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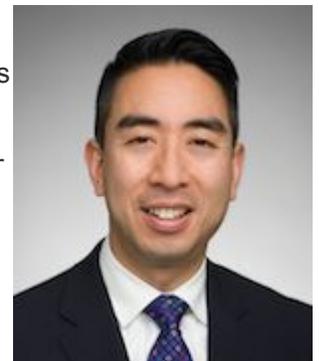
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### President's Message

Dear AABA Family,

It is almost the halfway point of my presidency, and I am proud that AABA has continued to show its strength as a united community this year. We have taken stances on important issues, including AABA's endorsement of San Francisco Superior Court Judges Cynthia Lee and Andrew Cheng in the upcoming June election and voicing our disapproval for the federal lawsuit against California for its sanctuary city laws.

AABA has organized or sponsored more than 40 events on a range of interests this year, including our Pathways to Law Conference (attended by over 200 high school, college, and post-college students and their families), the establishment of our new



attorney wellness task force (which is planning important programs in the coming months), our LGBTQ committee's networking programs, and our community service event refurbishing classrooms for children.

Gearing up for the rest of this year, we want to continue growing our membership to amplify our voices more and build a stronger, united community. We know many of you are already part of other bar associations, so until May 31, 2018, AABA is offering \$25 off membership for anyone who is a member of another Bay Area bar association. If you are not an AABA member already, please consider becoming a [member here](#). Please also encourage your friends from other bar associations to join AABA!

I hope you enjoy the May edition of our newsletter. We feature a biography on Mr. C.C. Wing (the first Chinese American lawyer in California), a membership spotlight on Caroline Pham (one of AABA's newest members), and an article regarding the campaign to rename a San Francisco park named after a Chinese Exclusion Act advocate.

I encourage you to vote in the upcoming June elections and thank you for being part of AABA! Please do let me know if there is anything I can do for you. We are Better Together, Stronger United.

In solidarity,  
David Tsai

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## Op-Ed: Rename Julius Kahn Playground

By Allan Low, Lindsey Quock, and Linda Zhang

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Julius Kahn Playground is a San Francisco Recreation and Park playground located on West Pacific Avenue nestled between the Presidio and the City's Presidio Heights neighborhood. Julius Kahn Playground is popular with families and children and has been enjoyed by San Franciscans for over 90 years.



But, who was Julius Kahn? Julius Kahn was an actor-turned-lawyer who represented San Francisco in the U.S. House of Representatives from 1899 to 1903 and from 1905 to 1924. Congressman Kahn, known for his patriotism and advocacy of military preparedness, was an influential figure of his time and played a prominent role in the creation of the park. However, Julius Kahn is also known for his advocacy and leadership in making permanent the Chinese Exclusion Act.

The Chinese Exclusion Act, originally signed into law on May 6, 1882, excluded Chinese laborers from entering the United States under the purported fear that they “endanger[ed] the good order of certain localities.” This was the first time in U.S. history that the country barred entry of a specific ethnic group. The Act also required Chinese people who were already in the United States to obtain certifications to re-enter the U.S. if they left,

making it difficult and risky for Chinese in America to travel back to China to see their families. Moreover, the Act prohibited state and federal courts from granting Chinese persons citizenship. The Chinese Exclusion Act was initially meant to last for ten years, but it was renewed by the Geary Act in 1892 for another ten, whereby it further required that each Chinese resident register and obtain a certificate of residence, or else face deportation.

When the Act was again set to expire in 1902, Julius Kahn led the effort to make the Act permanent. In 1902, he drafted and introduced H.R. 13031, dubbed “the Kahn bill,” to the U.S. House of Representatives. Kahn explained to his colleagues that laws against Chinese immigrants needed to be more restrictive because of the deceitful nature of Chinese immigrants. On the April 4, 1902 House floor, he proclaimed:

“[I]f the Chinese people themselves would deal honestly with us, and if they resorted less to trickery and duplicity to circumvent our laws, then there would be no need of closing up all possible loopholes in the law with the seemingly severely restrictive measures that the Chinese themselves make necessary.”

