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Erica Lai Sworn in as President of APABA-DC

C&G is pleased to announce that counsel [Erica Lai](#) has been sworn in as President of the Asian Pacific American Bar Association of the Greater Washington, D.C. Area (APABA-DC) for the 2020-2021 year, which corresponds with the organization's 40th anniversary. Erica has been a member of APABA-DC for a decade, previously serving as its President-Elect and Vice President of Education, and on its Nominations and Policy & Advocacy Committees.

Erica focuses her practice on antitrust, class actions, and white collar defense. Her broad litigation experience includes class action allegations of price-fixing under the Sherman Act, commercial contractual disputes in the financial services, utility, and railroad industries, and False Claims Act and Foreign Corrupt Practices Act defense. *Super Lawyers* named Erica as a Rising Star for antitrust litigation in Washington, D.C.

Erica also has extensive *pro bono* experience in cases involving civil rights, immigration, and reproductive justice. Most recently, she served as counsel of record for 37 women's organizations in the trio of Supreme Court cases confirming that Title VII's ban on employment discrimination based on sex encompasses discrimination based on sexual orientation or gender identity.

Throughout her career, Erica has been an engaged community leader. She serves on the Advisory Board of the American Bar Association Antitrust Law Section's Women.Connected Committee, the Board of Directors for the Asian Pacific American Legal Resource Center, and the Legal Advisory Board of the National Asian Pacific American Women's Forum.

About APABA-DC

APABA-DC is the oldest and largest association of Asian Pacific American attorneys in the D.C. area. Since its founding in 1981, APABA-DC's membership has grown into a network of hundreds of lawyers, judges, law professors, law students, and other legal professionals. Membership in APABA-DC automatically includes membership in the National Asian Pacific American Bar Association (NAPABA), which represents over 40,000 Asian Pacific American attorneys nationwide through its local affiliates, including APABA-DC. APABA-DC serves the Asian Pacific American community by shedding light on issues facing the community, promoting the professional growth and advancement of APABA-DC members, and facilitating collaboration with other bar and community organizations.

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