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Friday, Feb. 12, 9:00 AM ET | AAPI in Academia

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Janelle Wong is a professor in the Departments of Government and Politics and American Studies and a core faculty member in the Asian American Studies Program at the University of Maryland. Professor Wong is the author of Immigrants, Evangelicals and Politics in an Era of Demographic Change (2018), Democracy’s Promise: Immigrants and American Civic Institutions (2006) and co-author of two books on Asian American politics, including Asian American Political Participation (2011), based on the first national, multilingual, multiethnic survey of Asian Americans. She was a co-principal investigator on the 2016 National Asian American Survey, a nation-wide survey of Asian American political and social attitudes, and is a co-principal investigator on the 2020 Collaborative Multiracial Post-election Survey, funded by a grant from the National Science Foundation. She has co-authored several amicus briefs supporting affirmative action (SFFA v. Harvard) and minority voting rights (Shelby v. Holder). Professor Wong grew up in Yuba City, CA and attended UCLA as an undergraduate. She holds a PhD from the Department of Political Science at Yale University.

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Prior to starting his law teaching career, Professor Lee earned his doctorate at the Harvard Graduate School of Education, where he was a Harvard University Presidential Scholar. While a doctoral student, he was counsel of record for an amicus curiae brief in support of the respondents in Fisher v. University of Texas. Before starting his doctoral studies, he was the Assistant Director of Admissions at Harvard Law School, where he was a member of the admissions committee and led the office’s diversity outreach initiatives. He also served as an adjunct faculty member at New England Law | Boston, teaching appellate advocacy. Prior to this, he was a trial attorney for five years, working first as an Assistant Corporation Counsel in the Commercial and Real Estate Litigation Division at the New York City Law Department and later as an associate at a white-collar criminal defense boutique in Manhattan. Professor Lee is a magna cum laude Phi Beta Kappa graduate of Duke University in psychology and sociology with a minor in religion, and holds a J.D. from Harvard Law School.
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Anand Ramana is a litigation shareholder in Vedder Price’s Washington, D.C. Office, and is also a member of the firm’s pro bono and diversity committees. Mr. Ramana resolves a wide variety of business and other civil disputes for his clients. He has significant first-chair trial and appellate experience in state and federal courts around the nation, with a particular focus in the District of Columbia and Virginia tribunals. Mr. Ramana dedicates a large portion of his practice to litigation on behalf of, and many times between, government contractors. He is a leading authority on proposal teaming and post-award subcontracting issues. Over the course of his career, he has successfully tried or otherwise favorably resolved employment, trade secret, restrictive covenant, contract, and business tort cases. He also has significant experience litigating disputes in the energy, financial services, consumer, and real estate industries. Mr. Ramana also represents foreign companies, governments, and individuals in litigation in American courts, and is well-versed in the legal nuances that foreign parties present in American litigation.

Mr. Ramana devotes a significant segment of his career to his pro bono practice. His pro bono successes include securing a writ of habeas corpus for the release of an innocent man serving time in prison on the eve of his unlawful deportation, and more recently, obtaining a historic $8 million civil judgment in a nationally-recognized anti-human trafficking suit against a cult based in Kansas.

