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Rio Guerrero '98

On November 17, the [National Asian Pacific American Bar Association](#) (NAPABA) honored the recipients of the "2012 Best Lawyers Under 40 Award" at the NAPABA Anniversary Gala and Celebration Dinner held in Washington, D.C. The award recognizes talented Asian Pacific American attorneys under the age of 40 who have achieved prominence in their respective areas of law while demonstrating an unwavering commitment to the Asian Pacific American community. Out of 21 nationwide recipients, two BLS graduates, Rio Guerrero '98 and Vinoo

Varghese '00, were awarded this distinguished honor.

Rio Guerrero is a founding partner of the immigration law firm of Guerrero Yee LLP where he represents companies, organizations and individuals with complicated U.S. visa, work permit and green card matters with a specialty in complex immigration cases. A former BLS Edward V. Sparer Fellow, Guerrero is an active member of the American Immigration Lawyers Association (AILA), where he is one of eight members appointed to serve on the National Committee on Health Care Professionals. He founded and currently co-chairs the Asian American Bar Association of New York (AABANY) Immigration and Nationality Law Committee, and he is a member of the Corporate Immigration Committee and the U.S. Department of Labor Committee for the AILA-New York Chapter. He was profiled in the cover feature of the Fall 2010 issue of *BLS LawNotes*, entitled "On the Road to the American Dream: Brooklyn Law School Leads the Way in Immigration Law."



Vinoo Varghese '00

Vinoo Varghese is a principal at Varghese & Associates, P.C., a criminal and asset forfeiture defense firm founded in 2006. The firm represents individuals and companies at trials, on appeal, and under investigation. A former Assistant District Attorney in Kings County, Varghese currently sits on AABANY's Board as a Director. He is a member of the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers, and is a former chair of the Solo and Small Firm Practice Committee at the New York County Lawyers' Association, and a former board member of both the South Asian Bar Association of New York, and the North American South Asian Bar Association (NASABA). Currently, Varghese co-chairs NASABA's Criminal Justice Committee.