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SCCLA 50th Anniversary Q&A

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In celebration of SCCLA's 50th anniversary, we are featuring our board members and student representatives in our weekly e-newsletter. Meet the team leading SCCLA's efforts and commitment to advance the professional growth and interests of Chinese American and Asian American lawyers, jurists, and law students; improve the Chinese American and Asian American communities' access to legal services; and promote the interests of Chinese American and Asian American communities!



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SCCLA 50TH ANNIVERSARY



David Chiang

BOARD MEMBER

David Chiang is a native Angeleno from the San Gabriel Valley. After law school, he returned to Los Angeles to serve as a Deputy District Attorney. For 11 years, he prosecuted every type of case, meeting people from every corner of Los Angeles. Last year, he transitioned to the California Department of Justice, where he now focuses on prosecuting cybercrimes and advising agencies across California and beyond on high-tech investigations.

What is your first, most memorable, or favorite SCCLA event?

My first SCCLA event was a summer happy hour at Everson Royce Bar. I showed up hoping to network but ended up deep in conversations about law, life, and everything in between. I wasn't just sharing drinks—I was sharing stories, laughter, and community. That night of fellowship hooked me on SCCLA, and I knew I had found my place.

What led you to join SCCLA? How has been your experience?

I joined the SCCLA Board because I realized I owed a debt to the AAPI legal community that nurtured me—a debt I could only repay by giving back and helping uplift the next generation.

Serving on the Board has been an incredible experience. I've been lucky to work alongside such an amazing group of lawyers and friends. It's been a little bit of everything—from fancy gala nights to packing food for the underprivileged, from interviewing pioneering AAPI lawyers to providing legal advice at a pro bono clinic.



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SCCLA 50TH ANNIVERSARY



One project especially close to my heart is the SCCLA Archive, where I've served as Chair for the past 18 months. We've built a growing collection preserving the rich history of Chinese-American and AAPI lawyers in Southern California. Our story should be preserved and told, and it's such a privilege for me and SCCLA to be a part of it, and to be the stewards of that history.

(And if you have photos, documents, or stories to share—please reach out to the Archive Committee! Every piece matters!)

SCCLA is 50 years old! What are your thoughts on this milestone?

When I interviewed one of SCCLA's early members for our Oral History Project, he told me: "Stay vigilant. Always keep fighting."

For 50 years, SCCLA has fought for AAPI representation in the legal community and beyond. As we reach this milestone, that fight feels more important than ever. Those of us who are here today are being called on to take up that fight at a time when our place in America and the law seems more uncertain than ever.

So, as SCCLA turns 50 years old, I am certain that my SCCLA brothers and sisters and I will remain true to that pledge. We will remain vigilant, until it is our turn to pass the torch to the next generation--perhaps at SCCLA's 100th anniversary!

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SCCLA Monthly Legal Aid Clinic (3rd Wednesday of Each Month)



Southern California Chinese Lawyers Association &
Neighborhood Legal Services of Los Angeles County
南加州華人律師協會 (SCCLA)
洛杉磯縣社區法律服務 (NLSLA)

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THIRD WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH (BY PHONE)
每月第三個星期三 (通過電話)
6:00 - 8:30 PM 晚上

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Community News & Events

Flying Solo (Today)



FLYING SOLO

PRACTICAL TIPS FOR LAUNCHING AND GROWING A SUCCESSFUL
SOLO/SMALL FIRM PRACTICE FROM A VIRTUAL PANEL OF
EXPERIENCED PRACTITIONERS.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 4, 2025

6:30 - 7:30 PM

FREE EVENT | RSVP: [BIT.LY/APABASOLO25](https://bit.ly/APABASOLO25)



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LACBA Criminal Justice Awards Reception (06/05)

LACBA
LOS ANGELES COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION

CRIMINAL JUSTICE AWARDS RECEPTION

THURSDAY, JUNE 5, 2025

SEVENTH PLACE | 802 Mateo Street, Los Angeles, CA 90021
5:30 PM | Cocktail Reception
6:15 PM | Award Ceremony

Please join us for a very special evening of fun as we honor the best in our profession. The reception will start promptly at 5:30 pm and will include a wide variety of delicious appetizers, beer, and wine. To keep ticket prices affordable, this reception will replace the sit-down dinner offered in previous years.

The venue is located on the corner of Mateo Street and 7th Place. There is no onsite parking available. Please plan to arrive early to find street parking or parking in the lots nearby.

