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Dear NFALA Family.

Happy February! As we step into the second month of the year, we're excited 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:

- **NFALA's Partners Network Panel:** Join us on February 13 on a panel discussion on "Forecasting Success: A Panel Discussion on Effective Rainmaking Strategies!"
- **NFALA's Mid-Year Leadership Summit:** We are headed to Houston on April 12-14, 2024! Plan your trip!
- **Practice Group Initiative:** Don't forget to fill out the survey!
- **Celebrating Achievements:** We continue to shine the spotlight on the accomplishments of our NFALA members.

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)



**NFALA's Partners Network presents**

## **Forecasting Success: A Panel Discussion on Effective Rainmaking Strategies**



Join our virtual panel of industry trailblazers, who will share their insights, experiences, and proven strategies for driving business growth and best practices through effective rainmaking in competitive markets.

**February 13, 2024 | 1-2 pm EST / 10-11 am PST**



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**Jonah Toleno**  
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To Register, visit <https://tiny.url/PartnersRainmaking>  
For more information, contact NFALA Partners Network Co-Chairs Natalie Garcia Lashinsky  
([natalie.lashinsky@huschblackwell.com](mailto:natalie.lashinsky@huschblackwell.com)) or Phillip Bautista ([pbautista@taftlaw.com](mailto:pbautista@taftlaw.com))

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For more information, contact NFALA Partners Network Co-Chairs [Natalie Garcia Lashinsky](#) or [Phillip Bautista](#)

Register Today!



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

**April 12-14, 2024**  
[nfala.com/midyear2024](https://nfala.com/midyear2024)

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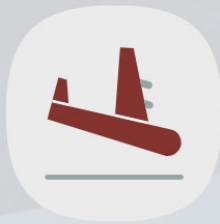


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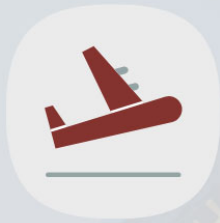
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**ARRIVE**  
FRIDAY  
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● **5:00 PM**  
● \*1:00 PM FOR PARTNERS  
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**DEPART**  
SUNDAY  
04.14.24

● **12:00 PM**



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## MID-YEAR LEADERSHIP SUMMIT

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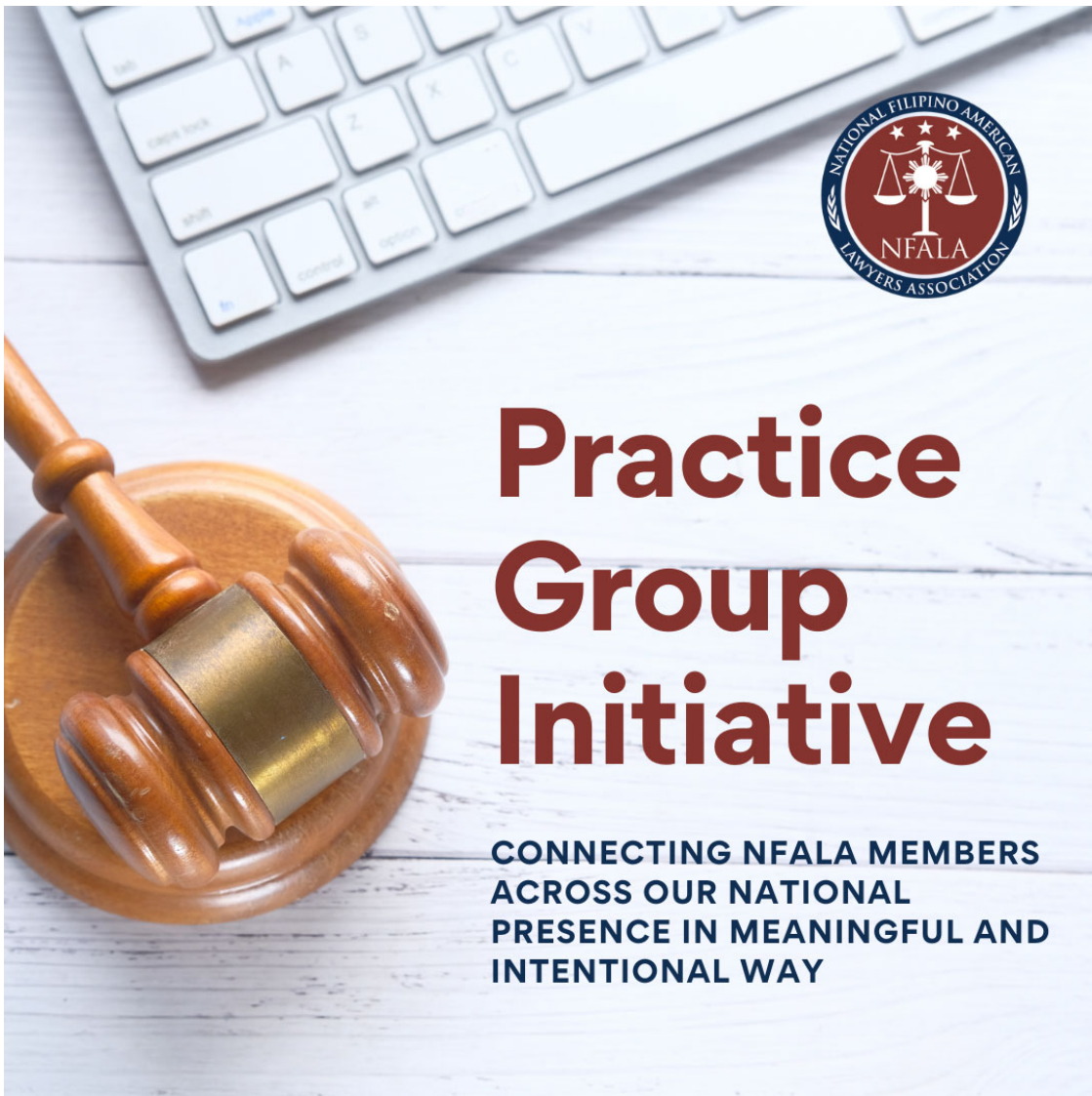
(Most events will take place at Jackson Walker, unless \* indicated)

