

Marie Ma of Gap and Adobe Systems Honored at 7th Annual In House Counsel Diversity Awards Reception

July 13, 2017 – San Francisco -- More than 60 people attended The Bar Association of San Francisco's annual In-House Counsel Diversity Awards on July 12 at the law firm of Polsinelli.

BASF Executive Director Yolanda Jackson presented the individual award to Marie J. Ma, Senior Corporate Counsel and Director, Global Equity Administration, Gap Inc. and the company award was presented to Adobe Systems Incorporated - Legal and Government Relations. Former BASF Board Member Maulik Shah, Counsel – Digital Media, Adobe, accepted the award on the company's behalf.

Adobe Systems Incorporated was recognized for providing a grant to the Justice & Diversity Center's diversity programs. They were also recognized for encouraging their team members to engage with JDC through giving and volunteering, by providing matching grants. Shah has been very involved in diversity efforts at Adobe Systems, as well as in the Bay Area legal community and has invested in developing diversity in the legal profession by hosting the Leadership Council on Legal Diversity conference.

Ma was recognized for her commitment to diversity pipeline programs, specifically the Justice & Diversity Center's (JDC) Mock Trial program, where she has served as a committee member since 2011. She has also served as chair of the program since 2012. She has organized several fundraisers benefitting the Mock Trial program. She has also led Gap's participation in and has volunteered as a mentor for JDC's Law Academy program. Ma has also volunteered for JDC's Destination Law School program.

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