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Dear NFALA Family.

Happy March! As we look ahead to the Spring, we are thrilled to bring you the latest updates and insights from our NFALA Community. Here's a glimpse of what you can find in this month's newsletter:

- **Pinay Powerhouse:** Register today and see you in San Diego on March 22, 2024!
- **NFALA's Mid-Year Leadership Summit:** We are headed to Houston on April 12-14, 2024! Register today for exclusive Early-Bird pricing!
- **Celebrating Achievements:** We continue to shine the spotlight on the accomplishments of our NFALA members.
- **Recap:** NFALA's Partner's Network presented a panel of industry trailblazers who shared their sage advice on driving business growth.

Thank you for being an integral part of the NFALA community.  
Together, we continue to elevate the standards of legal excellence.

Sincerely,  
Natalie Garcia Lashinsky  
Vice-President of Communications  
[communications@nfala.com](mailto:communications@nfala.com)

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**7th Annual Pinay Powerhouse Conference | March 22-24, 2024 | San Diego, CA**

In support of NFALA Affiliate Filipino American Lawyers of San Diego (FALSD), they are excited to host the upcoming 7th Annual Pinay Powerhouse Conference on March 22-24, 2024. This year's conference theme is "Sun, Sand & Sampaguita." Sampaguita is the national flower of the Philippines and means "promises," from the phrase sump akita.

Our theme honors the promises we make to our community and profession, as well as the promises we make to and keep for ourselves.

The conference will feature prominent speakers on topics such as thriving in traditionally white male-dominated industries, important LGBTIA+ issues, and more. Additionally, we will be hosting a Friday evening welcome event, as well as other social events throughout the weekend that showcase some of our favorite San Diego spots.

Hotel blocks are available at the Sheraton San Diego Hotel & Marina, located at 1380 Harbor Island Drive in downtown San Diego, conveniently located three miles away from the San Diego International Airport. Hotel blocks can be reserved here:

For more information, including the conference schedule and to purchase tickets, please visit the Pinay Powerhouse website. Also follow @pinaypowerhouse on Instagram for the latest updates!

[Register Today](#)

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NATIONAL FILIPINO AMERICAN LAWYERS ASSOCIATION



# MID-YEAR LEADERSHIP SUMMIT HOUSTON, TEXAS

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**April 12-14, 2024**

[nfala.com/midyear2024](https://nfala.com/midyear2024)

The Summit will feature inspiring keynote speakers, panels, and workshops, and provide opportunities for you to deepen and broaden your connections with other NFALA Board Members, Affiliate Leaders, and Committee Chairs. If you are not yet involved with NFALA or a local affiliate, we encourage you to come and start building your NFALA network!





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# MID-YEAR LEADERSHIP SUMMIT

**JACKSON WALKER LLP. 1401 MCKINNEY ST # 1900, HOUSTON, TX**

(Most events will take place at Jackson Walker, unless \* indicated)

<b>FRIDAY</b> <b>04.12.24</b>	<b>1:00 PM - 3:00 PM</b>	*Partner & In-House Counsel Affinity Meet-Up
	<b>4:00 PM - 5:00 PM</b>	NFALA Executive Board Meeting
	<b>5:00 PM - 5:30 PM</b>	Summit Registration
	<b>5:30 PM - 6:00 PM</b>	Welcome Remarks
	<b>6:00 PM - 7:00 PM</b>	Session I
	<b>7:30 PM - 9:30 PM</b>	*Welcome Dinner <sup>^</sup>
	<b>10:00 PM - 11:30 PM</b>	*Post Dinner Social Event <sup>^</sup>
<b>SATURDAY</b> <b>04.13.24</b>	<b>7:30 AM - 8:30 AM</b>	Breakfast
	<b>9:00 AM - 12:45 PM</b>	Session II
	<b>12:45 PM - 1:30 PM</b>	Lunch
	<b>4:30 PM - 5:00 PM</b>	Closing
	<b>7:30 PM - 9:30 PM</b>	Reception & Dinner*
	<b>9:30 PM - TBD</b>	Post Dinner Social Event*
<b>SUNDAY</b> <b>04.14.24</b>	<b>9:00 AM - 12:00 PM</b>	*Farewell Brunch <sup>^</sup>
	<sup>^</sup> Food may be purchased onsite and/or activity expense not covered in registration fee.	



