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2017 CELEBRATING DIVERSITY IN THE BAR RECEPTION

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State Bar's 2017 Annual Meeting in New York City.



This event will take place on **Monday, January 23, 2017,** from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at the Hilton New York Midtown, 1335 Avenue of the Americas (Sixth Avenue) in Manhattan. This event has attracted hundreds of attorneys, judges, minority bar association members, civic leaders, educators and others from New York State and beyond who have come together to honor the work and accomplishments of individuals in the legal profession who are committed to making a difference.

As Chair of the New York State Bar Association's (NYSBA) Committee on Diversity and Inclusion, I write to invite you and your firm to attend and co-sponsor the **14th Annual Celebrating Diversity in the Bar** reception, to be held during the

The 2017 Trailblazer Awardee is the **Honorable Denny Chin**, Federal Judge for the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit. Judge Denny Chin is a "true treasure of the legal community who has transformed diversity through thoughtful education and tireless mentorship." He created a series of trial reenactments featuring historic cases in Asian Pacific American History that have educated minority and mainstream audiences alike. In addition, his participation in numerous internship and mentorship programs has lifted diverse individuals in their educational and professional careers.

In 2016, the following law firms and organizations co-sponsored the reception:

- Jackson Lewis P.C.
- Proskauer LLP
- Rivkin Radler LLP
- Meyer, Suozzi, English & Klein P.C.
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- Bond Schoeneck & King
- Barclay Damon LLP
- Kramer Levin Naftalis & Frankel LLP
- Kelly Drye & Warren LLP
- Nixon Peabody



Your firm's sponsorship of the reception will be recognized by the status of Diversity Partner at all committee programs in 2017. Diversity Partner sponsorships help defray a portion of the reception expense *and* support NYSBA's programming to increase the diversity of the New York bar through such signature events as Youth Law Day programs for high-school students held at law schools throughout New York State.

Celebrating Diversity in the Bar is co-sponsored by the New York State Bar Association's Committee on Diversity and Inclusion, the Committee on Membership, and various minority and ethnic bar associations:

- Amistad Long Island Black Bar Association
- Asian American Bar Association of New York
- Association of Black Women Attorneys
- Capital District Black and Hispanic Bar Association
- Caribbean Attorneys Network
- Dominican Bar Association
- Hispanic National Bar Association, Region II (NY)

- Korean American Lawyers Association of NY
- Latino Lawyers Association of Queens County
- LGBT Bar Association of Greater New York
- Long Island Hispanic Bar Association
- Metropolitan Black Bar Association
- Puerto Rican Bar Association
- South Asian Bar Association of New York



We hope your firm will co-sponsor the reception at the Platinum (\$5,000), Gold (\$3,500), Silver (\$2,500) or Bronze (\$1,500) Level. A pledge form detailing the benefits of giving at each level is attached. We look forward to your participation in this important event.

Thank you in advance for your support. If you have any questions, please contact Mark Wilson in the Association's Office of Bar Services (518.487.5540 or <u>mwilson@nysba.org</u>). Please reply with the pledge form by Friday, **December 16, 2016,** to allow us sufficient time to recognize publicly your contribution. Please note your payment may be made anytime up to the end of the first quarter of 2017.

Thank you for your consideration. We look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Sandra H. Buchanan, Chair Committee on Diversity and Inclusion



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New York State Bar Association Committee on Diversity and Inclusion 14th Annual Celebrating Diversity in the Bar Reception

Monday, January 23, 2017 | 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. Hilton New York Midtown | 1335 Avenue of the Americas

Award will be presented at 6:00 p.m. | Reception is from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m.

Pledge Form (Return by Friday, December 16, 2016)

I pledge to support this event:

Platinum (\$5,000) (Full-page program ad, table placards, firm name and logo on posters throughout reception room, recognition of support during Trailblazer Award Ceremony)

_ Gold (\$3,500) (Full-page program ad, table placards, firm name and logo on posters displayed throughout reception room)

Silver (\$2,500) (Half-page program ad, firm name and logo on posters placed throughout reception room)

Bronze (\$1,500) (Quarter-page program ad, logo on posters at entrance to reception and by award podium)

Other

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In addition, take-away information that you provide about your law firm will be made available to attendees.

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