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SAN FRANCISCO SUPERIOR COURT JUDGES HONORED FOR CONTRIBUTIONS TO DIVERSITY, PUBLIC SERVICE

SAN FRANCISCO -- Legal associations across the state have recently honored several San Francisco Superior Court judges for their work on the bench and in the community.

The court's Presiding Judge, Samuel K. Feng, was selected as the recipient of the 2021 Tara L. Riedley Barristers Choice Award, the highest honor given to judges by the Bar Association of San Francisco. Judge Feng will receive his award at a virtual reception hosted by BASF at the 37th Annual Judges Reception will be held on Thursday July 29th at 5:30 p.m.

Earlier this month Judge Monica F. Wiley was honored as the Judge of the Year by the California Association of Black Lawyers. That award, named in honor of the late Justice Bernard Jefferson. Wiley, who is the supervising judge of the court's Unified Family Court division, was cited for working diligently to increase judicial diversity on the bench, and she recently completed her one-year term as the chair of CABL's Judicial Council, the oldest association of African American judicial officers in California.

The Italian American Lawyers Association of Los Angeles and the Italian American Bar Association of Northern California also recently honored Judge Loretta M. Giorgi with the 2021 IALA Diversity and Inclusion Award for her ongoing contributions to the legal community.

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"Our leadership could not think of someone more deserving," said Marian Noli, IALA's President, in announcing the award. Giorgi served as the supervising judge for the Criminal Division of the San Francisco Superior Court.

"I am always in awe with the judges of our court," Judge Feng said. "Their dedication and talents as jurists are second to none. I am humbled to be the Presiding Judge of the Superior Court of California, County of San Francisco."

Under Judge Feng's leadership, the court recently created several new committees, including the Equity, 'Fairness and Inclusion Committee, which is working to make the justice system and the court's, increasingly fair and diverse. That committee is chaired by Judge Harold E. Kahn, who was awarded the Bar Association of San Francisco's top award last year for his longtime service to the court.

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