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# REGISTRATION INFORMATION

- **EARLY BIRD\* - NFALA Direct & Affiliate Members | \$75**
- **EARLY BIRD\* - NFALA Government & Public Sector Members | \$40**
- **NFALA Direct & Affiliate Members | \$80**
- **NFALA Government & Public Sector Members | \$50**
- **NFALA Law Students | Free**
- **NFALA Individual Sponsor | \$100**
  - Individual sponsorship recognized at the NFALA Mid-Year Conference and in its promotional materials.
- **NFALA Leadership Academy Participants | \$40**

**\*\*Register by March 15 for discounted pricing.**

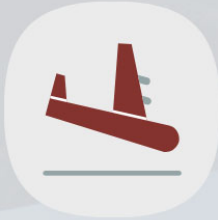


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**MID-YEAR LEADERSHIP SUMMIT**  
**HOUSTON, TEXAS**

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**PLAN YOUR TRIP\***



**ARRIVE**

FRIDAY

04.12.24



**5:00 PM**

\*1:00 PM FOR PARTNERS  
& IN-HOUSE AFFINITY  
MEMBERS



**DEPART**

SUNDAY

04.14.24



**12:00 PM**

\* George Bush Intercontinental/Houston Airport (IAH) is 30 minutes away from the venue. Hobby Houston Airport (HOU) is 20 minutes away from the venue.



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## MID-YEAR LEADERSHIP SUMMIT HOUSTON, TEXAS

# BOOK YOUR HOTEL

NFALA is thrilled to announce they have secured a fantastic hotel partner for your accommodation needs during the upcoming NFALA Mid-Year Leadership Summit

**Aloft Houston Downtown**  
820 Fannin Street  
Houston, TX

**Dates: 04/12/24 - 04/14/24**

**Special Group Rate: \$169 / night**



### **NFALA's 2024 Mid-Year Leadership Summit | April 12-14, 2024 | Houston, Texas**

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[Visit Mid-Year Info Page for Registration Details](#)



## NFALA Celebrates Our Members

**2024 GEORGIA ASIAN  
AMERICAN BAR  
ASSOCIATION'S  
HAN C. CHOI  
MENTORSHIP AWARD**

Congratulations to:


**HON. BRYAN C.  
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**2024 AMERICAN BAR  
ASSOCIATION'S  
COMMISSION ON RACIAL  
AND ETHNIC DIVERSITY'S  
SPIRIT OF EXCELLENCE  
AWARD**

Congratulations to:

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*Congratulations to*

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**Awarded  
2024  
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Award**

**2024 JAPANESE  
AMERICAN CITIZENS  
LEAGUE'S CENTRAL  
CALIFORNIA DISTRICT  
COUNCIL'S DISTINGUISHED  
AMERICAN AWARD**

Congratulations to:

**HON. JOHNNY GOGO**  
Santa Clara County Superior Court



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## NFALA In The News

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# NFALA Member Hon. Ricardo Ocampo Featured in the Los Angeles Daily Journal

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## NFALA's Awards & Endorsements Committee

Let Us Support Your Recognition!

We're on a mission to honor our NFALA members who are making an impact and driving positive change. Let us help you celebrate your success!

If there are any awards or special recognitions you want to be considered, collaborate with the NFALA Awards & Endorsements Committee!



