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## Judiciary Committee

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The Judiciary Committee leads AABANY's efforts to work towards increasing the number of qualified Asian Pacific American ("APA") attorneys in the federal, state, and local judiciary and to advocate for the interests of APA judges, including increasing judicial pay and preserving judicial independence.

The Judiciary Committee's work falls into four main categories:

1. Recruiting and preparing potential candidates for the judiciary, including currently sitting members of the bench who seek higher judicial office.
2. Evaluating judicial candidates to determine whether AABANY should formally endorse them. The policies and procedures for AABANY's endorsement process are posted on the AABANY website.
3. Lobbying on behalf of and otherwise supporting candidates for the judiciary whom AABANY has endorsed.
4. Formulating AABANY's positions and thereafter engaging in advocacy (e.g., speeches, legislative testimony, public fora, amicus briefs, and editorials) on issues related to judicial independence and judicial selection procedures.

The Judiciary Committee looks forward to continuing its work in 2012. If you have any questions about the committee or about the judiciary and the judicial selection process, please do not hesitate to contact one of the co-chairs.

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