KADING BRIGGS

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ORANGE COUNTY ASIAN AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION'S 24TH ANNUAL INSTALLATION DINNER

Kading Briggs was a proud sponsor of this dinner where Kading Briggs Associate, **Angela Yu**, was installed as OCAABA's Secretary and a member of OCAABA's Executive Board. Prior to her election to the Secretary post, Angela had already served as a Director on OCAABA's Board of Directors for two years. **Thorey Bauer, Ellen Cohen** and **Sarah Mohammadi** also attended. Kading Briggs is proud to support OCAABA and its continuing efforts to promote diversity and address the needs of our local Asian American and greater communities.

CLIENT VICTORIES

Glenn Briggs, Kymberleigh Damron-Hsiao and Sarah Mohammadi successfully obtained complete summary judgment in a race discrimination lawsuit against a global manufacturer/retailer, ending years of protracted litigation.

Terrie Kading, Kymberleigh Damron-Hsiao, and Sarah Mohammadi obtained complete summary judgment in favor of our national client in an action brought by a former employee alleging age and association discrimination, age and association harassment, retaliation, defamation, intentional and negligent infliction of emotional distress, failure to prevent discrimination and harassment, and failure to pay wages.

IN THE COMMUNITY

"Spirit of Excellence" Gala – Kading Briggs was a gold sponsor of the Irvine Public School Foundation's "Spirit of Excellence" Gala and Auction, a foundation dedicated to providing funding and other resources to Irvine schools. Glenn Briggs and Kymberleigh Damron-Hsiao, pictured here with IPSF President and CEO Neda Eaton and guest Michelle Yang, attended.



Tinker Bell 10K & Half Marathon – **Terrie Kading** ran the Tinkerbell 10K race on May 13 at Disneyland. Terrie also ran the half marathon the next day!



Thorey Bauer and her daughters attended the **Dollies for Daughters** event benefitting refugees in our community and abroad at the Coto Valley Country Club.





Terrie Kading, Kymberleigh Damron-Hsiao, Thorey Bauer, and Divya Prabhakar attended the National Human Resources Association's Executive of the Year event in March. Kading Briggs was a sponsor of the event and Terrie continues to serve on the Board of the Orange County affiliate. Sarah Mohammadi, Angela Yu and Nisha Verma attended the Tocqueville Society Bench & Bar General Counsel Networking Mixer. The speakers were the General Counsels of Core Logic, Inc., St. John's Knits, and Golden State Foods.



Women In Business Luncheon – Glenn Briggs and Kymberleigh Damron-Hsiao, pictured here with Sanaz Farkhad and Tina Wang of Farkhad & Wang, APLC, attended the Orange County Business Journal's Women in Business Awards Luncheon & Program on May 2, 2017.





Photo Credit: Orange County United Way

Women United – As part of her work with the Orange County United Way, Nisha Verma planned a breakfast for the organization's Women United group, a group of professional women dedicated to both philanthropy and networking. The breakfast featured a presentation on the latest science regarding mindfulness and meditation. Ellen Cohen, Thorey Bauer, and Sarah Mohammadi also attended.

Sarah Mohammadi joined SEED Consulting Group's Orange County Chapter as a Consultant. SEED is a non-profit organization providing pro bono consulting services to influential environmental organizations pioneering a healthier and more sustainable planet.

Glenn Briggs was a panelist at the **ABA's 15th Annual Mediation and Advocacy Skill Institute.** The conference took place over two days at Pepperdine University and Glenn's panel discussed avoiding and breaking impasse at mediation.

PRO BONO

In partnership with Laura's House, a local nonprofit that provides residential shelter services, counseling and legal services to hundreds of women and children, **Nisha Verma** took on a pro bono matter representing a client in obtaining a domestic violence restraining order. She also assisted in navigating the simultaneously pending criminal and family law cases regarding the abuse.

Kading Briggs and its lawyers supported the following organizations in 2017: **Constitutional Rights Foundation**, Public Law Center, United Way, Working Wardrobes, Irvine Public Schools Foundation, Child Help, Children's Miracle Network, Northwood High School Athletic Boosters, National Human **Resources Association, SEED Consulting Group, Orange County** Asian American Bar Association, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Pediatric Cancer Research Foundation, YMCA of Orange County, and Share Our Selves Adopt-A-Family.



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JUST FOR FUN...

For the second consecutive year, Kading Briggs sponsored a car in the OC Fair Demolition Derby. We are hoping to improve on our 6th place finish next year!



WELCOME CJ

Carmine J. ("CJ") Pearl has joined the Kading Briggs team! CJ has been litigating complex labor and employment matters in and out of California for 15 years. Prior to joining Kading Briggs, CJ worked as a labor and employment litigator at Ogletree Deakins. In his free time, he enjoys cooking Italian



food, coaching his son's baseball team and volunteering with the Mission Viejo YMCA Adventure Guide Program.