OUR HONOREES INCLUDE

Judge Jana Seng
Judge of the Year

Raul Ayala
Career Achievement

Vanessa Rownaghi & Yusun Kang
Defense Attorneys of the Year

**Mack Jenkins, Cassie Palmer, Susan Har
& Brian Faerstein**
Prosecutors of the Year

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Criminal Justice Section Members | \$135
Judicial Officers | \$135
LACBA Members | \$150
All Others | \$165
Table of 10 | \$1350



PROGRAM DEDICATION ADS

Full Screen Dedication Ad | \$750 (ad only)
Electronic Ad specs: 1920px by 1080px JPG; Black and white or color ads

Half Screen Dedication Ad | \$500 (ad only)
Electronic Ad specs: 960px by 1080px JPG; Black and white or color ads

The deadline to purchase dedication ads is **May 30, 2025**.
If you would like to purchase an ad, please contact Jennifer Seo at jseo@lacba.org.

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CLICK HERE TO REGISTER!

www.lacba.org/2025CJSreception
or call LACBA Member Services at **213-896-6560**.

Event Code: 060525CJS

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NAPABA Meet and Greet in Los Angeles, CA (06/06)

Mark your calendar for the NAPABA Meet & Greet in Los Angeles, CA on Friday June 6, 2025, from 5:30 - 7:00 pm PT. Join us for an enriching evening of networking, where you can build valuable connections within the dynamic NAPABA community. We look forward to welcoming you!

Capacity is limited. Please note that you must RSVP to attend this event and walk-up guests will not be permitted.

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Pathway To The Bench (06/09)

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PATHWAY TO THE BENCH

VABASC is hosting a panel of judges and Deputy Judicial Appointments Secretary Adam Hofmann who will discuss the judicial application process for attorneys who are interested in joining the bench

The panelists will cover

- The judicial application process
- The qualifications and attributes of a promising judicial candidate
- Insights on the judicial vetting process
- Q&A with panelists

Date : June 9, 2025

Time : 5-6:30pm

Location :
EDU 1111 Classroom
UC Irvine School of Law
401 E Peltason Dr.
Suite 1000
Irvine, CA 92697

Free to attend
\$16 for parking

Refreshments will be served.

Contact tran.anthien@gmail.com for questions.



Adam Hofmann
Deputy Judicial Appointments Secretary



Judge Nathan Vu



Judge Terry Truong



Judge Huy Nguyen

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Young Entrepreneurs Forum (06/18)

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LA County Unity Bar One Year Anniversary (07/24)

One Year Anniversary Celebration

LOS ANGELES COUNTY
UNITY BAR

Thursday, July 24, 2025
5:30-8:00 p.m.

California Yacht Club
4469 Admiralty Way, Marina Del Rey, California 90292

Evening includes special guest Governor Gavin Newsom's Judicial Appointments Secretary Luis Céspedes, Polynesian dancers, and much more!









Register at iala.info/events
Space is limited. Event will sell out!
Dress Code Tropical Chic

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CAPAJA & LASC Mentorship Programs

CAPAJA's Judicial Mentorship Program



The California Asian - Pacific American Judges Association (CAPAJA) Judicial Applicant Mentoring Program was created to provide attorneys contemplating a career on the bench with guidance about how to reach that goal. As a mentee, you can obtain valuable feedback and assistance from an experienced bench officer to help you hone the necessary skills for a successful judicial candidacy. We invite you to submit an application to become a mentee.

CAPAJA is committed to increasing the diversity of California's bench officers. We want to encourage attorneys who may never have considered applying to be a judicial officer and demystify the process for them. We encourage attorneys of every background to submit an application to become a mentee.

To be eligible for the program, an attorney must:

- Be an active member of the California State Bar for the past five years
- Demonstrate a commitment to serving the community
- Have a genuine interest in applying for judicial office

Please submit your completed mentoring application and resume to Judge Charles Lee, Fresno Superior Court, at clee@FRESNO.COURTS.CA.GOV.

Learn more at <https://www.capaja.org/student-scholarship>
(please scroll to bottom of webpage to the "Mentoring" section)

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LASC Judicial Mentor Program

The purpose of this program is to assist in the recruitment and development of a qualified, inclusive, and diverse judicial applicant pool. This much-needed program was designed by Los Angeles Superior Court (LASC) judges in collaboration with the Office of Governor Gavin Newsom. The program is designed to identify, encourage, and provide mentors for all individuals considering a judicial career. One of the chief goals is to communicate to all sectors of the legal community the uniform message of Governor Newsom's judicial criteria and commitment to appointing a capable bench reflective of California's rich diversity.

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https://www.lacourt.org/generalinfo/communityoutreach/GI_COO20.aspx

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