Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month 2022
“Advancing Leaders Through Collaboration” Video

To celebrate and commemorate Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) heritage month, the Santa Clara County Superior Court has produced a video featuring judicial officers from both coasts speaking about their experiences as AAPI judicial officers. This bi-coastal collaboration between the Courts of California and New York celebrates the services, successes, and contributions of AAPIs to the American legal system.

Hon. Erica Yew, who was instrumental in bringing this project to fruition, had this to say about the effort, “It is remarkable to me that this story - which began on a small scale, between a child in the foster care system and her advocate, could become a bi-coastal event. I’m so proud of Judge Reid since many children in the child welfare system do not complete high school, much less college and law school. It is extraordinary and inspiring to hear her story and those of the exemplary AAPI judges and justices in this video. We all have a journey, and sharing our stories is unifying and uplifting.”

You can visit the Court’s YouTube page or click on the picture below to view the video.

The Santa Clara County Superior Court would like to thank the many individuals who shared their stories and life experiences on camera. Special thanks to Hon. Fatimat O. Reid and Hon. Meredith Vacca from the Monroe County Court in New York for their assistance with this effort.
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