In his remarks to Congress, he also quoted the writings of Bayard Taylor in the book, “A visit to India, China and Japan,” which described Chinese people as having poor character:

“It is my deliberate opinion that the Chinese are morally the most debased people on the face of the earth. Forms of vice which in other countries are barely named are in China so common they excite no comment among the natives. They constitute the surface level, and below them there are depths of depravity so shocking and horrible that their character cannot even be hinted.”

Kahn also lamented about the inability of Chinese in America to assimilate:

“For nearly fifty years the Chinese have lived in this country. Their daily intercourse with the Caucasian has not materially changed their customs or habits. Mr. Taylor's description of conditions in China is undoubtedly equally applicable to any Chinese community in our country.”

Furthermore, Congressman Kahn played into people’s fears by portraying the Chinese in San Francisco’s Chinatown as dangerous criminals—rhetoric that is similar to the anti-immigrant sentiment that we still hear today:

“It is true that gambling and sensuality are the great vices of the Chinese, the latter taking unnatural forms with terrible frequency. . . . But they do not confine themselves to petty offenses exclusively. As I have already shown, murder is not an uncommon thing among them, while murderous assaults, robberies, kidnapping, and blackmail are a frequent occurrence. . . . That gives you a fair idea of their peaceableness.”

Through Congressman Kahn’s leadership and staunch advocacy, the Chinese Exclusion Act was made permanent in 1902.

After making the Chinese Exclusion Act permanent, Congressman Kahn pursued the exclusion of all Asians from entry into the United States. During a speech to a men’s organization in 1906, Kahn expressed California’s hostility toward the Japanese and argued for their exclusion as well, just months before the United

States and Japan entered into the Gentlemen's Agreement which effectively prevented Japanese laborers from entering the U.S.:

"And now we are threatened with another Oriental invasion. . . . the people of California regard these Japanese coolies with greater abhorrence- aye, even with greater fear- than they did the coolies from China. We feel that the former have all the vices of the Chinese, with none of their virtues. The Chinaman lives up to the letter of his obligation, while the Japanese never hesitates to break that obligation if it suits his purpose. . . . we want the Japanese coolie kept out of our State. . . . We will never permit our young children to be thrown into close contact with adult Japanese . . . I am positive that I voice the unanimous sentiment of people of the Pacific Coast when I say that they do not want our naturalization law extended to the Japanese. The people of the Pacific Coast feel satisfied that he will always remain loyal to the Mikado, and that the oath of naturalization would be to him but a hollow mockery, an empty formality, signifying nothing. We do not want that kind of citizenship, and we do not intend to have it if we can prevent it."

Kahn also lobbied for the exclusion of Asian Indians who, among many other Asians, would soon be excluded from the U.S. through Congress's Immigration Act of 1917, also known as the "Asiatic Barred Zone Act." In 1910, Congressman Kahn sent a letter to the Commissioner General of Immigration, Daniel Keefe, asserting that people from India would be a burden on U.S. communities. Kahn wrote, "It must be remembered . . . that they come from a tropical country and from what I hear they cannot stand the rigors of a northern climate and on that account are bound to become burdens upon the communities to which they go."

Furthermore, although Filipinos would not be excluded because the Philippines were a U.S. territory at the time, Congressman Kahn nevertheless openly expressed disdain toward Filipinos, especially those of mixed Chinese and Filipino descent. On April 4, 1902, on the House floor, he said:

"There are probably 200,000 Chinese of the full blood in the Philippine Island. Those of mixed blood . . . are a much more dangerous element, because they combine in themselves nearly all the vices of the Chinese and the Malays, with practically none of the virtues of either race."

Our parks should be, and stand for, places of inclusion and acceptance. Everyone should be welcome to exercise, recreate, play, connect or just reflect regardless of their nationality or immigration status. We should not continue to honor or dignify those elected leaders whose legacies are built on exclusion, hatred, bigotry, or racial purity. Congressman Kahn promoted and institutionalized racist and exclusionary policies in San Francisco and the United States. Congressman Kahn's actions were on the wrong side of history. We are taking this opportunity to correct this mistake and advocate that exclusion is not the answer. Our teaching moment is now to make this right and remind all not to repeat history.

