



Beyond the Bamboo Ceiling

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The Korean American Bar Association of San Diego (KABA-SD)
and The Pan Asian Lawyers of San Diego (PALSD)

Date and Time: Thursday, February 19, 2009, 5:00 p.m.

Location: San Diego County Bar Association
1333 Seventh Avenue, San Diego, CA 92101

Speakers:

Palma Cesar Hooper

Lee Ann Kim

Jerrilyn Malana

Peter Quon

5:00 P.M.

Networking (refreshments will be provided)

5:30 P.M.

Panel discussion on strategies for overcoming
cultural barriers – real and perceived

Free to KABA-SD and PALSD members

\$10 to non-members

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Palma Cesar Hooper

Palma Cesar Hooper has been practicing law for the past 29 years in San Diego. She received her law degree from the University of Southern California School of Law in 1980 and her undergraduate degree from UCSD in 1977. She was the first female partner at Thorsnes Bartolotta & McGuire where she was a civil litigator. In 2001 she formed her own law firm, Quinsaas & Hooper where she specializes in employment and business law. Palma is a past president of Pan Asian Lawyers and Filipino American Lawyers of San Diego. She is currently the president of the Southwest Center For Asian Pacific American Law, a nonprofit law center. She has received numerous awards over her career including NAPABA Trailblazer Award, The State Bar of California Wiley Manuel Award for Pro Bono Services, San Diego County Ethnic Bar Phenomenal Women Award, and YWCA's Tribute To Women In Industry Award.

Lee Ann Kim

Lee Ann Kim is the founding executive director of the San Diego Asian Film Foundation, a nonprofit media arts organization best known for its annual Asian Film Festival, which serves nearly 20,000 people each year. For nearly 12 years, Lee Ann was also an award-winning television news journalist at KGTV, the ABC station in San Diego. During her tenure at the station, she earned numerous awards for her journalism including a regional Emmy for investigative reporting. She was recently awarded the Top 50 People to Watch in 2009 by San Diego Magazine, and received a national award of excellence from the International Film Festival Summit. She is also the proud mother of two boys with her husband, Louis Song.

Jerrilyn Malana

Jerrilyn Malana is a Shareholder with Littler Mendelson, PC, the nation's largest law firm specializing exclusively in employment and labor law. Jerri represents local San Diego businesses and Fortune 500 clients in all types of employment-related litigation involving claims of discrimination, wrongful termination, harassment, and wage & hour violations. She is the President of the San Diego County Bar Association (SDCBA), the region's oldest and largest law-related organization with nearly 10,000 members. Jerri is the first Asian Pacific American attorney to serve as President of the SDCBA in its 110-year history. She is on the Board of the San Diego Opera, and is a past Board member of the Union of Pan Asian Communities (UPAC), the San Diego Asian Film Foundation, the Filipino American Lawyers of San Diego, and the National Asian Pacific American Bar Association. Jerri is a past President of Pan Asian Lawyers of San Diego. She was elected a Fellow of the American Bar Foundation, an honorary organization of attorneys, judges, and law professors who have demonstrated outstanding dedication to the welfare of their communities and the highest principles of the legal profession. Jerri has received the State Bar of California's Wiley W. Manuel award for pro bono service, and the San Diego Business Journal's "Women Who Mean Business" Award in 2008. She was named a "Metro Mover to Watch in 2008" by San Diego Metropolitan Magazine, was recognized as one of the "20 Most Influential Businesswomen in San Diego" by bizSan Diego magazine, and received the Trailblazer Award from the National Asian Pacific American Bar Association in 2007.

Peter Quon

Peter Quon is a supervising attorney in the criminal law section of the California Attorney General's San Diego office. Peter assigns cases to and does performance evaluations of attorneys he supervises, and sits on hiring panels for the 78-attorney San Diego section. He has been an employment defense attorney in the department and defended state agencies and employees in federal and state lawsuits claiming discrimination, sexual harassment and retaliation. His clients have included the Del Mar Fair, Department of Justice and Department of Corrections. Peter is co-chairperson of the AG's state wide Asian/Pacific Islander Employee Advisory Committee which reviews and recommends changes in department hiring, retention and promotion practices to increase Asian/Pacific Islander employee diversity in all job categories. He is also specially trained to counsel department employees about their rights under the federal Civil Rights Act and state Fair Employment and Housing Act.