francisco criminal justice system (with Public Defender Jeff Adachi and District Attorney Kamala Harris), and deportation. Our Education Committee – Rita Hao, Brian Kim and Elizabeth Loh – coordinated our revitalized MCLE program, with offerings on numerous topics and MCLE events throughout the year.
- **Helping Our Law Students.** Our Employment Committee – Isabel Choi, Ivana Lee and Reichi Lee – organized a very successful AABA Career Day, with career

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panels and mock interviews for many students. The Committee also hosted a packed Summer Law Clerk Reception underwritten by our AABA partners. Our Scholarship Committee – Patty Kim, Annette Mathai-Jackson, Vilaska Nguyen, and Avantika Shastri – ably managed our awards for the Raymond L. Ocampo Jr. President’s Scholarship, Joe Morizumi Scholarship, and AABA Law Foundation Scholarships. And I want to thank the recently-formed AABA Law Student Council, made up of student reps from area law schools, who helped to ensure a tight bond between AABA and our local APALSAs.

- **Mentoring Our Next Generation.** Our Mentorship Committee – David Sohn, Maki Arakawa, Marshall Khine and Thomas Chow – continued to grow our successful Student Mentorship Program and fostered relationships between hundreds of law students and attorneys through a series of receptions and events. And this year, our Employment Committee launched our new Attorney-to-Attorney Mentorship program, matching recent law graduates and new attorneys with seasoned practitioners in different fields.
- **Empowering Our Private Sector.** Our In-House Committee chairs, Larry Chew and Jackie Park, organized the 1st Annual AABA Law Firm/In-House Counsel Mixer, where 200 attorneys met potential outside counsel and new clients; the Committee also organized several in-house events, including a dinner on privacy issues and a joint event with in-house counterparts from the Asian Pacific Bar Association of Silicon Valley. Our Practice Development Committee – Alex Chiu, Wesley Lowe, Tony Paikeday and Richard Tamor – organized a forum for private sector attorneys considering launching solo practices and small firms. AABA Board members Christine Noma and Garner Weng re-instituted AABA’s Partner Lunches for our growing number of AABA law firm partners.
- **Playing Hard.** Our Social Committee – Sinclair Hwang, Alan Ting, Daisy Hung, Eumi Lee and Michelle Yang – continued to raise the bar for fun (pun intended). They continued the 6th Annual AABA Baseball Night tradition at AT&T Park, and hosted the highly successful Annual Unity Bar Reception for the Bay Area’s ethnic bar associations. The Social Committee also started a new tradition of happy hours with our sister bar associations, including the South Asian Bar Association of Northern California, Korean

American Bar Association of the Northern California, Vietnamese American Bar Association of Northern California, and the Filipino Bar Association of Northern California. Our holiday party at The Public set new records for the longest party and the most alcohol consumed. And we even fielded a very enthusiastic AABA volleyball team.

- **Grooming Our Future Judges.** Our Judiciary Committee – led by Jenny Huang, Avin Sharma, Ted Ting and Salle Yoo, and assisted by board members Emi Gusukuma and Celia Lee – worked hard to address low APA judicial representation by assisting up-and-coming jurists. They organized an intimate dinner between Bay Area judges and AABA members interested in the judiciary, as well as the Second Annual Judge’s Reception for Bay Area APA judges, including two California Supreme Court Justices. And thanks to Rita Mah, AABA hosted an event with the Judicial Center entitled “Chinese Americans and the California Courts; The Myth and Paradox of Being a Model Minority.”
- **Leading Beyond AABA.** During this past year, we saw AABA members ascend to positions of leadership in the broader community. Former AABA president Joan Haratani was named the first APA woman president of the Bar Association of San Francisco; Judge Lillian Sing and Public Defender Jeff Adachi handily won re-election; Rose Zimmerman became the first female and Filipina City Attorney in Daly City. And after AABA representatives met with Mayor Gavin Newsom to discuss a lack of APA representation on San Francisco’s commissions, the number of San Francisco commissioners from AABA’s ranks more than doubled this past year.
- **Keeping Our Organization Humming.** I need to recognize AABA contributors working quietly behind the scene who have been critical to our organizational success. Our Membership Committee – Annie Chuang, Jason Lee, Janet Li, Esther Que and Marcus Wu — engaged in the painstaking work of recruiting AABA members one at a time. For the first time I can recall in recent years, our Newsletter Committee put out a great newsletter every single month, thanks to Alice Chin, Rhean Fajardo, Michelle Jew, Kathy Asada, Soyeun Choi and our designer, Kaleen Woo. And big shout-outs to Eugene Pak for managing our AABA website and emails all these years, and to Lisa Herico for managing the administrative details of our organization.