The efforts to rename Julius Kahn Playground are led by the Chinese for Affirmative Action and the Chinese Historical Society of America, both represented by pro bono counsel Perkins Coie, Allan Low, Lindsey Quock, and Linda Zhang.

Supervisor Norman Yee introduced a resolution to direct the Recreation and Park Commission to remove Julius Kahn from Julius Kahn Playground and to lead a community process to rename the playground that reflects San Francisco's shared values. Supervisors Sandy Fewer and Aaron Peskin are co-sponsoring the resolution.

The resolution is set to be heard on **May 23, 2018 at 10:00 am at City Hall** before the Board's Public Safety and Neighborhood Services Committee. The resolution is expected to be adopted in June 2018. The Recreation and Park Commission is expected to approve the name removal and adopt a new name in November 2018.

**SIGN A PETITION** to the San Francisco Board of Supervisors in support of renaming Julius Kahn playground.

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## AABA Membership Spotlight: Caroline Pham

Caroline Pham joined AABA last year and is an associate at Fisher & Phillips LLP, one of the nation's largest labor and employment law firms. Caroline represents employers in all areas of employment law, with a focus on defending claims of discrimination, harassment, wrongful termination, retaliation, failure to accommodate a disability, and wage and hour class actions. She regularly handles cases in state and federal court and before the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission and California Department of Fair Employment and Housing.



In addition to her litigation practice, Caroline devotes a considerable amount of her practice to counseling employers on day-to-day issues that arise in the workplace, such as complying with paid sick leave laws, responding to requests for accommodation, and assisting employers in termination proceedings. Caroline also has extensive experience drafting employee handbooks, employment agreements, and other employment policies and procedures.

Caroline is a graduate of UCLA School of Law, where she served as an Associate Editor of the Asian Pacific American Law Journal and a Legal Research and Writing Skills Advisor. Prior to law school, she served as a judicial extern to the Honorable John Nho Trong Nguyen in Orange County Superior Court, who was the first Vietnamese-American judge in Orange County and a strong advocate for political and economic justice.

Caroline also studied at Stanford Graduate School of Business for the Summer Institute for General Management. She received her B.A. in Communications from UCLA, where she graduated summa cum laude.

**First job:** Like a true 90's SoCal kid, I was a store model at Abercrombie & Fitch for the summer. It was a fun first job, but I can't say that I miss the dark lighting, loud music, and constant smell of men's cologne.

**What annoys you the most:** Papercuts. Thankfully, document review can be done electronically.

**Hidden talent:** I'm very good at puns.

**Favorite food:** My mom's homemade pho. It's pho-nominal (see above answer).

**Why did you enter the law:** Like many Asian Americans, my parents "strongly encouraged" me to pursue a career in medicine or law. Knowing that I didn't want to follow my dad's footsteps as a doctor, I explored a

career in law and I am so grateful that I did. While serving as a judicial extern for Judge Nho Trong Nguyen before law school, I learned that law is a career where I can do well for myself professionally, but also do good for others. Personally, I enjoy investigating claims, legal research and writing, and discussing strategy with other associates and partners. However, I also love being able to help others by guiding my clients through the intricacies of California's employment laws, and advocating for them when any claims arise. Beyond my day to day job, I feel privileged to have the ability to contribute my skills and services to the community through pro bono work.

**Dream job if you could do anything you wanted in the world:** Professional world traveler.

**AABA is \_\_\_\_\_ (complete the phrase):** My community. I grew up in Newport Beach and went to law school in Los Angeles. When I moved to San Francisco one year ago, I realized that I had left my family and professional network in Southern California. Having grown up in a predominantly Caucasian neighborhood, I hadn't considered joining an Asian-American affiliated organization until I was asked to represent my firm at the NAPABA conference. I was surprised at how instantly I connected with AABA members at the conference and knew I had to get involved with AABA. Since I've joined AABA, it's been very comforting to know that I have this huge community of colleagues and friends, who share a similar history of experience as immigrants and a common goal towards promoting Asian Americans in the legal industry.

