

## Vergara elected to Michigan Asian-Pacific American Bar Association Board

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Plunkett Cooney associate attorney Claire D. Vergara was recently appointed to an executive position on the Michigan Asian-Pacific American Bar Association (MAPABA) board of directors.

Vergara was elected to serve as board president and will serve a one-year term in the executive leadership role beginning on Feb. 10. As president, Vergara will preside over all of the association's membership and executive board meetings, and she will act as liaison of the MAPABA to other affiliate groups and organizations.

Stemming from the civil rights trials arising out of the 1982 hate-crime murder of Vincent Chin in Detroit, the MAPABA was formed to promote the legal interests of Michigan's Asian-American community. The association's mission is to promote improvements in the administration of justice, to advance relations between the legal profession and public, to secure social equality for Asian-Pacific Americans, to advocate the interests of Asian-Pacific Americans in the legal profession, and to promote equality and social justice for all people.

Vergara is a member of the Detroit office of Plunkett Cooney, one of the Midwest's oldest and largest full-service law firms. She focuses her litigation practice in the areas of medical liability, trucking litigation, first-party No-Fault auto insurance disputes and third-party motor vehicle negligence claims. She also has experience handling insurance-related matters involving personal injury and general negligence.

Licensed to practice law in the state and federal courts in Michigan, Vergara received her law degree from Western Michigan University Cooley Law School in 2012. She received her undergraduate degree from the University of Michigan in 2009. Her professional organization involvement also includes the State Bar of Michigan.



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For more information about Claire Vergara's election as an officer of the Michigan Asian-Pacific American Bar Association board of directors, contact the firm's Director of Marketing and Business Development John Cornwell at (248) 901-4008; jcornwell@plunkettcooney.com.

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