And of course, I have to thank my board “beary, beary” much: Edwin Prather, Celia Lee, Garner Weng, Billy Chan, Isabel Choi, Emi Gusukuma, Willie Nguyen, Christine Noma, Eugene Pak, Marissa Tirona, Yu-Yee Wu and Malcolm Yeung. We have worked hard and had a lot of fun together, and I will miss seeing y’all on first Tuesdays.

While we have come a long way to arrive at our 30th Anniversary, I see tremendous leadership coming up our ranks that will lift AABA to new heights. Over the next 30 years, I look forward to seeing our paths cross often, as we serve and lead our APA and legal communities.

All my very best,

David Chiu



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30th ANNIVERSARY
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FRIDAY, MARCH 16, 2007
6:00 PM COCKTAILS
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30th ANNIVERSARY
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FRIDAY, MARCH 16, 2007
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PLATINUM ADVOCATE - \$5000

- VIP Seating - Table of ten at AABA 30th Anniversary Celebration & Installation Banquet
- Platinum Advocate listing and full page advertisement in event program
- Advocate recognition in all 2007 AABA monthly newsletters
- One year law firm/corporation benefactor membership
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- Silver Supporter listing and half page advertisement in event program

INDIVIDUAL SEATS - \$150

(Half-Tables may also be reserved)

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AABA Installation Dinner

By Edwin Prather, AABA President-Elect

Our wonderful bar association, established in 1976, is the oldest and arguably largest local Asian American bar association in the nation. This year marks the completion of our 30th year and the hosting of our 30th Installation Banquet. What a tremendously proud moment for AABA, our members, our founders, and the entire Asian American legal community. To further recognize this achievement, we have re-introduced our original logo from 1976 with a modern update and will continue to use the "retro" logo through 2007.

But wait there's more . . .

On March 16, 2007, AABA will host its 30th Anniversary Celebration and Installation Banquet in San Francisco at Yank Sing in the Rincon Atrium.

While AABA is sad to go outside of our nostalgic and traditional Chinatown venue, we are very excited to celebrate our birthday with a grand celebration. The short program — themed "honoring our history" — will feature a short video history by award-winning producer Dianne Fukami. We will also pay tribute to "30 Years of AABA Presidents," recognizing the significant role that each has played in the foundation and development of our bar association. Lastly, AABA will proudly honor Minami Tamaki LLP, a law firm instrumental in AABA's growth and still one of our biggest supporters.

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AABA will also introduce our officers and board of directors for 2007-08, including:

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President - Edwin K. Prather
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 Secretary - Billy Chan

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Emi Gusukuma	Christine K. Noma	Yu-Yee Wu
Reichi Lee	Eugene M. Pak	Malcolm C. Yeung

We promise a good time while we honor our history; no stuffy bar event. Axiom Legal will sponsor a surprise menu item in attempt to top itself from last year's messenger bag giveaway and the evening will be full of other surprises as well. Please join us as we celebrate 30 years. This event is not to be missed!! For information, please contact Lisa Herico at fyh@rjo.com or 415.956.2828.

AABA Logo



Logo from 1976

THEN . . .

In honor of our 30th year, AABA has updated and re-introduced our original logo from 1976. We have added "est. 1976" to the logo in celebration of our birthday and will continue to use our "retro" logo throughout the year.

NOW . . .



New 2007 Logo

After The War

Join AABA on Thursday evening, April 12, for a special evening with Philip Kan Gotanda and his new play, "**After The War**" at the American Conservatory Theater in San Francisco. Following the play, The Social Committee will be hosting an intimate and exclusive conversation between Philip and AABA members in ACT's private reception room.

AABA has reserved a limited number of tickets available on a first-come, first-serve basis for \$30/ticket (our block is in the Balcony section). Please direct ticket requests to Laura Yee at lyee@carr-mcclellan.com or (650)696-2578. After your RSVP has been received, we will contact you about sending payment in order to confirm your request and hold your ticket.

Some more information about this exciting new piece:

When more than 100,000 Japanese Americans were imprisoned by the U.S. government during World War II, San Francisco's bustling Japantown suddenly became

an urban ghost town. African-Americans from the neighboring Fillmore District, rural whites from the Midwest, and other societal outcasts began to fill the vacant neighborhood. But what happened when the Japanese Americans came back?

