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After a two-year hiatus, the Filipino American Lawyers Association of Chicago ("FALA Chicago") is pleased to announce the return of our annual Summer Soiree to beautiful downtown Chicago at the Metropolitan Club on the 67th Floor of the Willis Tower on Thursday, July 20, 2023. Summer Soiree is our showcase event of the year and a celebration paying tribute to established and emerging leaders in the Fil-Am legal community.

The highlight of this year's Summer Soiree is our very own **Christine Pompa**, Vice President and Associate General Counsel at YETI, who will be receiving the 2023 FALA Chicago Trailblazer Award. The evening will include the recognition of exceptional law students as they take the stage to accept the 2023 FALA Chicago Scholarships and the installation of the current FALA Chicago Executive Officers and Board. The Summer Soiree honorees represent the best of the talented attorneys, judges, and law students within our FALA Chicago membership and Fil-Am legal community.

During the pandemic, FALA Chicago strived to stay connected with our members by holding events outdoor events, such as the FALA Chicago cookout and screening of NFALA-Ganza for Pride Month. FALA Chicago also hosted two golf outings that included traditional golf play, the notorious golf ball shooting air cannon and targeted par 3, and traditional competitions for the longest drive, longest putt, and closest to the hole. When health protocols eased up, FALA Chicago celebrated by co-hosting two comedy club shows spotlighting Fil-Am comedian, J.R. De Guzman.

Beyond social events, FALA Chicago provided its members with consistent networking opportunities by co-sponsoring events with sister bar organizations such as AABA Chicago, SABA Chicago, the Decalogue Society, Asian American Judges Association of Illinois, the CBA, and the ISBA. FALA Chicago continues to promote diversity in the legal community and has participated in the Diversity Scholarship Foundation's Unity Award Dinner and the annual Vanguard Awards, where FALA Chicago honored Judge Jasmine Hernandez as its 2023 Vanguard Award recipient.

FALA Chicago also engaged with and served the wider public as well. Our members contributed their time and talent to AGiLA ("Attorneys Giving Legal Advice"), the first and only pro bono legal clinic in the Midwest dedicated to the Fil-Am community. FALA Chicago members will also travel to Washington, D.C. this May to participate in NAPABA Lobby Day, where they will meet with legislators to advocate for Asian American legal issues, particularly given the ongoing, brazen attacks throughout the country against Asian Americans. Given that May is Asian American Pacific Islander Heritage Month, FALA Chicago will be participating in the CBA's 150th Anniversary Community Legal Fair in Daley Center Plaza.

This past November, FALA Chicago members attended and presented at the annual NFALA@NAPABA Conference in Las Vegas and have already begun supporting the planning efforts for this year's conference in Indianapolis. Programming at NFALA@NAPABA will include networking events for several affinity groups, such as in-house counsel, law firm partners, women lawyers, and government and public



sector employees). By facilitating access to such extensive geographic networks, membership in FALA Chicago yields high value through increased mentorship and business development opportunities across the country.

Involvement in the multitude of activities and programming above would not be possible without the generous sponsorship of our colleagues and supporters. While our ability to gain sponsorship during the pandemic was drastically reduced, FALA Chicago is coming back in full force with this year's in-person Summer Soiree. I ask that you generously support FALA Chicago at this critical juncture by sponsoring the Summer Soiree at one of the sponsorship levels listed below or donate an item for our silent auction, proceeds of which fund our FALA Chicago scholarships.

I look forward to seeing you on July 20th!

Salamat po!

Reynard "Rey" Tanig

2023 President, FALA Chicago



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