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Celebrating APALRC's Impact

2026

What We Are Celebrating

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Who We Are

Serving the community for 27 years

The mission of the APALRC is to advance the civil and legal rights of Asian Americans by focusing on providing linguistically accessible and culturally appropriate legal services to low-income Asian immigrants in the Metro-DC area, including those with limited English proficiency. Our goal is to ensure that Asian Americans can readily access government services and resources in the legal system to protect and enforce their rights, and to support their full participation in American society. The APALRC seeks to accomplish this mission through a three-pronged strategy that combines community legal education, individual representation, and systemic advocacy.

Letter From Curtis P. Lu, Chair APALRC Board of Directors

Dear Friends and Supporters,

As we mark the 27th anniversary of the APALRC, our mission remains more important than ever: ensuring that language and financial barriers do not stand in the way of access to justice.

Twenty-seven years ago, a group of young Asian American lawyers and Georgetown University Law Center students asked a simple question: “How do Asian immigrants get legal assistance if they do not know English?” From that question, APALRC has grown into a legal services organization that helps hundreds of people each year overcome financial barriers, limited English proficiency and unfamiliarity with the American legal system.

Under the leadership of Executive Director Naznin Saifi, our dedicated staff and volunteers put that mission into practice every day. We help survivors of domestic violence obtain immigration relief, assist lawful permanent residents become U.S. citizens, and support residents of DC’s Chinatown in their fight to preserve affordable housing. These are just a few examples of the work your support makes possible in the communities we are honored to serve.

Your generosity sustains this work. With your continued support, APALRC can help more people understand their rights and obtain the legal assistance they need. Thank you for your generosity and your commitment to our mission.

PROGRAM

6:00 PM Doors Open, Mingling, and Food & Drinks

6:45 PM Speakers and Trivia

8:30 PM Winners Announced

PRESENTERS

Rory Scholl
Host
The Big Quiz Thing

Naznin Saifi
Executive Director
APALRC

Curtis Lu
Chair, Board of Directors
APALRC

See Ming Chen
President
Wah Luck House
Tenants Association
Board

Navdeep Kaur
Former APALRC Client

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In 2025 , APALRC Served Clients in **26** languages

Amharic, Arabic, ASL, Bengali, Burmese, Cantonese, Dari, Farsi, French, Gujurati, Haitian Creole, Hindi, Indonesian, Japanese, Korean, Mandarin, Mongolian, Nepalese, Portuguese, Russian, Spanish, Tagalog, Turkish, Ukrainian, Urdu, Vietnamese

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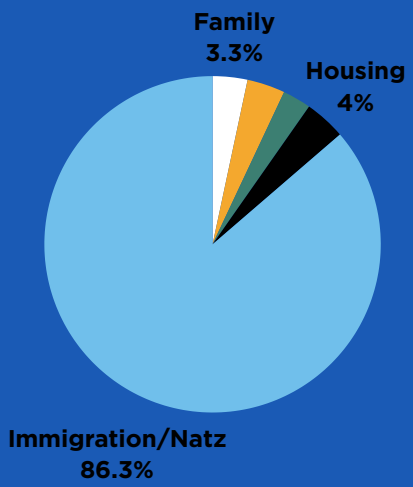
In 2025, APALRC brought
284 immigration/naturalization,
13 housing,
11 family law,
9 crime victim and
12 other types of cases.



BIOGRAPHIES

See Ming Chen

President, Wah Luck House Tenants Association Board

See Ming Chen is a current resident of Wah Luck House and has lived in DC Chinatown for 14 years. Mr. Chen grew up in Hong Kong, and moved to the United States in 1975. For the past ten years, Mr. Chen has served as president of the Wah Luck House Tenants Association Board. He is a dedicated member of the Wah Luck House community. Mr. Chen's favorite parts of living in Chinatown are participating in the adult programs at Wah Luck House and how convenient it is to get around.

Navdeep Kaur

Former APALRC client

Ms. Navdeep Kaur is a former client of the Asian Pacific American Legal Resource Center (APALRC) who sought help with immigration and legal proceedings after leaving a domestic violence situation. Originally from Punjab, India, Ms. Kaur immigrated to the United States in 2018 after marrying a U.S. citizen. Ms. Kaur earned a Bachelor of Science degree in India and passed the licensing exam to become a registered nurse. Through the APALRC, she obtained a permanent green card and eventually became a U.S. citizen. She is currently a registered nurse at INOVA Hospital in Fairfax and dreams of becoming a doctor.

BIOGRAPHIES

Curtis P. Lu
Chair, APALRC Board of Directors

Curtis Lu currently serves as the Chair of the Board of Directors of the Asian Pacific American Legal Resource Center. He is FTI Consulting's General Counsel and a member of the firm's Executive Committee. Curtis is responsible for all FTI Consulting legal affairs and has over 25 years as a law firm partner and in senior in-house positions. Curtis has held senior in-house legal positions in the communications, media, financial services, and digital industries, including working at LightSquared, Time Warner, Inc, Fannie Mae, and America Online, Inc. (AOL). He began his legal career at Latham & Watkins and served as a Law Clerk to the Honorable Thomas A. Clark of the United States Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit.

Naznin Saifi
Executive Director, APALRC

Naznin Saifi has been the Executive Director of the Asian Pacific American Legal Resource Center (APALRC) for over 10 years. Previously, Naznin worked as a staff attorney practicing in the areas of public benefits and housing at the Spokane Legal Services Center in Spokane, Washington and at the Legal Aid Society of Mercer County in Trenton, New Jersey; the managing attorney of the Prince William branch office of Legal Services of Northern Virginia practicing family law; and deputy director at Northeast New Jersey Legal Services practicing consumer and public benefits law. She has served on numerous committees and is the recipient of several awards including the Peter M. Cicchino Public Service Award for Work Primarily in the U.S. which she received in 2007 from The American University's Washington College of Law.

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