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## When Competence Met Prejudice

The first Asian American to practice law in California, my father fought discrimination — and won  
By Linda Chan

This article was originally published in the USF Lawyer Magazine (Spring 2018).

My mother was cleaning out the basement and told me to take an old chest to Salvation Army, but I couldn't bear it. I loved this beautiful old Chinese chest — it was more than 100 years old and covered with intricately carved flowers, dragons, and other ornate Chinese art. After moving it into my Berkeley apartment and lovingly cleaning and oiling it, I opened it to discover century-old newspapers featuring my father, C.C. Wing, a fellow USF law alumnus who graduated in 1918.

I knew my father as the first Chinese American general agent for Occidental Life Insurance Company, now Transamerica Life Insurance Company. Not until I read those newspaper articles did I learn he was the first Chinese American ever admitted to practice law in the state of California. "Chan Chung Wing, in charge of the Chinese Branch of foreign exchange in the Bank of Italy, passed his bar examinations today in the District Court of Appeals with a percentage of 96. This is said to be one of the highest ratings ever recorded," wrote The Recorder in 1918.

After I read these glowing newspaper articles, I asked my father how it felt being the first Chinese American attorney in California. Unfortunately, his stories were not very uplifting and reflected the rampant discrimination against Chinese during the early 1900s.

He had great memories of attending USF School of Law at night, after working during the day for A.P. Giannini at the Bank of Italy, which became the Bank of America. But his first experiences in the California court rooms were challenging. One Sacramento judge did not believe that my father was an attorney and refused to allow him to practice law in his court room. Another San Francisco judge constantly ruled against my father regardless of the merits of his case. Because he normally lost at the local level, he had to appeal his cases where he was generally able to prevail. My father finally felt vindicated when he successfully represented a Chinese man accused of murdering his employer.

Always the pioneer paving the way for other Chinese, my father wanted to help Chinese businesses succeed. In his role at the Bank of Italy, he saw Chinese merchants being denied life insurance they badly needed. Most insurers thought they would be bad risks because of rumors that “Chinese ate fish heads and rice.” He armed himself with mortality tables and proved that the Chinese would be a very safe bet, and his life insurance career officially began. The C.C. Wing Agency became one of Occidental Life Insurance Company’s top producing agencies in the 1940s, 1950s, and 1960s.



When my father asked me to take over his law practice and insurance agency in 1980, I was worried that I wouldn’t be able to practice law and run the insurance agency. When I told my father that I didn’t think I could do it, he looked at me with that cute sparkle in his eye that he always got when trying to persuade me to do something I was afraid to do — like golf — and said with great assurance, “Don’t worry! It’s easy!” And he was right.

Not only did he pave the way for new opportunities for the Chinese community in America, but for me personally as a woman and a Chinese American attorney. Just as he was shocked and delighted at my first hole-in-one during our early morning round of golf, he was tremendously pleased when I passed the California bar exam. His best friend told me, “Your father’s buttons were popping off his vest when you passed the bar!” For his vision to think differently, I am tremendously grateful.

Linda Chan '78 (pictured above with her father) recently retired as a general agent for Transamerica Life Insurance Company, after running the C.C. Wing Life Insurance Agency, Inc., the company her father founded.

**Join us for "Celebrating Chan Chung 'C.C.' Wing: California's First Chinese American Lawyer" on May 31st, 6 - 9 PM at Hanson Bridgett, San Francisco. [More information and registration here.](#)**



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## Rebuilding Together San Francisco with Union Bank: Judith Baker Childhood Development Center

By Lisa Wong, Community Services Committee Member and Volunteer

Did you know April is National Rebuilding Month? In the spirit of celebrating, AABA's Community Services Committee participated in the "Rebuilding Together San Francisco" project hosted by Union Bank on Saturday, April 28, 2018. We teamed up to paint the classrooms at Judith Baker Childhood Development Center, one of the much needed childhood development centers in San Francisco.