Jenny Zhang | Practice Area Attorney, Cravath

Jenny X. Zhang is a practice area attorney in Cravath’s Litigation Department and Office of the General Counsel. Her practice focuses on representing U.S. and multinational companies and advising their boards of directors and management in connection with government investigations in such areas as the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act, accounting fraud, securities fraud, and insider trading. Ms. Zhang also conducts independent investigations on behalf of boards and management concerning these issues, as well as alleged fiduciary breaches and claims of discrimination and/or harassment in response to shareholder litigation demands, whistleblower complaints, and requests from auditors. She regularly advises clients regarding employment and commercial/contract disputes and accompanying litigation, as well as on various corporate governance, compliance, and anti-corruption matters, including related issues arising in the transactional context. Ms. Zhang devotes substantial time to pro bono service and works with Cravath’s Office of the General Counsel on various internal legal, professional responsibility, and
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Andrew Hahn is currently the General Counsel of the law firm, Hawkins, Delafield & Wood LLP, which specializes in public finance law. Prior to this position, Mr. Hahn had over 30 years’ experience as a litigator focusing on commercial litigation, complex litigation and class actions, and government contracts at Duane Morris LLP, Seyfarth Shaw LLP, Winston & Strawn LLP, and Donovan Leisure Newton & Irvine. Throughout his 33-year legal career, Mr. Hahn has been an active member of various Asian American Bar Associations with primary focus on the promotion of candidates of Asian Pacific American heritage to the judiciary and to the partnership ranks at law firms. He has served as President of the National Asian Pacific American Bar Association (2008), Chairman of the Board of the Korean American Lawyers’ Association of Greater New York (2005), President of the Asian American Bar Association of New York (2004), and a Board member of the Asian American Law Fund of New York (2011-2013). In 2009, Mr. Hahn founded the National Association of Asian MBAs, which merged into Ascend, a national not-for-profit organization whose mission is to promote the interests of APAs in the financial and corporate sectors. He is currently a Board member of Ascend. Mr. Hahn holds a J.D. from Cornell Law School. Upon graduation, he served on active duty as a U.S. Army JAG officer, assigned to HQ U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in Washington, DC. He holds an M.B.A. sponsored by the Pentagon’s executive program.

Derek Lam | Partner, Kim IP Law Group

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Hon. Lorna Schofield | District Judge, Southern District of New York

Lorna G. Schofield is a United States District Judge for the Southern District of New York. She was nominated in 2012 by President Obama and confirmed by a unanimous vote of the US Senate. For 20 years previously, Judge Schofield was a litigation partner at Debevoise & Plimpton LLP in its New York office. Her practice focused on litigation in complex commercial matters, including regulatory and white collar criminal investigations, class actions, corporate bankruptcies, and other business disputes. Her trials included the successful defense of Rosie O'Donnell in her contract claim against the publisher of Rosie Magazine, and of a “big four” accounting firm in a class action in which the jury returned a defense verdict after only 30 minutes. Judge Schofield previously served as a federal prosecutor and worked on cases involving arms dealing, domestic terrorism and white collar crime. She began her legal career as an associate at Cleary Gottlieb Steen & Hamilton. She is a former Chair of the Section of Litigation of the American Bar Association. Judge Schofield has written and spoken frequently about trial tactics and women in the legal profession. Judge Schofield is the first Filipino-American to be appointed as an Article III federal judge.

Hon. Edmond Chang | District Judge, Northern District of Illinois

Edmond Chang is a United States District Judge for the Northern District of Illinois. He was confirmed by a unanimous Senate vote in December 2010, making Judge Chang the youngest federal judge in the nation at the time. He is the first Asian-Pacific American Article III federal judge in Illinois, and the second APA Article III judge outside of the East and West Coasts. After obtaining his law degree with honors and Order of the Coif from Northwestern, Judge Chang served two federal judicial clerkships with Judge James L. Ryan of the Sixth Circuit and then-Chief Judge Marvin E. Aspen of the Northern District of Illinois. He then practiced employment law at Sidley Austin for two years before moving into his position as an Assistant U.S. Attorney in Chicago, prosecuting federal offenses including child exploitation, firearms, and drug trafficking crimes. Since 1996, Judge Chang has taught Civil Rights Litigation as an Adjunct Professor of Law at Northwestern University School of Law, and frequently lectures on a variety of topics including civil procedure, class actions, and diversity in the legal profession. Judge Chang has been the recipient of numerous awards, including the National Asian-Pacific American Bar Association’s Trailblazers award. He is dedicated to advancing diversity initiatives in the industry, and serves on the Judicial Advisory Committee of Just the Beginning, a national organization that promotes diversity in the legal profession.
Hon. Diane Gujarati | Eastern District of New York, District Judge

