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Cadwalader to Shed Light on World War II Draft Resister Case

Unique event will be presented by members of the Asian American Bar Association of New York

NEW YORK, July 11, 2013 -- Cadwalader, Wickersham & Taft LLP (Cadwalader), a leading counselor to global financial institutions and corporations, is hosting a unique event that will reenact the historic World War II case of the 63 Japanese-American draft resisters who were interned at Heart Mountain in Wyoming and refused to report for U.S. military service until their rights as citizens were restored.

The program will be presented by a team of Asian American Bar Association of New York (AABANY) members, which includes Cadwalader Partner Kathy Hirata Chin and Special Counsel Lauren U.Y. Lee. The group develops and performs reenactments of important moments in Asian American legal history, which are first performed at the annual National Asian Pacific American Bar Association (NAPABA) convention in November. The Hon. Denny Chin, Judge for the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit, and the Hon. Kiyoo Matsumoto, Judge for the United States District Court for the Eastern District of New York, will also participate in the evening's program.

"I commend Judge Chin, Cadwalader Partner Kathy Chin and the entire team for their efforts to raise awareness of significant, yet often overlooked, moments in our nation's legal history which impacted Asian Americans. The Heart Mountain case, in particular, challenged notions of citizenship and individual freedoms," commented W. Christopher White, Chairman of Cadwalader. "As a firm, we are committed to supporting diversity and inclusion in the legal profession and are honored to host this unique program."

Cadwalader previously hosted another performance by AABANY, which focused on two key Supreme Court cases from 1922 – *Takao Ozawa v. United States* and *United States v. Bhagat Singh Thind*. George Wickersham, a Cadwalader partner at that time, represented Mr. Ozawa in the former case.

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