Our combined force of 25 strong volunteers (including parents and teachers from the school) bravely accepted the challenges as we walked through the gates of Judith Baker Childhood Development Center at 8am. Without a moment to spare, we cleaned and repainted three large classrooms. We completed the challenge with precision and attention to details. As the clock struck 4pm, we took one last glance at our masterpiece and smiled, knowing that the children of Judith Baker Development Center will now be able to start the day brighter.

AABA CSC Co-Chair Rebecca Tseng set up the connection with Union Bank and led this project. Ten AABA volunteers and friends spent their Saturday to help spruce up this childhood development center.

The AABA Community Services Committee serves the greater community through pro bono legal clinics and service activities like the AABA/APILO Clinic and the San Francisco Food Bank. If you are interested in becoming more involved, please join the AABA Community Services Facebook Group Page or contact any of the CSC Co-Chairs: Stephen Chong([stephen@stchong-law.com](mailto:stephen@stchong-law.com)), Pamela Chung([pamela.chung.law@gmail.com](mailto:pamela.chung.law@gmail.com)), Rebecca Tseng ([rebecca@siliconlegal.com](mailto:rebecca@siliconlegal.com)), and Darryl Woo ([dwoo@velaw.com](mailto:dwoo@velaw.com)).



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## 2018 Joe Morozumi Memorial Scholarship - Henna Kaushal

This month, we feature Henna's personal statement submitted with her scholarship application:

The AABA Law Foundation's investment in me empowers me as a Sikh South Asian woman in pursuing my goals as a public interest lawyer. Marginalized communities need lawyers who are cognizant of their realities, and I wish to be the bridge between my communities and the justice system to address the rights' violations. I will take the skills I develop in law school back home to empower my community members to stoke their relentless optimism for a better future.



From immigration barriers to government surveillance to being victims of hate crimes, the Asian American experience is diverse but consistently laced with elements of social othering. To be Asian American is to be seen as perpetually foreign, regardless of our immigration status or integrative efforts. We can trace the exclusion of our community from historical immigration bans over 100 year ago to the incarceration of Japanese Americans during World War II and post-9/11 hate crimes against Sikhs, Muslims and other South Asians. To examine the impact of othering and discrimination, I would only need to look at my own experiences or to my Sikh community's experiences. Despite the adversities they faced, my family persevered to establish roots in this soil. Having grown up in their adopted land, I have inherited both the optimism and struggles of my immigrant family.

My Sikh faith instilled in me a deep commitment to community (sangat) and service (seva), and relentless optimism in the face of adversity (chardi kala). I knew I was afforded opportunities my parents and grandparents did not have, so giving back to my communities was a natural and common occurrence. Because I see political and legal empowerment as the solution to othering and discrimination, my service often took that form. For example, I have organized domestic violence awareness campaigns, Know Your Rights presentations, and political education workshops for South Asian youth on the connection of Punjabi water issues with Standing Rock and combating anti-Blackness within our community.

Inspired by community lawyers from my hometown of Fresno, I decided to go to law school to gain the skills necessary to become a fierce legal advocate for marginalized people. At Berkeley Law, I have continued to seek opportunities to create spaces for tough and necessary conversation. As an Associate Editor for the Asian American Law Journal, I coordinated a panel on affirmative action for a journal symposium titled "United Against White Supremacy". As a 1L representative for the Coalition for Diversity, I was a part of a three-person team planning a free pre-law conference at Berkeley Law for students of color. The most impactful experience in law school has been my participation in the Restorative Justice Roundtable Program at San Quentin State Prison. Through my weekly dialogues with the men in my circle, I hear their narratives, see the human impact of mass incarceration, and I am inspired to do work in the intersection of immigration and incarceration.