Diane Gujarati was appointed United States District Judge for the Eastern District of New York in September 2020. She graduated summa cum laude from Barnard College of Columbia University with a B.A. in Economics and received her J.D. from Yale Law School, where she served as an editor of the Yale Law Journal. From 1995 to 1996, Judge Gujarati served as a law clerk to the Honorable John M. Walker, Jr. of the Second Circuit. From 1996 to 1999, she served as an associate at Davis Polk & Wardwell. From 1999 until her appointment to the bench, she served as an Assistant United States Attorney in the United States Attorney’s Office for the Southern District of New York, where she held various positions, including Deputy Chief of the Criminal Division, Deputy Chief and then Chief of the White Plains Division, and Deputy Chief of the Appeals Unit in the Criminal Division. Judge Gujarati has served on various boards and committees, including the Board of the Asian American Bar Association of New York and the Federal Criminal Practice Committee of the Federal Bar Council. She also previously served as an Adjunct Professor of Clinical Law at New York University School of Law.

Hon. Sanket Bulsara | Eastern District of New York, Magistrate Judge

Sanket J. Bulsara was appointed as a Magistrate Judge of the Eastern District of New York on August 28, 2017. Judge Bulsara received an A.B. degree magna cum laude in 1998 from Harvard College, and a J.D. degree cum laude from Harvard Law School in 2002. He is a graduate of Edgemont High School. Upon graduating from law school, Judge Bulsara was a law clerk to Judge John G. Koeltl of the Southern District of New York. Thereafter, he was an associate at Munger Tolles & Olson in Los Angeles and Wilmer Cutler Pickering Hale and Dorr in New York, where he worked from 2005 to 2015, including as a partner of the firm. In 2015, he became the Deputy General Counsel for Appellate Litigation, Adjudication, and Enforcement at the Securities and Exchange Commission in Washington, DC. Prior to his appointment to the bench, Judge Bulsara served as Acting General Counsel of the SEC. Judge Bulsara is an Adjunct Professor of Law at St. John’s Law School where he teaches Remedies and Brooklyn Law School where he teaches Securities Litigation.
Sang Kim | Chair, DLA Piper

Sang Kim serves on DLA Piper's Global Board and US Executive Committee. He is currently Co-Chair of the Global Tax Practice and Chair of the US Tax Practice. Mr. Kim concentrates his practice in international tax and operational structuring, global transfer pricing strategy, cross-border mergers, acquisitions, dispositions and joint ventures, post-acquisition integration and international tax controversy. He also frequently serves as the managing international legal counsel for multijurisdictional and multi-disciplinary projects and matters implicating tax, employment, IP, corporate formation, governance, regulatory, foreign exchange controls, supply chain, and import duties, among others. He has led several hundred international expansion and structuring projects for companies across a wide spectrum of industries and jurisdictions from emerging enterprises to largest multinationals. Prior to joining DLA Piper, Mr. Kim spent seven years at two of the Big 4 firms in their Silicon Valley offices where he focused on international tax from both planning and tax accounting perspectives.

Joon Kim | Partner, Cleary Gottlieb

Joon H. Kim is a partner at Cleary Gottlieb Steen & Hamilton LLP, focusing on white-collar criminal defense, internal investigations, regulatory enforcement, and crisis management, as well as complex commercial litigation and arbitration. An internationally recognized counselor and litigator, he maintains an active practice representing major companies, boards, and senior executives around the world in their most challenging and sensitive legal problems, with a particular focus on criminal and regulatory investigations and litigations.

From 2017 to 2018, Mr. Kim served as the Acting U.S. Attorney for the Southern District of New York, overseeing all criminal and civil litigation conducted on behalf of the United States, handling a wide range of cases from securities fraud to environmental matters. Prior to this, Mr. Kim served in various leadership positions in the office, including Deputy U.S. Attorney, Chief of the Criminal Division, and Chief Counsel to the U.S. Attorney.

