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ARIZONA
ASIAN AMERICAN
BAR ASSOCIATION

March 12, 2020

Re: Arizona Asian American Bar Association (AAABA) Rescheduling Annual Banquet Dinner

Dear Friend of AAABA:

After careful consideration concerning recent COVID-19 (coronavirus disease) developments, AAABA has decided to postpone and reschedule its 24th Annual Scholarship Awards and Installation Banquet (Banquet), which is currently scheduled for April 9, 2020 at Great Wall Cuisine.

Earlier this week, the World Health Organization declared the coronavirus disease a global pandemic, and Arizona Governor Doug Ducey issued a Declaration of Emergency and an Executive Order concerning the coronavirus disease. Numerous sporting events, conventions, and other gatherings nationwide have also recently been canceled, suspended, and/or postponed. Accordingly, as a precaution to combat the spread of the coronavirus disease and promote the health and safety of AAABA's members and others in our community, AAABA has decided to reschedule the Banquet.

Notwithstanding the rescheduling of the Banquet, AAABA will still be awarding scholarships to law students who have applied for the Judge Thomas Tang Memorial Law Scholarship. AAABA will announce the scholarship winners and their background later next month.

While AAABA is rescheduling its Banquet, AAABA is cognizant of the impact the coronavirus disease has had on Asian businesses nationwide. AAABA, in conjunction with other organizations such as the National Asian Pacific American Bar Association and the National Council of Asian Pacific Americans, denounces the racial animus that has driven some of the stigma and impact on Asian businesses, as detailed in a letter delivered to Congress on March 11, 2020 (and can be accessed here: https://d3n8a8pro7vhmx.cloudfront.net/ncapa/pages/89/attachments/original/1583935643/NCAPA_Letter_to_House_Leadership.pdf?1583935643). AAABA encourages its members and the community to continue to patronize and support Asian restaurants and businesses, and AAABA wants to make clear that its decision to reschedule the Banquet should not be construed as validating any of the racial animus or ignorance directed towards Asian businesses as a result of the coronavirus disease.

Tickets and sponsorships for the Banquet will remain valid for the rescheduled date, which AAABA anticipates will occur in the latter half of 2020 at Great Wall Cuisine. When the new date for the Banquet is secured, AAABA will promptly notify you.

AAABA appreciates your support of the Banquet and understanding under the current circumstances. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact Tony King at 602-382-6513 or aking@swlaw.com.

Best regards,

/s/ Anthony T. King

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