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**APABA-PA AND THE PHILADELPHIA BAR FOUNDATION ANNOUNCE
2010 MARUTANI FELLOWSHIP WINNER**

(PHILADELPHIA, May 6, 2010) – The Asian Pacific American Bar Association of Pennsylvania (“APABA-PA”) and the Philadelphia Bar Foundation have awarded the 2010 Judge William M. Marutani Fellowship to Misung Lee, a first-year law student at Rutgers University School of Law, Camden.

The Fellowship provides a scholarship for a first-year Asian Pacific American law student to help fund a summer internship position with a non-profit public interest organization or a federal, state or municipal government entity in the Greater Philadelphia area. Ms. Lee will intern with the Montgomery County Public Defender’s Office.

As an undergraduate and graduate student in South Korea, Ms. Lee worked with UNICEF in Thailand as a consultant in girl’s education and coordinated cultural education programs for the children of North Korean defectors in Seoul.

“The desire to become a child advocate attorney stemmed from my long-term, firsthand experiences interacting with children deprived of their rights,” Ms. Lee told the Marutani Fellowship Selection Committee. “Pursuing a legal education in a foreign country is a big challenge to me; however, my firm commitment to children’s rights, and more importantly the lessons that I’ve learned from my students, help me muster the courage to take another step toward my dream.”

“We are pleased to select Misung Lee to receive the 2010 Marutani Fellowship,” said Su Ming Yeh, co-chair of the selection committee and a member of the APABA-PA executive committee. “She embodies the spirit of Judge Maruntani, with her past community service experience working on children’s issues and her dedication to public service.”

Established by APABA-PA and the Philadelphia Bar Foundation, the Fellowship serves to honor the legacy of Judge Marutani, the first Asian American judge in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, a distinguished member of the judiciary who has served both the Asian American community and the community at large for many years.

Deborah Hong, president of ABAPA-PA discussed the importance of the Fellowship. “The Marutani Fellowship is one of the hallmarks of our organization. It demonstrates our commitment to public service and our advocacy of Asian Americans in the legal profession. I would like to commend our Marutani Fellowship Selection Committee and the Philadelphia Bar Foundation for their tremendous work in identifying a well-deserving recipient.”

The Philadelphia Bar Foundation is a non-profit group that provides funding to Philadelphia legal service organizations that represent individuals struggling with poverty, abuse and discrimination. APABA-PA is a non-profit organization serving Asian Pacific American attorneys in Pennsylvania, Northern Delaware and Southern New Jersey, and is dedicated to the

advancement of its members and meeting the legal needs of the Asian Pacific American communities.

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