Contact John Fetters at  
[john.fetters@stokeslaw.com](mailto:john.fetters@stokeslaw.com)



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The NFALA Awards & Endorsements Committee is responsible for: (1) identifying NFALA members for awards/recognitions and recommending candidates Awards & to the Board of Governors; Endorsements and (2) vetting NFALA members seeking NFALA Committee endorsements by reviewing materials submitted by candidates, conducting interviews of candidates when necessary, and providing recommendations to the Board of Governors.

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Contact [John Fetters](#) for more information.

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### **RECAP: NFALA's February Board Meeting**

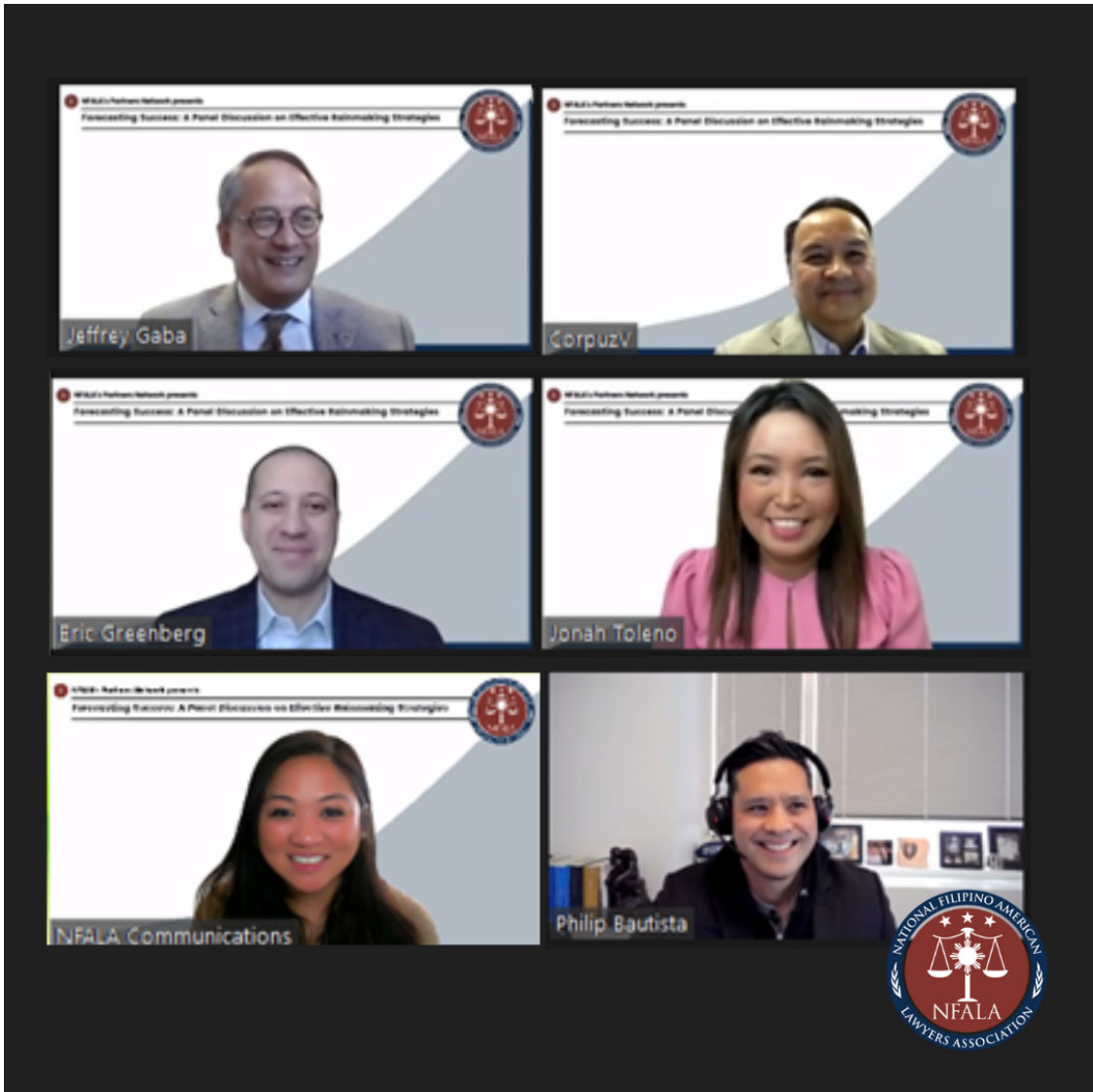
NFALA's Board of Directors gathered for its February 024 Meeting where we discussed the upcoming NFALA Mid-Year Leadership Summit, upcoming programming plans and affiliate events! The Board will meet again on March 11, 2024.

