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## **Asian American Bar Association of Ohio elects Barbara Lum as its 2015 president**

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Barbara Lum

The **Asian American Bar Association of Ohio** has elected Barbara Lum, an associate in the Cleveland office of **Thompson Hine LLP**, as its 2015 president.

The association specifically serves Northeast Ohio, and all its leaders are from Cleveland firms. The nonprofit's name referencing the state stems from its history as the first Asian American bar established in Ohio, in 1992. There are now two similar bars serving central and southwest Ohio.

The group currently has about 50 members, Lum said, and it has grown significantly from a near-dormant state with no members just five years ago. Membership growth will continue to be a focus of the association.

"The Asian American Bar Association of Ohio is very excited to add a number of new members to the board of trustees, and we look forward to their contributions in the coming year," Lum said. "As our membership continues to grow, we anticipate that our

leadership will be able to provide more for our members, through our revamped mentorship program, our annual gala dinner, and other substantive networking and professional development opportunities."

The other 2015 officers are Joanne Wu of Lerner Sampson & Rothfuss, secretary; Edward Chyun of Littler Mendelson PC, treasurer; Elaine Tso of Mazanec, Raskin & Ryder Co. LPA, vice president of membership; and Deborah Yue of Gallagher Sharp, immediate past president.

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