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APALC Attorney Becomes President of Asian Pacific American Bar Association of Los Angeles County

Karin Wang Becomes 12th President of APABA and Carmina Ocampo also Joins the APABA Board

Los Angeles, CA – On Thursday, February 25, 2010, two Asian Pacific American Legal Center (APALC) attorneys, **Karin Wang** (Vice-President of Programs) and **Carmina Ocampo** (Staff Attorney/Skadden Fellow) were sworn in to the board of the Asian Pacific American Bar Association of Los Angeles County (APABA) at the APABA 12th annual Installation Banquet. APABA is a member organization comprised of lawyers, associates, judges, and law students and serves as a voice for the Asian Pacific American community.

A long-time member of the APABA Board of Governors, Wang becomes the 12th President of APABA and joins a long line of other APA community leaders in this role, such as past Presidents Judge Howard Halm, and Judge Jacqueline Nguyen. “It is a tremendous privilege to lead APABA,” said Wang. “APABA has such a strong history of serving, advocating for and bringing together the local Asian Pacific American community and I am honored to work with a tremendous board to continue APABA’s great work, both for APA lawyers and law students as well as for the larger community.”

Joining the APABA Board of Governors is Carmina Ocampo, an active APABA member since law school, who will be serving her first term as a member of the APABA Board of Governors. “I’m very excited to step up to the APABA Board of Governors,” said Ocampo. “APABA board members inspired and mentored me as a student and I look forward to repaying that debt as a board member. As co-chair of APABA’s Community Concerns Committee, I am also looking forward to helping APABA influence key issues affecting our community.”

Held at the Los Angeles Athletic Club in downtown Los Angeles, the APABA 12th annual Installation Banquet recognized the 2009 APABA softball tournament champions (**Latino Prosecutors Association**) and the 2009 APABA Public Interest Fellowship Recipient (**Julie Nguyen**, McGeorge Law School student). APABA presented its Public Service Award to the **Honorable Carlos Moreno**, Associate Justice of the California Supreme Court, and the keynote speaker was **Thomas Perez**, Assistant Attorney General for Civil Rights in the U.S. Department of Justice, from Washington, D.C. Administering the oath to office to the new Board was the **Honorable Dolly Gee**, newly-appointed federal District Court judge and a founding member of APABA as well as a former APALC board member. The evening opened with a performance from the Korean drummers with the Koreatown Immigrant Workers Alliance.

Founded in 1998, APABA is unique in that one of its main goals is to unite the many local Asian bar organizations and to promote coalition work on issues and legal activities. For more information on APABA, see www.apabala.org, and for more information on the banquet, contact kwang@apalc.org. Photos from the event will be made available upon request.

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Founded in 1983, the Asian Pacific American Legal Center (APALC) is a nonprofit organization dedicated to advocating for civil rights, providing legal services and education, and building coalitions to positively influence and impact Asian Pacific Americans and to create a more equitable and harmonious society. APALC is affiliated with the Asian American Justice Center (formerly known as NAPALC) in Washington, D.C.