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### **RECAP: NFALA's Partner's Network panel "Forecasting Success: A Panel Discussion on Effective Rainmaking Strategies."**

On February 13, 2024, NFALA's Partner's Network presented its panel of ALA industry trailblazers Victor Corpuz of Jackson Lewis, Jeffrey Gaba of Gregory, Doyle, Calhoun & Rogers, LLC, Eric Greenberg of Seyfarth Shaw, and Jonah Toleno of Garcia Hong Law, PC shared their insight and experience on driving business growth and effective rainmaking strategies. The panel was moderated by NFALA's Partners Network Co-Chairs Phillip Bautista of Taft Law and Natalie Garcia Lashinsky of Husch Blackwell LLP.

For more information on the Partner's Network, contact NFALA Partner's Network Co-Chairs [Natalie Garcia Lashinsky](#) or [Phil Bautista](#).

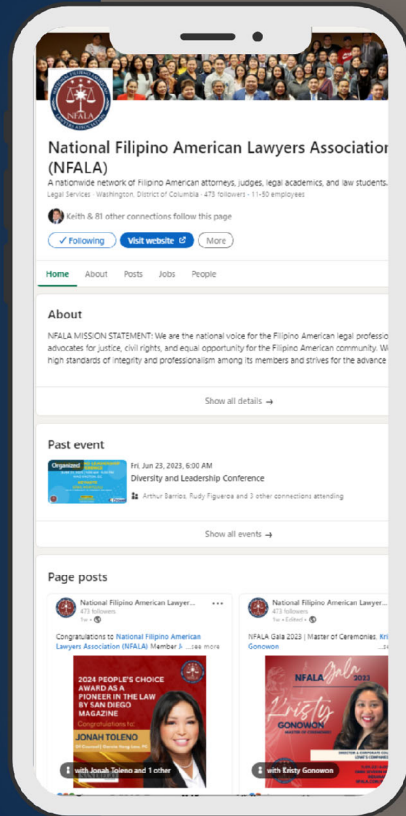


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## SHARE YOUR NEWS

### 2023-2024 NFALA Executive Board

Congratulations to NFALA's newly elected 2023-24 Executive Board! #nfalafamily

 <b>Bryan Ramos</b> President-Elect	 <b>NFALA</b> 2023-2024 Executive Board	 <b>Peggy Li</b> VP Programs & Operations
 <b>Vanessa Candelaria</b> VP of Membership	 <b>Lorna Garcia de Guzman</b> President	 <b>Elizabeth Olivera</b> Secretary
 <b>Andrew Villacastin</b> Treasurer	 <b>Gage Javier</b> Immediate Past President	 <b>Natalie Garcia Lashinsky</b> VP of Communications



Share your announcements, recent awards, judicial appointments, and upcoming events with the NFALA community!

To submit, visit <https://tinyurl.com/NFALANews>



Submit your news, announcements, awards, and events today!

# Thank you to our 2023 Sponsors

National Filipino American Lawyers Association wishes to thank its sponsors for their continued generosity and support of NFALA and its mission to promote diversity, supporting the entrance and advancement of Filipino-Americans into and within the legal profession, and ensuring the issues important to Filipino-Americans are adequately addressed within the legal community and public at-large

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