Mr. Kim is phi beta kappa graduate of Stanford University and a cum laude graduate of Harvard Law School. Following law school, he clerked for the Honorable Miriam Goldman Cedarbaum of the Southern District of New York, then joined Cleary Gottlieb as an associate in the litigation group before moving to the U.S. Attorney’s Office and eventually returning to the firm.
Edward J. Lee is a corporate partner in the New York office of Kirkland & Ellis LLP. Mr. Lee’s practice focuses on mergers and acquisitions, corporate governance, and shareholder activism defense. Mr. Lee has significant experience advising on both cross-border and domestic transactions, as well as on spin-offs and carve-outs, joint ventures, and initial public and other securities offerings. In 2019 and 2020, he advised on M&A transactions valued at over $300 billion. He has also advised numerous boards of directors and senior management teams in connection with unsolicited takeover proposals, shareholder activism campaigns, and other contested situations involving, among others, Elliott Management, Jana Partners, Third Point, Pershing Square, Relational Investors, and Starboard Value. He has advised a broad range of public and private clients across industries, including software and technology, aerospace & defense, media and telecom, industrial, chemicals, health care and pharmaceuticals, consumer goods and retail, energy, real estate and financial institutions. Ed is a frequent speaker on M&A and shareholder activism, including co-chairing PLI’s Shareholder Activism conference in 2018–2020. Prior to joining Kirkland, Mr. Lee was a partner at Wachtell, Lipton, Rosen & Katz. Mr. Lee holds a J.D. from Harvard Law School and a B.S. from Cornell University.

Ernest Hsin is a partner in the San Francisco office of Gibson Dunn. He specializes in technology-related litigation, with an emphasis on high-tech patent litigation. Mr. Hsin regularly represents his clients as lead or co-lead counsel in federal courts, arbitrations, mediations, and other proceedings. He has handled matters before numerous district courts, the Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit, the USPTO’s Patent Trial and Appeal Board, and the International Chamber of Commerce. He also has extensive experience litigating patent cases before the U.S. International Trade Commission in technology areas such as software, semiconductors, and consumer electronics. He regularly represents leading technology companies such as Tesla, Sanofi, and Amazon in some of their most significant intellectual property and technology disputes. He is also active in pro bono matters, as well as in the legal community. He has served on the Board of Directors of the Asian Law Alliance, an organization that provides free legal services to under-resourced Asian communities in the San Francisco Bay Area. Mr. Hsin holds a J.D. from Columbia Law School and a B.S. in Mechanical Engineering from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.
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Pat Chew | Salmon Chaired Professor, University of Pittsburgh School of Law & Sullivan and Cromwell Visiting Professor, Harvard Law School

Professor Pat Chew is the Salmon Chaired Professor at the University of Pittsburgh School of Law and was the Sullivan and Cromwell Visiting Professor at Harvard Law School in 2018. She has held numerous leadership roles, including a position on the Executive Committee of the American Association of Law Schools and a Council member of the General Practice Division of the American Bar Association. Professor Chew is a co-founder of the Asian-American Pacific Islander law faculty association. She was the inaugural recipient of the Keith Aoki Excellence in Asian American Jurisprudence Award. Prior to teaching, Professor Chew practiced corporate and international law with Baker & McKenzie in Chicago and in San Francisco. She received a J.D. degree and a Masters in Education Psychology from the University of Texas and an undergraduate degree in psychology from Stanford University.
Anita Sinha is an Associate Professor of Law and Director of the International Human Rights Law Clinic at American University, Washington College of Law (WCL). Her scholarship addresses human rights issues related to migration and migration control. Professor Sinha graduated summa cum laude from Barnard College and cum laude from NYU School of Law in 2001, where she served as an Articles Editor for the NYU Law Review. She began her legal career as a Skadden Arps Public Interest Fellow, conducting post-9/11 immigration defense work. Prior to joining academia, Professor Sinha was in post-Katrina New Orleans litigating on behalf of displaced communities. Professor Sinha has taught doctrinal classes in the WCL Clinical Program and in the WCL/T.M.C. Asser Institute Summer Program in The Hague. The favorite parts of her job are supervising students on their clinic casework and watching her twin six-year-old boys live life.
Andrew Park | Mastercard Foundation, Head of Strategic Operations

