

45th Annual Installation & Awards Gala

JABA's 45th Annual Installation and Awards Gala will be in person this year – on the outdoor Plaza Deck at the Westin Bonaventure Hotel in Downtown Los Angeles on Friday, July 15, 2022!

Our Keynote Speaker and recipient of the President's Justice and Equality Award will be Don Tamaki, a founding partner of Minami Tamaki LLP and co-founder of Stop Repeating History, a campaign created to educate the public on the importance of political engagement and how we can all take action against hate. In the 1980's, Mr. Tamaki served on the pro bono legal team that reopened the landmark 1944 Supreme Court case of Fred Korematsu, overturning Mr. Korematsu's criminal conviction for defying the incarceration of almost 120,000 Japanese Americans. In 2017, Mr. Tamaki served on the legal team that filed an amicus brief challenging the Muslim Ban. And Mr. Tamaki is now among the nine individuals appointed by Governor Gavin Newsom and the Legislature to serve on California's Reparations Task Force studying the cumulative historic and present-day impact of 250 years of enslavement, 90 years of Jim Crow oppression, and 60 years of segregation and its vestiges, and what California might do to address these harms.

JABA will honor KABC-TV news anchor David Ono with the Community Leader Award for his years of commitment to community service, and we will present award-winning filmmaker and social justice activist Jon Osaki with the Visionary Impact Award for his use of storytelling to educate, organize and inspire action. The Gala will also feature East L.A. Taiko, a multicultural taiko group that marries Afro-Cuba rhythms with driving taiko beats, as part of the program.

JABA traditionally welcomes over 500 attorneys, judges, public officials, corporate leaders, law students, family, and friends (not only from JABA but also many sister bar associations) to our sold-out Gala every year. Although there remains uncertainty related to COVID, we are hopeful that hosting the event outdoors in the summer will alleviate some concerns. We will continue to monitor local guidance as the event approaches. For now, we are excited to invite you to our main event and hope that we can count on your support as we endeavor to bring everyone back together to reconnect, refocus and celebrate the contributions of three pillars of our community.