

Katten Taps Lim, Tirtatunggal for the Alliance for Asian American Justice

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(CHICAGO) Katten announced today that Glen Lim and Christy Tirtatunggal will serve as its representatives on the Alliance for Asian American Justice (the Alliance). As such, the two attorneys will join representatives from more than 45 other law firms and Fortune 100 companies that formed the Alliance as a means of supporting Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) communities as incidents of anti-Asian hate crimes remain a threat nationally.

“It is great that Katten is joining the collective effort to combat the issue of AAPI violence,” said Lim, a partner in the firm’s Private Credit practice in Los Angeles. “I’m hopeful that the Alliance will make significant contributions to assist the AAPI community and address this important national issue. We, at Katten, want to do our part to help effect meaningful and positive change.”

Tirtatunggal, an associate in Katten’s New York Real Estate practice, added, “I am very excited to represent Katten on the Alliance.”

Through the Alliance, Asian individuals and families that fall victim to harassment and other unprovoked violence can access social services and other services as well as pro bono legal assistance to help hold perpetrators accountable. Several organizations, including the National Asian Pacific American Bar Association, the Asian American Legal Defense and Education Fund, and Asian Americans Advancing Justice, are working with the Alliance, performing initial intake services and referring cases to the group.

Connie Chung Joe, chief executive officer of Asian Americans Advancing Justice – Los Angeles, the nation’s largest legal and civil rights organization for Asian Americans, Native Hawaiians and Pacific Islanders, served as keynote speaker at Katten’s April Town Hall meeting. Joe shared approaches firm members can take to better understand the multilayered aspects of discrimination faced by the AAPI community.

In early May, Katten hosted a firm-wide virtual event in recognition of Asian American and Pacific Islander History Month. The guest speaker was Cathy Park Hong, award-winning poet, essayist and author of *Minor Feelings: An Asian American Reckoning*. The book uses cultural criticism, history, and Hong's personal experience to reveal hard truths about race and Asian American identity.

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