Andrew Park is the Head of Strategic Operations at the Mastercard Foundation, which has a mission to enable 30 million young people in Africa to secure employment they see as dignified and fulfilling. He brings a varied background spanning academia, law, policy, sustainability, consulting, and philanthropy. Prior to joining the Mastercard Foundation, he was a management consultant with McKinsey & Company, led a sustainable finance portfolio at Bloomberg LP, and began his career in philanthropy as Special Assistant to the COO of Bloomberg Philanthropies. After graduating from law school, he was a law clerk to two United States Federal Judges on the Second Circuit Court of Appeals (Hon. Judge Robert A. Katzmann) and the Southern District of New York (Hon. Judge Jed S. Rakoff). Mr. Park holds a B.A. in Economics from Harvard University, a DPhil in Comparative Social Policy from Oxford University where he was a Rhodes Scholar, and a J.D. from Yale Law School. He is also a recovering concert pianist who is realizing that, in the midst of a pandemic, it would also be helpful to be a piano tuner.

Ana McCullough | QuestBridge, Co-Founder

Ana McCullough is Co-Founder and CEO of QuestBridge (formerly Quest Scholars Program), a national nonprofit organization that connects high-achieving students from low-income backgrounds to 42 of the nation’s best colleges and universities on full or nearly-full scholarships. Ms. McCullough co-founded QuestBridge while she was an undergraduate at Stanford. For this, she received the Dinkelspiel Award for outstanding contributions to education at Stanford. She continued to build QuestBridge throughout her three years at Stanford Law School, and after law school, led QuestBridge as CEO. Starting in 2006, she worked in other companies and sectors before returning to QuestBridge as CEO in 2013.

Ms. McCullough’s prior roles include Co-Founder and former VP, Content at Shmoop.com, management consultant at McKinsey & Company, and consulting scientist to the Environmental Defense Fund. During law school, she served as a research associate for Stanford President emeritus Donald Kennedy. She speaks widely to university, nonprofit, and corporate audiences about access to higher education, diversity and inclusion, innovation, and nonprofit strategy and management. She serves on the Board of Directors of iSing Silicon Valley, and as Advisor to Service to School and D&I in Practice. Ms. McCullough holds a B.A. from Stanford in Human Biology, and a J.D. from Stanford Law School where she focused on environmental and youth law.
KaYing Yang is a social justice advocate who has built and led community development and public policy efforts nationally and globally. In the 1990s, she served as executive director for the only national Southeast Asian American advocacy organization in the U.S. based in Washington, D.C. She has co-founded several organizations, including the National Asian Pacific American Women’s Forum and the Asian & Pacific Islander American Scholarship Fund. She has also worked closely with the White House Initiative on Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders. From 2004-2013, Ms. Yang lived and worked in Thailand and Laos with the International Organization for Migration to resettle Hmong and Karen refugees to the U.S. and other countries. Later, she joined the World Bank Group and worked to improve the investment climate in Laos. In 2013, she co-founded and served as President of RedGreen Rivers, a social enterprise working in the Mekong Region to build sustainable communities. She is currently the Director of Programs and Partnerships for the Coalition of Asian American Leaders, a social justice network organization that brings together over 4,000 Asian Minnesotan leaders to advance inclusion of Asians and BIPOC communities in economics, education, and immigration policies.
David Chiu | Assemblymember of the California State Legislature, representing the 17th Assembly District

As a member of the California State Legislature, David Chiu is the first Asian American to represent a half million constituents in the 17th Assembly District, which encompasses eastern San Francisco. In the Legislature, he has served as Assistant Speaker pro Tempore, Chair of the Assembly Housing and Community Development Committee, Chair of the Asian and Pacific Islander Legislative Caucus, and Policy Chair of the Progressive Caucus. During his six years in the Legislature, Mr. Chiu has authored 64 new laws addressing a wide spectrum of issues from housing to health. Previously, he was the first Asian American to serve as President of the San Francisco Board of Supervisors. Before running for office, he was a criminal prosecutor at the San Francisco District Attorney's Office, a civil rights attorney with the Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights, Democratic Counsel to the U.S. Senate Constitution Subcommittee, a law clerk to a Ninth Circuit judge, chief operating officer to a public affairs technology company, and president of the Asian American Bar Association of the Greater Bay Area. The son of immigrant parents, Mr. Chiu grew up in Boston and received his undergraduate, law, and master's in public policy degrees from Harvard University.