For more information, check out http://act-sf.org/index.cfm?s_id=&pid=txt_atw



Philip Kan Gotanda
 photo by Ryan Montgomery

Joint Mixer with AABA, La Raza and the Filipino Bar Association

Next Wednesday, on **March 7th**, at Zebulon Café & Bar (83 Natoma St.) in San Francisco, AABA, La Raza Lawyers Association and the Filipino Bar Association of Northern California will be co-hosting a joint mixer. The mixing will begin at 5:30pm and end at exactly 9pm. We will have free drinks for the early arrivals.

This mixer is the latest in a series of AABA-hosted happy hours with our sister ethnic bar associations. If you haven't attended one of our very well-attended happy hours, you've been missing out. Leave work and join the fun!



~Save the Date~



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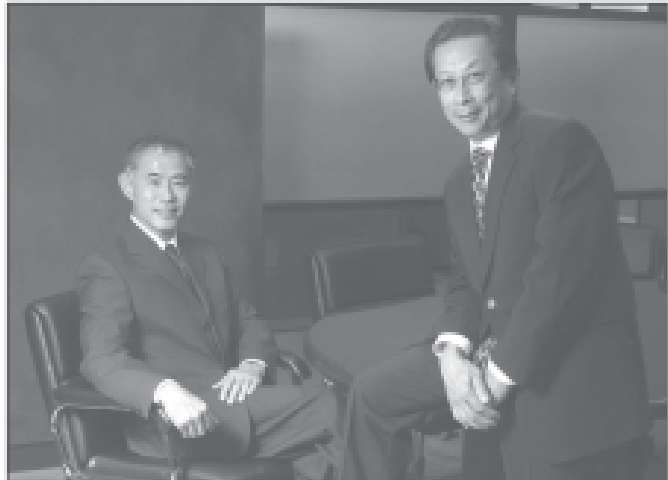
June 8-9, 2007

The conference will begin with a sun-filled day of golf at the
Annual Golf Tournament
for the **Southwest Center for Asian Pacific American Law**.
Join us at beautiful Salt Creek Golf Club on Friday, June 8, 2007
Shotgun start at 12:30 p.m. More details to follow.

For more information, please contact:
Marty Lorenzo at (858) 677-1430; marty.lorenzo@dlapiper.com



The firm taken in 1999



Dale Minami and Garrick Lew have repeatedly adapted their firm and business practices.
Jason Doiy



The firm taken in 1995



1981 Korematsu Press Conference
Roy Nakano / Crystal Hure

On March 16, 2007, AABA will honor Minami Tamaki LLP;

A true original

By embracing both its tradition of social justice and its commitment to developing a successful private practice, Minami Tamaki has grown into one of the largest minority-owned law firms in California, with 14 attorneys in San Francisco and Sunnyvale. The firm has spent more than 30 years developing a wide range of successful practice areas – from business transactions, non-profit corporations and commercial litigation to handling complex personal injury cases, business immigration, consumer rights and employment cases. Minami Tamaki’s clients include: PG&E, the California HealthCare Foundation, Kristi Yamaguchi, the Consul General of Japan and many television news anchors and reporters in the Bay Area. Its immigration group represents some of the largest tech firms in Silicon Valley with respect to their foreign work force, including Google, Inc. Minami Tamaki also represents persons who have sustained catastrophic injuries, and is one of the few small firms capable of maintaining multi-state class action consumer, wage and hour, and discrimination cases, such as its representation of African American steel workers in Richmond, and thousands of women in class actions against Abercrombie & Fitch and the U.S. Forest Service.

But the firm would not exist if not for its founders' motivation to become attorneys in order to promote social change. Minami Tamaki's founding partners grew up in the years immediately following the Internment and were heavily influenced by the '60s Civil Rights Movement. They were among the first group of Asian Americans to enter the legal profession in significant numbers. Along

the way, they co-founded San Francisco's Asian Law Caucus in 1972 and the Asian Law Alliance in San Jose in 1977. These organizations have represented thousands of Asian Americans in poverty law and civil rights matters, including the first Asian American employment discrimination class action lawsuit. Lawyers from Minami Tamaki were instrumental in the formation and growth of AABA. More than just a guiding hand, the lawyers were some of the rocks upon which AABA was built. Dale Minami shared that the forward-thinking community lawyers were able "to get enough people to buy off on the idea of a bar association dedicated to equal justice and

serving the community, and that idea in a sense became the 'unofficial ideology' of the group." They continue their support in many ways, including sponsoring each and every AABA banquet since the organization started having banquets in 1977.

