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
### **Letter: Supporting Asian-Americans in the legal profession**

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Asian American Bar Association

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One hundred years ago, our country fought over whether women had the right to be heard.

In successfully advocating for the 19th Amendment, suffragists set in motion social progress that can still be witnessed today. Last year, the third-largest city in the U.S. elected its first female of color and openly gay mayor.

AABA Chicago acknowledged this historic event by honoring Mayor Lori Lightfoot with the Sandra J. Otaka Trailblazer Award, our bar's highest honor, at our 32nd annual installation ceremony and awards reception.

Along with Mayor Lightfoot, AABA also installed its 14-member board, consisting of eight female Asian-Pacific American (APA) attorneys, including three of our five officers, and highlighting two female APA attorneys with our Justice Award and Rising Star Award.

While we have much to celebrate in the APA legal community, we still have a long road ahead. It is common to hear stories of the "bamboo ceiling" — APA attorneys recognized as hard workers but perceived to lack skills for leadership and business development. While the number of APA associates makes up 12.17% of all law firm associates, only 3.89% make partner. The numbers are more drastic for female APAs, who make up 7.17% of associates and 1.46% of partners.

As for the bench, APAs comprise just 2.6 % of sitting federal judges, and only 1% of them are women.

AABA President Gary Zhao recently expressed strong disappointment that no APA judicial candidates were appointed as associate judges during the judicial appointment process in Cook County. Only 13 of the over 400 judges in Cook County are APA, which is less than 3.5% of the judiciary. In comparison, APAs comprise roughly 5.7% of the U.S. population, and 7.9% of Cook County.

As APAs continue to face barriers and discrimination today, AABA Chicago brings together APAs to support each other, do good, and advocate for APAs in the legal community and beyond. Through our CLEs and social events, we encourage camaraderie and build a support network for our members. Our strong mentorship program connects members with local APA law students.

We partnered with the Public Interest Law Initiative this past year to host an Illinois Free Legal Answers Clinic, providing free legal advice through a virtual legal clinic to low-income Illinoisans who have nowhere else to turn.

With the advent of COVID-19, a surge of xenophobia and racist acts against the APA community have resulted, from verbal assaults at the grocery store to physical acts of violence on the street and hate spewed and defended on traditional and social media.

We applaud Gary Zhao who, on Fox 32 Chicago, affirmed that calling COVID-19 the “Chinese Virus,” “Wuhan Virus” or “Kung Flu” is a malicious attack that stigmatizes the whole APA community. Many of our members have become active on social media to combat racism and stand up for the APA community.

AABA Chicago is committed to offering support and advocacy during these trying times. Join us to #WashTheHate and move our community forward to a more just world.

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By [Donald P. Eckler and David H. Levitt](#)

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Novel coronavirus, known as COVID-19, has done what war, boycotts and natural disasters have never been able to accomplish — brought the sports world to an almost complete standstill across the globe.

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- [The ethics of a gig: Freelance legal work enables cheating](#)

Cheating in law school is as old as it is troubling. We are a profession that prides itself on integrity, and we should all cringe when we hear of any future lawyer cheating to get ahead. It is even worse when a lawyer assists that law student in doing so.


By [Michael A. Zuckerman](#)

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- [\*\*Broker qualified as ‘bank’ under wire transfer law\*\*](#)

When a hacker hijacked Dr. James Q. Whitaker’s email account and duped Wedbush Securities into wiring \$374,960 from his futures trading accounts to a bank account his professional corporation (“Pathology Institute of Middle Georgia”) supposedly had in the Republic of Poland, Whitaker and his company sued in Cook County based on Article 4A of the Uniform Commercial Code — which provides protections to bank customers who lose money through fraudulent wire transfers — but the trial judge and appellate court concluded the plaintiffs failed to prove Wedbush qualified as a “bank” under Section 4A–105(a)(2) of the UCC because there was no evidence the futures commission merchant offered checking services to its customers.

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- [\*\*Prima Paint approach to forum selection scrutinized\*\*](#)

When the U.S. Supreme Court interpreted the Federal Arbitration Act as providing that “a claim of fraud in the inducement of the contract generally” is subject to arbitration “where no claim is made that fraud was directed to the arbitration clause itself,” *Prima Paint v. Flood & Conklin Manufacturing*, 388 U.S. 395 (1967), Justice Hugo L. Black’s dissent called the majority’s construction of the FAA “statutory mutilation.”

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- [\*\*Short deadline applied to bankruptcy appeal\*\*](#)

In a case that reached the U.S. Supreme Court about the 14-day deadline for a bankruptcy appeal, Jackson Masonry filed a Chapter 11 petition a few days before Ritzen Group’s state court breach-of-contract case against Jackson was scheduled to start in Tennessee; the bankruptcy judge denied Ritzen’s motion to lift the automatic stay; Ritzen struck out with an adversary claim against the bankruptcy estate and Ritzen didn’t appeal from these rulings until a final order confirmed Jackson’s reorganization plan.

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- [\*\*Common law doctrines may apply to excuse contract obligations\*\*](#)

In part one of this article, we considered the circumstances under which a force majeure clause may excuse a party’s nonperformance or delayed performance of contract terms due to an unexpected occurrence, like the coronavirus pandemic. In part two we consider common law doctrines that may apply in such a situation.

By [Alan W. Nicgorski](#)

- [\*\*Using the international patent system to fight coronavirus\*\*](#)


No one wants to think about intellectual property rights when a global viral pandemic is marching across the world. But as the urgency for testing kits, ventilators, treatments and vaccines grows, patent rights are

already being raised as a potential stumbling block in the U.S. fight against coronavirus (COVID-19). They don't have to be.

By [Doris Estelle Long](#)

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