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## Event Photo Galleries



**May 9 - Attorney Wellness Task Force First Meeting**

**April 28 - Community Services Committee Event with  
Rebuilding Together San Francisco**

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## AABA and Community Events Calendar

### May

#### May 16 (Oakland) and May 23 (San Francisco) - APILO/AABA Clinics

The AABA Community Services Committee and Asian Pacific Islander Legal Outreach (APILO) operate a pro bono legal clinic that is staffed by volunteer attorneys and law students. The clinic helps ensure that low-income Bay Area residents, including many mono-lingual immigrants, will receive free legal information and advice from AABA volunteers. The APILO/AABA clinic assists individuals in a number of areas, including immigration and family law issues.

The Oakland clinic is held on the 3rd Wednesday of each month from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at APILO's office at 310 8th Street, Suite 308, Oakland 94607. The San Francisco clinic is held on the 4th Wednesday of each month from 5:45 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at UC Hastings' Civil Justice Clinic at 100 McAllister Street, Suite 300.

If you are interested in volunteering at the clinic, please contact the AABA Community Services Committee co-chairs for more information about the clinic.

**May 17 - Thirsty Thursdays Happy Hour w/FBANC, SABA, CALOBA**

6:00 - 9:00 p.m. | The Last Drop Tavern, 550 Powell Street, San Francisco

Join us for the first monthly Thirsty Thursdays Happy Hour, co-sponsored by FBANC, SABA-NC, and CALOBA. There will be an open bar and food. Thank you to our Premier Sponsor, Aptus Court Reporting!

**[Register here](#)**

**May 19 - Free Citizenship Clinic**

10:00 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Locations:

Irvington High School, 41800 Blacow Road, Fremont, California 94538

Muslim Community Association, Maryam Banquet Hall, 3003 Scott Boulevard, Santa Clara, California 95054.

Sikh Gurdwara Sahib, 3636 Murillo Avenue, San Jose, California 95148

SABA-NC is hosting free citizenship clinics in the South Bay Area and is looking for volunteers (both lawyers and non-lawyers to volunteer). Immigration law experience is not necessary as we will have immigration lawyers at each site.

**[More information and volunteer sign-up here](#)**

**May 22 - Negotiating Towards an Effective Resolution | 1 HR MCLE Credit**

5:30 - 6:30 p.m. | Arnold Porter, 3 Embarcadero Center, 10th Floor, San Francisco, CA 94111

Negotiation skills are essential in litigation, transaction work, and everyday life. Join our panel as they provide insight from different perspectives on strategies and problem-solving techniques to create and distribute value, break deadlocks, strengthen relationships, and move towards an effective resolution.

Speakers:

Kyungah Kay Suk, Circuit Mediator, U.S. Court of Appeals for the 9th Cir.

Diana Olin, Senior Legal Counsel, Box

Miye Goishi, Clinical Professor of Law and Director of the Civil Justice Clinic, University of California Hastings College of the Law

Yingxi Fu-Tomlinson, Partner, Arnold & Porter

FREE for AABA members and students

**[Register here](#)**

**May 23 - 2018 Bay Area Women Attorneys Mixer**

6:00 - 8:00 p.m. | Alves Caffè Macs, 10250 Bandle Drive, Cupertino, CA 95014

Apple is hosting a networking event for bar associations across the Bay Area to focus on supporting the advancement and inclusion of women in the legal profession. All are welcome. Please join us for refreshments while you network.

**[Register here](#)**

**May 24 - FBANC/BALIF/AABA LGBTQ Mixer**

6:00 - 8:30 p.m. | Mr. Smith's, 34 Seventh Street, San Francisco, CA 94103

The AABA LGBTQ Committee is proud to co-sponsor a mixer hosted by the Filipino American Bar Association of

Northern California ("FBANC") and BALIF. FBANC hosts this mixer every year to celebrate diversity and allyship in the LGBTQ legal community. Please come help us celebrate diversity and provide support for one another.

We look forward to seeing you there! Event is free for AABA members. Please RSVP with Francis Yang, [fyang@velaw.com](mailto:fyang@velaw.com).