Minami Tamaki lawyers took on landmark cases involving the rights of Asian American and other underrepresented groups, representing tenants who resisted eviction at the International Hotel, suing Washington State University for refusal to implement an Asian American Studies program, and UCLA, for failure to elevate Dr. Don Nakanishi to tenure because of racial discrimination.

Their most significant case was the representation of a gentle Japanese American with an iron will. In 1981, Minami Tamaki attorneys served on the legal team which reopened the landmark U.S. Supreme Court case of Fred Korematsu, eventually overturning his criminal convictions for refusing to be interned. The reopening was based on secret wartime documents from the Justice Department, War Department, Navy, FBI, and FCC, admitting that Japanese Americans had committed no wrong, and that high officials had suppressed evidence

and lied to the Court in order to manipulate the outcome of this historic decision. Years later, when President Clinton awarded Korematsu the Presidential Medal of Freedom, he remarked: "In the long history of our country's constant search for justice, some names of ordinary citizens stand for millions of souls...Plessy, Brown, Parks...To that distinguished list, today we add

the name of Fred Korematsu."

Additionally, in 1998, the firm was part of the legal team representing the Japanese American community in a suit against the San Francisco YWCA arising out of California's racist Alien Land Laws barring immigrant Japanese Americans ("Issei") from owning certain types of property. In the 1920's, Issei women began raising money to purchase property in Japantown to build a "Japanese" YWCA. Because it was illegal for the Issei to own the

property, the YWCA promised to hold title in trust for the benefit of these women. In 1997, the YWCA changed its position, denied the existence of the trust, claimed sole title, and attempted to sell the property for \$1.6 million. The legal team and the community rallied against the YWCA and the suit resulted in a settlement providing that the property remain in non-profit charitable use in perpetuity.

With all of the firm's business and civil rights successes, the firm has remained grounded in AABA. Many firm lawyers continue to serve on AABA committees and influence the direction of the organization. The firm has been and always will be a staunch supporter of AABA and the Asian American legal community, including organizations such as; Chinese for Affirmative Action, the Organization of Chinese Americans, Cameron House, the Center for Southeast Asian Refugee Resettlement, Kimochi, the East Bay Asian Local Development Corporation, Glide, and the Asian Law Caucus.

We salute Minami Tamaki and its 30 years of dedication and commitment to AABA.

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WILL WORK FOR FEE
 Minami, Law does more than just high-profile pro bono cases

By Arthur Berman
Dale Minami knows people in the law. He's worked for the firm, and he's also represented them. Minami, who has worked for the firm since 1972, is a former partner at San Francisco attorney Dale Minami's law firm, which has represented prominent companies, including investment, financial, business and family law.

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REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS FOR
MUNICIPAL FINANCE COUNSEL SERVICES

- DUE DATE:** 3:00 p.m., Friday, March 30, 2007
- CONTACT:** Michael J. Martin, Deputy City Attorney
Office of City Attorney Dennis J. Herrera
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City Hall, Room 234
1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place
San Francisco, California 94102-4682
Tel: (415) 554-4648 Fax: (415) 554-4755
- SUBMISSIONS:** Each firm is required to submit one unbound signed original, together with seven copies, of its proposal to Michael Martin.
- QUESTIONS:** Contact Michael Martin in the Office of the City Attorney (415) 554-4648 to discuss this RFQ. Contact the Human Rights Commission (415) 252-2500 for assistance with the Local Business Enterprise Ordinance.
- You may also access the City's website at www.sfgov.org/site/cityattorney_index.asp to obtain additional information regarding the City or its contracting requirements and provisions.

Upcoming Calendar of Events

March

Joint Mixer with AABA, La Raza and the Filipino Bar Association, **March 7th**, Zebulon Café & Bar (83 Natoma St.) in San Francisco, 5:30pm and end at exactly 9pm.

AABA 30th Annual Dinner, **March 16**, 6 pm. Yank Sing Restaurant, Rincon Center Atrium, San Francisco

April

"**After The War**" a play by Philip Kan Gotanda, **April 12**, at the American Conservatory Theater in San Francisco.

Nominations for 2007 State Bar Diversity Awards

By Newsletter Committee

The State Bar of California annually honors members of the legal community who have demonstrated an extraordinary commitment to the profession and is inviting nominations for its 2007 legal services awards which includes the Diversity Awards. The purpose of the Diversity Award is to recognize outstanding efforts made by a bar association and an individual attorney in promoting diversity in the legal profession. In 2006, Bill Lann Lee was honored with this prestigious award.