<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*
	<b>10:00 PM - 11:30 PM</b>	Post Dinner Social Event*
<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*
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[Visit Mid-Year Info Page for Registration Details](#)



### **NFALA's Practice Group Initiative (PGI)**

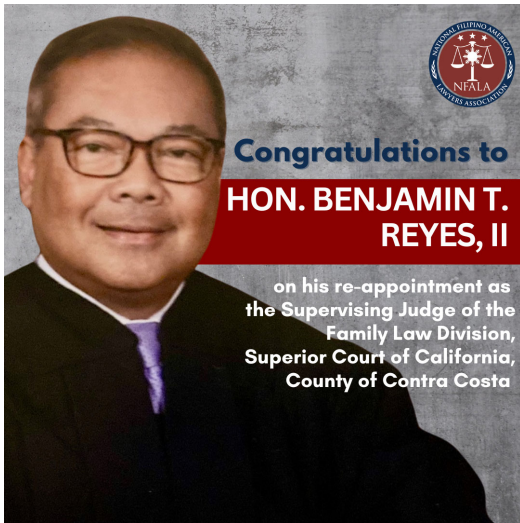
This year, NFALA is launching the Practice Group Initiative (PGI)! PGI is an effort to help our members connect and get organized based on their practice areas. We believe this will create avenues for members to engage with each other from across the nation in new and meaningful ways. PGI will provide NFALA members opportunities for professional networking, CLE sessions, and practice group meetings where we can learn from one another.

To get started, we need those who are interested to fill out this survey <http://tinyurl.com/NFALAPGI>. It will only take 3 minutes of your time, but potentially unlock limitless value for you as an NFALA member! Please complete this short survey by the end of Friday, January 19th, 2024.

If you have any questions, or would like to be more deeply involved with this initiative, please contact [Dennis Pangindian](#)

Complete the PGI Survey Today

## NFALA Judicial Announcements



## NFALA Celebrates Our Members



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## NFALA In The News



# In The News



## NFALA IN THE NEWS

# NFALA Member Hon. Adrian G. Roxas' Legal Journey Featured in the Los Angeles Daily Journal

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## RECAP: NFALA's January 2024 Board Meeting

NFALA's Board of Directors gathered for its January 2024 Meeting where we discussed the upcoming NFALA Mid-Year Leadership Summit, upcoming programming plans and affiliate events! The Board will meet again on February 12, 2024.



**RECAP: NFALA's Government & Public Sector Network's panel "The Role of Non-Profit and Government Attorneys in Advancing Social Justice"**

On January 17, 2024, NFALA's GPS Network presented its panel of experts featuring: Michael Aguilar, Program Director at the Crossroads Fund; Kevin Benedicto, San Francisco Police Commission; Carolyn Cole, Washington State Administrative Office of the Courts; and Rose Cuison-Villazor, Rutgers University, where they explored how attorneys in non-profit organizations and government agencies collaborate to address social justice issues, including civil rights, access to justice, and equity.

For more information on the GPS Network, contact NFALA GPS Co-Chairs [Abigail Rivamonte Mesa](#) or [Raymond Rollan](#)

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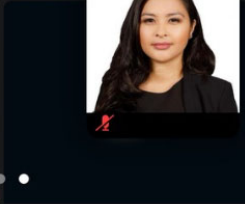
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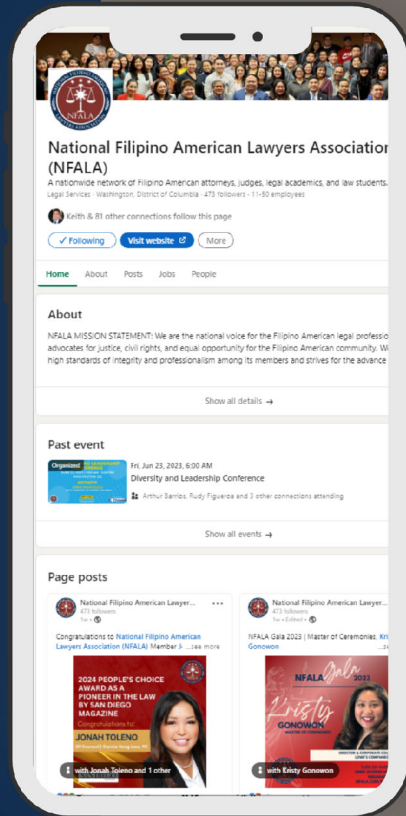


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Congratulations to NFALA's newly elected 2023-24 Executive Board! #nfalafamily

 <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
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