Kirby Kim | Janklow & Nesbit, Literary Agent

Kirby Kim, a native of Los Angeles, California, is an agent representing both literary and commercial authors. He also represents a range of nonfiction, working with leaders and journalists in the areas of science, culture, business, and current affairs. Some of his clients include award winning sci-fi author Ted Chiang, rapper/actor Common, Edgar Award winner James A. McLaughlin, and Philippine National Book Award winner Gina Apostol. He is currently a board member of the Asian American Writers Workshop. Mr. Kim has worked for Charlotte Sheedy Literary, WME, and Janklow & Nesbit. He graduated from Pomona College and holds a J.D. from U.C. Hastings College of the Law. He lives in Phoenix, Arizona with his wife and two kids.
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Friday, Feb. 12, 6:00 PM ET | Immigration: Impacts & Implications

Stewart Chang | University of Nevada Las Vegas William S. Boyd School of Law, Professor of Law

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Cecillia Wang | ACLU, Deputy Legal Director & Fmr. Director of the ACLU Immigrants’ Rights Project

Cecillia Wang is a deputy legal director at the national ACLU and oversees the ACLU’s work on immigrants’ rights, voting rights, national security, human rights, and speech, privacy and technology. Cecillia is a past director of the ACLU Immigrants’ Rights Project and has taught immigration law courses as an adjunct lecturer at Stanford and Berkeley. Previously she was a trial attorney with the federal public defender office in the Southern District of New York and served on the federal indigent defense panel for the Northern District of California. Her notable ACLU cases include successful challenges to President Trump's ban on the entry of noncitizens from certain Muslim-majority countries, the Maricopa County Sheriff’s Office’s discriminatory traffic stop policies, and Alabama’s HB 56 anti-immigrant law. Cecillia is a 1995 graduate of the Yale Law School, where she was an articles editor for The Yale Law Journal. She clerked for Justice Harry A. Blackmun of the Supreme Court of the United States and Judge William A. Norris of the U.S. Court of Appeals of the Ninth Circuit. Cecillia graduated from U.C. Berkeley in 1992 with an A.B. in English (with highest honors) and Biology.

Panida Rzonca | Thai Community Development Center, Directing Attorney

Panida Rzonca is Directing Attorney at the Thai Community Development Center, a community based organization in Los Angeles, where she oversees legal and social services. She has been working with Thai foreign national victims of sex and labor human trafficking since 2007. Ms. Rzonca’s work is concentrated on managing the delivery of comprehensive services to victims, including reporting trafficking to law enforcement, immigration representation in filing for T Visas and adjustment of status to legal permanent residency, obtaining victims restitution, and ultimately, justice. Ms. Rzonca is also a member of the California Access to Justice Commission and Co-chair of its Racial Justice & Intersectionality Committee. She was the 2018 and 2021 President of the Thai American Bar Association. She earned a J.D. at Southwestern School of Law.
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David Lat | Above the Law, Co-founder

David Lat is a lawyer turned legal journalist and recruiter. He writes a newsletter on Substack about law and legal affairs, Original Jurisdiction, and he works as a managing director in the New York office of Lateral Link, a nationwide legal search firm. In 2006, David founded Above the Law, one of the nation's most widely read legal news websites, and his writing has also appeared in the New York Times, Washington Post, and Wall Street Journal, among other publications. In 2014, he published a novel set in the world of the federal courts, Supreme Ambitions. Before entering the media and recruiting worlds, David worked as a federal prosecutor in Newark, New Jersey; a litigation associate at Wachtell, Lipton, Rosen & Katz, in New York; and a law clerk to Judge Diarmuid F. O'Scanlain of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit. David graduated from Harvard College and Yale Law School, where he served as an editor of the Yale Law Journal.

Tommy Shi | Bryan Cave Leighton Paisner, Director of Inclusion & Diversity

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Stephanie Yonekura | Hogan Lovells, Fmr. Acting U.S. Attorney in Los Angeles

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Ryan Park | Solicitor General, North Carolina

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