**May 31 - Celebrating Chan Chung "C.C." Wing: California's First Chinese American Lawyer**

6:00 - 9:00 p.m. | Hanson Bridgett, 425 Market St, San Francisco, CA 94105

Please join us for a celebration honoring the 100th anniversary of Chan Chung "C.C." Wing's admission to the California State Bar. C.C. Wing, a 1918 graduate of the University of San Francisco School of Law, was a trailblazer and a relentless advocate for the API community.

**[Register here](#)**

## **June**

**June 2 - Volunteer with AABA - SF-Marin Food Bank**

9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. | SF-Marin Food Bank, 900 Pennsylvania Avenue, San Francisco, CA 94107

Come join the AABA Community Services Committee at the SF-Marin Food Bank as we prepare food donation packages to distribute to thousands of families in need of emergency food aid. As a volunteer, you will sort and package food to be distributed at local food pantries, children's snack programs, soup kitchens and homeless shelters throughout San Francisco. AABA will provide lunch after the event.

**[Register here](#)**

**June 14 - AABA and APABA-SV Joint Happy Hour**

6:00 PM - 8:00 PM | Blacksmith, 2048 Broadway Redwood City, CA 94063

Please come to learn more about the Solo and Small Firms Committee!

**[Register here](#)**

**June 18 - LGBTQ Committee Quarterly Meeting**

6:00 PM - 8:00 PM | Farella Braun + Martel, 235 Montgomery St, San Francisco, CA 94104

Please join the LGBTQ Committee for its quarterly meeting June 18, 2018 at the Farella Braun + Matel SF office. Event starts at 6:00 p.m. The committee will provide a preview of summer events, and provide time for members to mingle and connect/reconnect. As always, allies are welcome. Food and drink will be provided.

Please RSVP here. Email Francis Yang, [fyang@velaw.com](mailto:fyang@velaw.com), with any questions.

**[Register here](#)**

**June 20 (Oakland) and June 27(San Francisco) - APILO/AABA Clinics**

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### **June 20 - Dignity in the Digital Age CLE and Training**

6:00 pm Registration; 6:30-8:30 pm Program | Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher, 1881 Page Mill Road, Palo Alto

The APABA Silicon Valley Social & Community Committee invites you to attend a training for "Dignity in the Digital Age," an award-winning pro bono program run by Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher partner Carrie LeRoy.

The program trains volunteers to conduct training sessions for students at local schools. Goals of this program for high school students are to: 1) deter unlawful online conduct and speech; 2) empower victims of online crimes and assault; and 3) engage bystanders to report crimes/help others in distress.

Please join us to learn more about how you can get involved and help youth to stay safe and behave responsibly in their digital lives—an easy way to plug into pro bono work that is making a real difference in our community! There is a 4-6 hour annual time commitment to volunteer in high schools, but you may attend the training just to learn more about the program and earn CLE!

Please RSVP to <https://goo.gl/forms/jHPkeuZUag9B0Fi72> by June 4.

### **June 23 - AABA, ABL and Nakayoshi Young Professionals Joint Hike**

9:00 - 12:00 p.m. | California Coastal Trail at The Presidio

Please come join us for a casual stroll with our community partners!

**[Register here](#)**

### **June 24 - Mentorship Family Reunion Picnic**

11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. | Off the Grid, Presidio, Main Parade Grounds

Reunite with your current or prior AABA Mentorship Family at our picnic at the Presidio! AABA will provide drinks and games for attendees; food is available for purchase at food vendors of Off the Grid. Feel free to bring your own picnic blankets and chairs. Open to all prior and current AABA Mentorship Families as well as families, children, friends, and pets of AABA members.

**[Register here](#)**

### **June 27 - The Ins and Outs of Voter Rights and Registration**

5:30 - 7:30 p.m. | Perkins Coie, 505 Howard St #1000, San Francisco, CA 94105

**[Register here](#)**

### **June 28 - Summer Diversity Reception**

5:30 - 8:30 p.m. | Fang Restaurant, 660 Howard St., San Francisco, CA 94105

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