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PROGRAM

5:45 - Registration and Light Dinner

6:25 - Welcome

6:30 - Screening

"Of Civil Wrongs and Rights - the Fred Korematsu Story" is the Emmy Award-winning story of the legal battle waged by Fred Korematsu, a young blue-collar worker, against the forced relocation of American citizens of Japanese descent to internment camps during World War II. Korematsu's arrest and conviction for defying military orders, the constitutional issues raised by his Supreme Court case, and his ultimate vindication 39 years later stand as civil rights landmarks.

7:30 - Panel

A discussion about the significant issues raised by Fred Korematsu's successful lawsuit based on a *Coram Nobis* petition, to overturn a 40-year-old conviction upheld by the U.S. Supreme Court in one of its landmark decisions, *Korematsu v. U.S.*, and the lessons to be learned from the Japanese American internment experience against the backdrop of current concerns about national security, terrorism, and war.

8:30 - Closing

PANELISTS



Ban Al-Wardi - Ban Al-Wardi received her Juris Doctorate Law School degree from Pepperdine School of Law and her undergraduate degree from Whittier College in Political Science with a focus in International Relations. She has worked as a private attorney in Century City specializing in Immigration and Nationality Law since 1999. Ms. Al-Wardi is an active member of the American-Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee where she serves as the L.A. Chapter President and a returning Board member. She is also a member of the

National Lawyers Guild, Amnesty International, Greenpeace and various social justice and human rights groups.



Jerry Kang – Jerry Kang is Professor of Law at UCLA School of Law. His scholarly pursuits include critical race studies and communications law. On race, he has focused on the Asian American community and has written and spoken nationally about hate crimes, affirmative action, and lessons from the Japanese American internment. He is a co-author of *Race, Rights, and Reparation: The Law and the Japanese American Internment* (Aspen Publishers 2001). At UCLA, he helped found the Concentration for Critical Race Studies, the first program of its kind in American legal education and acted as

its founding co-director for two years. He joined UCLA in Fall 1995 and was elected Professor of the Year in 1998. Professor Kang sits on the APABA Advisory Board and had the distinction of being the Keynote Speaker at APABA's first installation dinner.



Bill Lann Lee – Bill Lann Lee is currently a partner with the class-action firm of Lief Cabraser Heimann & Bernstein, LLP, in San Francisco. His practice areas are international and human rights, employment law, including discrimination in the workplace, and consumer protection. Mr. Lee began his career at the NAACP Legal Defense and Education Fund in 1974. He has since served as counsel for the Asian American Legal Defense and Education Fund in New York and as supervising attorney for civil rights litigation at the Center for Law in the Public Interest in Los Angeles. In 1997,

President Clinton appointed Mr. Lee to the office of Assistant Attorney General for Civil Rights, making him the nation's leading civil rights enforcer.



Dale Minami – Dale Minami has been involved in significant litigation involving the civil rights of Asian Pacific Americans and other minorities, including the landmark *Korematsu v. United States*, a lawsuit to overturn a 40 year old conviction for refusal to obey exclusion orders aimed at Japanese Americans during WWII, *United Pilipinos for Affirmative Action v. California Blue Shield*, the first class action employment lawsuit brought by Asian Pacific Americans on behalf of Asian Pacific Americans, and *Nakanishi v. UCLA* a claim for unfair denial of tenure which resulted in the granting of tenure after several hearing and

widespread publicity over discrimination in academia. Mr. Minami is a partner with Minami, Lew and Tamaki in San Francisco, specializing in personal injury and entertainment law.

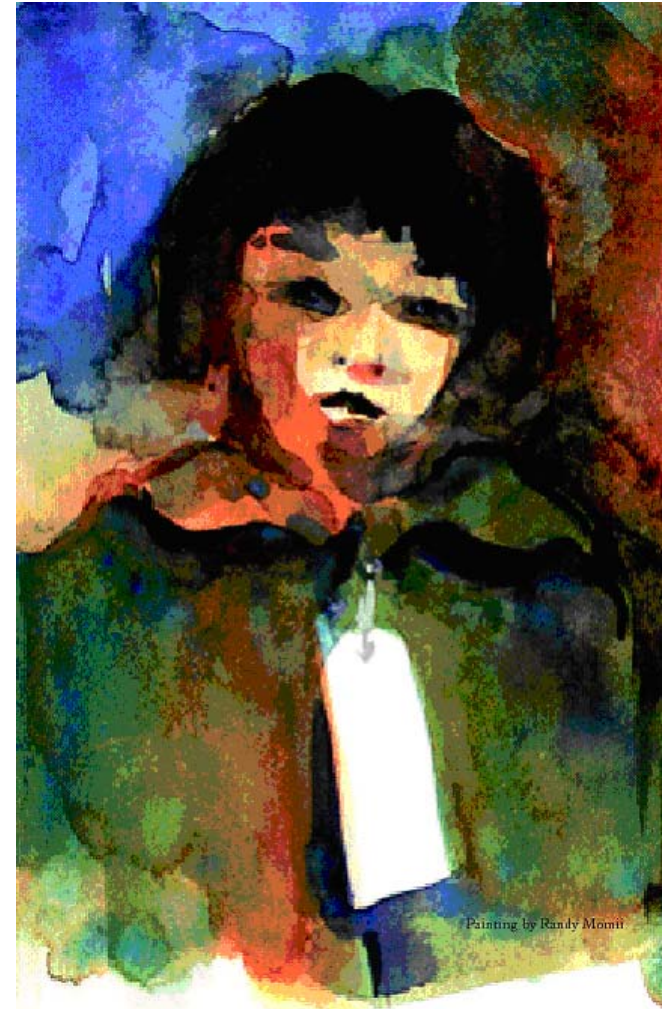


Tritia Toyota (Moderator) - Tritia Toyota is an award-winning journalist with more than 25 years in Southern California television news. She began her television career at KNBC in Los Angeles and later moved on to KCBS television where she became one of Los Angeles' most recognized and respected news anchors. Ms. Toyota has reported and investigated major news events at local and national levels including numerous political campaigns from local elections to U.S. President. Her broadcast awards include the Emmy, the Golden Mike, and Associated Press honors for excellence

in news coverage. She is active in many civic and educational organizations, and is a co-founder and past national president of the Asian American Journalists Association. She has been a visiting lecturer at UCLA's Asian American Studies Center and has established the Tritia Toyota Fellowship for graduate students at UCLA who are pursuing public policy based research in Asian American communities. Toyota received her Master's degree in Journalism from UCLA and is now completing Doctoral studies in anthropology at UCLA.



Formed in 1998, APABA's mission is to foster the exchange of ideas and information among and between APABA members and other members of the legal profession, the judiciary, and the community; to provide service to the community at large as well as the general and local organizations of minority attorneys; to develop and encourage inter-cooperation with other organizations of minority attorneys; and to provide a vehicle and forum for the unified expression of opinions and positions by APABA upon current social, political, economic, legal or other matters or events of concern to APABA members.



Asian Pacific American Bar Association
of Los Angeles

Lessons Learned? From the Japanese American Internment to Today

May 22, 2003 • 6:00 to 8:30 p.m.
Japanese American National Museum
369 East First Street, Little Tokyo