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AEF ANNOUNCES RECIPIENTS OF 2009 AEF FELLOWSHIPS AND GRANTS; ; AWARDS \$25,000 IN SUPPORT OF LAW STUDENTS UNDERTAKING PUBLIC INTEREST WORK

Washington, D.C. – AEF awarded over \$25,000 in fellowships and grants to law students that benefit the Asian Pacific American community or the D.C. metropolitan area at large this year. Since 1993, AEF has awarded over \$150,000 in fellowships. We applaud and congratulate the recipients for their efforts and service.

The AEF Anheuser-Busch Norman Y. Mineta Fellowship—AEF’s most prestigious fellowship, named in honor of the former Cabinet Secretary and endowed annually since 1996 by Anheuser-Busch, Inc.—has been awarded to **Tania Shahani**, a law student at University of New Mexico School of Law. Ms. Shahani worked for Legal Momentum in Washington, D.C.

The Robert E. Wone Fellowship, established in 2007 in memory of former AEF board member Robert E. Wone, has been awarded to **Wendy Lau**, a student at Catholic University Columbus School of Law. Ms. Lau interned for D.C. Language Access Coalition.

The following students also received AEF Public Interest Fellowships:

- **Alyce Ahn**, Georgetown University Law Center - Domestic Security Section, U.S. Dept. of Justice, Washington, D.C.
- **Jessica Flores**, American University Washington College of Law - National Asian Pacific American Women’s Forum, Takoma Park, M.D.
- **Zahra Khan**, American University’s Washington College of Law -Asian Pacific American Legal Resource Center, Washington, D.C.
- **Atasi Satpathy**, University of Michigan Law School - The Children’s Law Center, Washington, D.C.

AEF is also very proud to announce the two recipients of the Inaugural AEF Bar Assistance Grant (BAG). The AEF BAG seeks to provide financial assistance to recent law school graduates who are preparing to take the summer bar exam or who have recently taken the bar exam prior to embarking on a legal career at a public interest or government organization that benefits either the Asian Pacific American community and/or the metropolitan Washington, DC community-at-large. Because public interest and government organizations rarely provide direct financial support to their employees for bar-related expenses, these law school graduates often must take out additional loans or find part-time jobs while studying for the bar. Through the Bar Assistance Grant, AEF hopes to relieve recipients of some of the financial pressures associated with taking the bar exam, so that they can focus on passing the bar.

- **Laura S. Newland**, Georgetown University Law Center - Legal Counsel for the Elderly, Washington, D.C.
- **Christina Nguyen**, Thomas Cooley School of Law - Asian Pacific American Legal Resource Center, Washington, D.C.

AEF, a tax-exempt 501(c)(3) organization, has been providing fellowships since 1993 to law students who accept unpaid internships in the non-profit or public sector. The fellowship recipients provide critically needed services to the Asian Pacific American community and the Greater Washington, D.C. community-at-large. For further information about the fellowships or AEF, visit www.aefdc.org.