

KOREAN AMERICAN LAWYERS ASSOCIATION OF GREATER NEW YORK

• 32ND ANNIVERSARY GALA •



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## President's Message

Dear Honored Guests, KALAGNY Members and Friends,

On behalf of the Korean American Lawyers Association of Greater New York, it is my privilege to welcome you to our 32nd Anniversary Gala. Thank you for your generous support and commitment, as we strive to serve and advance the legal profession and our community.

Congratulations, first and foremost, to our honorees: Steven K. Choi, Executive Director of the New York Immigration Coalition; Susan L. Shin, Partner at Arnold & Porter; and Ho Shin, Executive Vice President and General Counsel of Yext, Inc. These are truly remarkable individuals, each with his or her own story of courage, dedication and leadership. We are confident that they will inspire you to make an impact and be a voice for Korean-Americans in line with tonight's theme: "Stepping into the Spotlight: Our Story, Our Time."

For more than three decades, KALAGNY leaders, volunteer attorneys and students have given countless hours towards advancing KALAGNY's goals and expanding its reach, including an increased attention in recent years to opportunities for collaboration with other bar associations.

For example, KALAGNY organized a networking event for our veteran and military attorney members. In order to develop a large support network for these servicemen and women, KALAGNY invited multiple bar associations to participate, and we were heartened by their overwhelming support. We found it particularly auspicious that the Hon. Randall T. Eng (Former Presiding Justice of the Appellate Division, Second Department; Colonel, Judge Advocate General's Corps; New York Army National Guard; State Judge Advocate, retired) graciously agreed to be our distinguished speaker. KALAGNY organized this event not only to raise awareness and support for our veteran and military attorneys, but to recognize individual attorneys and express our thanks for their personal sacrifices. Thanks to Lee Anav Chung White Kim Ruger & Richter LLP for being our host for this event.

In response to an escalation of immigration enforcement, KALAGNY partnered with Her Justice, Korean American Civic Empowerment, Korean American Family Service Center, Korean Community Services of Metropolitan New York and MinKwon Center for Community Action to host a first-of-its-kind immigration law workshop in Queens, led by Korean-American representatives from community-based organizations. With this partnership, we were able to bring our collective legal expertise directly to the community. Special thanks to KALAGNY Board Member, Eve Guillergan, for leading the efforts to serve and give back to the community.

To further advance and motivate women in leadership, KALAGNY organized a Women's Leadership Development Workshop with nationally recognized thought leader, attorney and former U.S. Marine Corps Captain Courtney Lynch. Women leaders from a dozen bar associations and community organizations gained insights and learned practical techniques drawn from Courtney's expertise in organizational dynamics, as well as from the individual career paths of our guest speakers: Lucy Fato, EVP and General Counsel of AIG and Jacquelyn Kasulis, Chief of the Business and Securities Fraud Section of the U.S. Attorney's Office, Eastern District of New York. Special thanks to James Derry, General Counsel of Cellebrite, KALAGNY Board Member, Edward J. Lee and Wachtell, Lipton, Rosen & Katz for hosting and co-sponsoring.



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Understanding the importance of practical, up-to-date training to keep our members at the forefront of their practice areas, KALAGNY partnered with AABANY and other bar associations, in CLE presentations on topics ranging from blockchain and cryptocurrency to EB-5 and foreign investments in the U.S. Special thanks to KALAGNY member Margaret T. Ling for her efforts in providing substantive CLE programming and cross-bar association networking opportunities.

KALAGNY's Mentorship Program continues to be one of our largest programs, with over 250 participants this year. Our Mentorship Program serves as a reminder that our profession is largely based on the cultivation of individual working relationships. Thanks to Julie Cho and KALAGNY Board Member John Kim for chairing the program.

KALAGNY has continued to provide its monthly pro bono clinics in both Manhattan and Flushing, where volunteer attorneys meet and provide consultations to those in the community. The Flushing Clinic recently celebrated its 7<sup>th</sup> year of service to that community. We are so proud of this long-standing tradition to service. Special thanks to KALAGNY Board Member Suyon Yi for chairing our Pro Bono Clinics, and to every one of our volunteer attorneys.

In celebration of Chuseok (Korean Thanksgiving), we hosted our Chuseok Family Reunion, bringing together past and present members of our KALAGNY family, from leadership, sponsors and honorees to members of the judiciary and law student scholarship awardees. KALAGNY has grown significantly, thanks to the efforts led by prior leadership and the support of our sponsors and members. The reunion is a way to celebrate our history and inspire each other to continue to pave the way forward. Thanks to the Korean American Association of Greater New York for hosting and KALAGNY Executive Vice President Eun Chong (EJ) Thorsen for organizing.

Lastly, special thanks to our Gala Committee Co-Chairs, Iris Jun and Jay Min. Tonight's success is a reflection of their efforts, together with everyone on the Gala Planning Committee and our Host Committee.

As many in KALAGNY have shared with me, what sets KALAGNY apart is our members' dedication to each other and the community. The friendships and networks that are formed as we volunteer together have always been KALAGNY's soul and strength. The encouragement and support of our fellow members inspire us and give us courage to step into the spotlight to tell the many stories that belong to our Korean-American community. To our members, I offer my thanks and ask that you continue your great work. To those who have yet to join, I invite you to join the KALAGNY family.

Thank you again to everyone for your generous support and friendship over the years. Thank you for joining us tonight in celebrating our honorees and their accomplishments, our law student scholarship awardees and KALAGNY.

Have a wonderful evening and I look forward to seeing you at future events.

Karen Kim  
President

