



**ASIAN AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION**  
*of the Greater Bay Area*

**2023 AABA Law Foundation and Garrick S. Lew Fellowship**

The Garrick S. Lew Fellowship awards \$10,000 to a 3L law student committed to a criminal defense practice after graduation. The Fellowship is funded through a grant from the Minami Tamaki Yamauchi Kwok & Lee (MTYKL) Foundation's Garrick S. Lew Legacy Fund to the AABA Law Foundation, which administers the Fellowship and selects the recipients. The MTYKL Foundation created the Garrick S. Lew Legacy Fund in conjunction with the Lew family to support efforts that continue Garrick's legacy of advocating for our Asian American communities, AAPIs in the legal profession and criminal defense.

Applicant requirements (application is attached):

- 3L or third/final year law student
- Committed and demonstrated interest in criminal defense work
- Bay Area—preference for a 3L at a Bay Area school
- Membership in the Asian American Bar Association will be considered
- Financial need will be considered
- Essay as to why your interest mirrors Garrick Lew's values and principles

**About Garrick S. Lew**

Garrick is remembered as a skillful and talented attorney, a tireless advocate in the fight for social justice and equality, an icon in the Asian American community, a devoted husband to his wife, Diane Hiura, a loving and engaged father to his two sons, Dillon and Brandon, and an indispensable friend to those who knew him. Garrick, the first of three children, was born on July 25, 1950, in Oakland, Calif., to parents Share and Jennie Lew. A product of the Oakland public schools, Garrick received his B.A. with honors from the University of California, Berkeley in 1971, and his J.D. from UC Berkeley Law in 1974. From his first years as a student at Cal, he fought for the establishment of an ethnic studies program, demonstrated in the Third World Strike, and helped establish youth organizations in Oakland's Chinatown.

Throughout his legal career, Garrick was an ardent champion of civil rights and social justice, and a staunch defender of those unable to defend themselves. As a fearless young lawyer, he represented Wendy Yoshimura, the fugitive who was caught with Patty Hearst and the Symbionese Liberation Army. He was also part of the legal team fighting the eviction of tenants from the International Hotel, and provided pro bono services to demonstrators arrested in anti-Vietnam war protests.

It was out of this sense of justice and pride in his heritage as an Asian American that he helped establish the Asian Law Caucus while still a law student. Garrick later co-founded Minami, Tomine and Lew, one of the first Asian American law firms in the country. The firm later became Minami Lew & Tamaki, and then Minami Tamaki LLP when Garrick started his own practice in 2006. In his 42 years of practicing law, Garrick specialized in criminal defense trial work with a focus on complex white-collar cases, but also served on the federal court's Criminal Justice Panel for 30 years, handling hundreds of cases for indigent clients. In a testament to his belief that every person charged with a crime deserved representation, he was the defense attorney for the notorious serial killer Charles Ng.

Garrick received numerous honors, awards, and recognitions for his professional accomplishments. He was also one of the funniest people alive, sometimes unintentionally. Throughout his life, Garrick stayed true to the principles that guided his life: advancing justice, fighting for the underdog, mentoring young attorneys, and being fiercely loyal to family and friends.

### **Key Dates**

May 15, 2023 Fellowship applications due.

June 5-9, 2023 Interviews of finalists by video conference to be scheduled

June 15, 2023 Recipient to be notified of Fellowship.

June 21 or 22, 2023 Recipients recognized at the AABA Summer Reception. Exact date and place to be confirmed.



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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Alternate Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a member of AABA?  Yes  No

Law School: \_\_\_\_\_

Anticipated Graduation Date: \_\_\_\_\_

2023 Post Grad Employment (if known): \_\_\_\_\_

Are you the first person in your immediate family to attend law school in the United States?

Yes  No

Law School GPA: \_\_\_\_\_

Law School Honors and Activities:

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Undergraduate School: \_\_\_\_\_

Degree: \_\_\_\_\_

Major: \_\_\_\_\_

Graduation Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Undergraduate Honors and Activities:

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Graduate School (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

Degree: \_\_\_\_\_

Major: \_\_\_\_\_

Graduation Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Languages Spoken: \_\_\_\_\_

Fluency: \_\_\_\_\_

Education Level of Father: \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation of Father: \_\_\_\_\_

Education Level of Mother: \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation of Mother: \_\_\_\_\_

**Financial Aid/Need Information:**

**Law School Financial Aid Information**

**Loans (Federal and Private):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Grants:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Scholarships:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Campus Job or Work/Study Earnings:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Total Law School Debt as of date of application:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Total Projected Law School Debt in Entirety:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Undergraduate Loan Debt:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Non-Law School Graduate Loan Debt (if applicable):** \_\_\_\_\_

## **INSTRUCTIONS:**

**Please submit a completed Application Form, a resume, and a personal statement of no more than three pages, double-spaced, addressing the following issues:**

- (1) Please describe how your background, upbringing, community work, and experience reflects the values Garrick S. Lew exhibited over his lifetime.**
- (2) Please explain why you are committed to a career in criminal defense and how you have demonstrated that commitment**

If you are not currently a law student at a San Francisco Bay Area law school (Stanford University, UC Berkeley, UC Davis, UC Law San Francisco, University of San Francisco, Golden Gate University, Santa Clara University, or McGeorge School of Law), please explain in a separate statement (no more than one page), your commitment to serving the Asian Pacific American community in the Bay Area.

Please submit all applications by **May 15, 2023** via e-mail to [aaba.bayarea@gmail.com](mailto:aaba.bayarea@gmail.com).

Finalists will be notified if they are selected for an interview, likely by video conference, sometime between **June 5-9, 2023**. Interview date and location TBD.

The Recipient of the Fellowship will be notified by **June 15, 2023**.

The Garrick S. Lew Fellowship recipient will be recognized at the Asian American Bar Association Summer Reception that is in the process of being planned. The targeted date will be **June 21 or 22**. Exact date and place to be confirmed. We will notify the recipient of the date as soon as possible.

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