The deadline to submit postmarked nominations is **March 30, 2007**. Nominations will be reviewed by the State Bar's Council on Access and Fairness who will provide recommendations to the Board of Governors. Awardees will be announced prior to the presentation of the awards at the Diversity Awards Reception held during the State Bar Annual Meeting in the fall.





For more information about the guidelines or to obtain nomination forms, log onto the State Bar Website: www.calbar.ca.gov. Nomination Forms are also available by calling 415-538-2328 or by e-mailing programdevelopment@calbar.ca.gov.




LOOKING FOR APA OWNED LAW FIRMS . . .

The National Asian Pacific American Bar Association (NAPABA) is undertaking a project to compile a database of APA owned law firms. Currently there is no such national database and we have had calls specifically requesting an APA owned law firm. Please email Andy Le, nlfstaff@napaba.org <<mailto:nlfstaff@napaba.org>>, if your firm is interested in being included in this database. Solo practitioners count in this number as well.

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The Call and Response to Diversity

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 Program: 4:30p
 Reception: 6:00-7:30p

Practising Law Institute
 685 Market Street, Suite 100
 San Francisco, CA 94105

CMCP/ACC Members: \$65
 Non-members: \$90

Over 100 Chief Legal Officers in a variety of industries have signed the "Call to Action". The "Call to Action" reflects their commitment to diversity and the signatory CLOs pledge to make outside counsel decisions based, in part, on the firms' diversity performance. The CLOs further pledge to limit or eliminate law firms that demonstrate no meaningful commitment to diversity.

This event provides a forum for CLOs to explain candidly how a firm's commitment to diversity impacts the selection and retention process. Law firms of various sizes will also participate and discuss what they are doing in response to their clients' call to diversity their own internal efforts to become more inclusive.

Speakers

- James Potter, *SVP, General Counsel and Secretary, Del Monte Foods (Moderator)*
- Tevnia Barnes, *Partner, Foley & Lardner LLP*
- Hilary Krane, *SVP and General Counsel, Levi Strauss & Company*
- Tony Paikeday, *Managing Partner, Silicon Counsel LLP*
- Douglas Scrivner, *General Counsel and Secretary, Accenture*
- D. Bruce Sewell, *SVP and General Counsel, Intel Corporation*
- Alex Vasquez, *Associate General Counsel, WAL-MART Stores, Inc.*
- Arif Virji, *Managing Partner, Lynch Gilardi & Grummer*

Registration Deadline
 March 27, 2007

1.5 Hour Elimination of Bias MCLE Credit

For more information about the "Call to Action" visit www.clocalltoaction.com



The California Minority Counsel Program certifies that an application is pending for approval as a State Bar of California approved MCLE provider.

Registration form (Call and Response): Cancellations Policy: Registration fees will be refunded, minus a \$5.00 handling fee, upon written request postmarked by March 27. Questions? Please call (415) 782-8990.

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Legal Briefs

Michelle Jew, Co-Chair of the Newsletter Committee

Asian American leaders join forces to criticize AsianWeek

A national coalition of Asian American organizations, including AABA, is spearheading a campaign to call for AsianWeek, which purports to be the "Voice of Asian America", to take immediate actions for its publication of a column by Kenneth Eng, entitled "Why I Hate Blacks", in its February 23rd edition. The coalition is encouraging people to sign an online petition at <http://www.capaweb.org/awpetition>, which demands that AsianWeek issue an unequivocal apology, terminate its relationship with Mr. Eng, review its editorial policy and process, and hold those responsible accountable. AsianWeek has held a press conference to announce the dismissal of Mr. Eng and to apologize for the publication of the column. Media attention and dialogue within the Asian American community on this issue is ongoing.



Victor Hwang and Rev. Norman Fong outside immigration court, San Francisco, 3/16/05. Photo by Malcolm Yeung.

AABA Assists In The Release Of Eddy Zheng From Immigration Detention

On February 27, Eddy Zheng was released after 21 years of being held in immigration detention. This was a huge victory for several AABA members who assisted in Mr. Zheng's case, including Anmol Chaddha and former AABA President Victor Hwang. However, this victory does not mean that he will not be deported. It only means that Mr. Zheng will no longer be held in immigration detention while the government conducts its deportation procedures. He is facing deportation as a result of a federal rule change that made deportation mandatory for non-citizens who have committed aggravated felonies. Mr. Zheng will continue to challenge his deportation in the federal courts, which may take another year. Look for Victor Hwang's article regarding Mr. Zheng's journey and his work on Mr. Zheng's case in the upcoming April AABA Issue.



Eddy Zheng at age 16

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