

[A press release by APABA-DC informing the community about Robert's tragic and untimely death.](#)

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ASIAN PACIFIC AMERICAN COMMUNITY DEEPLY MOURNS THE LOSS OF ROBERT E. WONE

Washington, D.C. – Asian Pacific American organizations and community are mourning the immeasurable loss of Robert E. Wone, a cherished colleague and respected leader in the legal and civic community. Robert fell victim to a homicide early Thursday morning in Washington, D.C. He was 32 years old.

Robert was the General Counsel of Radio Free Asia, a position to which he was appointed in July 2006. Previously, he was an associate at the law firm of Covington & Burling LLP. Robert received his undergraduate degree from The College of William & Mary and his law degree from The University of Pennsylvania Law School. He served as a law clerk to the Honorable Raymond A. Jackson of the U.S. District Court of the Eastern District of Virginia.

A tireless activist and volunteer, Robert actively advanced the interests of many educational and charitable organizations. He was scheduled to be sworn in as the President of the Asian Pacific American Bar Association of the Greater Washington D.C. Area (APABA-DC) on August 22, 2006. He also served as General Counsel for the Organization of Chinese Americans (OCA). He served in leadership positions of numerous other organizations, including the American Bar Association, the APABA Educational Fund, The College of William and Mary Alumni Association, and the Virginia Governor's Commission on National and Community Service. He quietly provided pro bono services to many organizations, including the National Coalition for Asian Pacific Americans in Community Development (NCAPACD), Safe Shores, the Covington & Burling Public School Partnership, and the Asian Pacific American Legal Resource Center (APALRC).

"Robert exhibited his top legal talent with utmost humility and generosity," said Janet Shih Hajek, the President of APABA-DC. "Robert served on the board of APABA-DC with his hallmark modesty, kindness, and quiet strength. A bright star of our community leaves behind an enduring legacy of civic service and leadership."

Ginny Gong, the President of OCA, remarked "Robert gave so freely of his time, and approached each cause with high energy, dedication, and thoroughness." "Robert was respected and admired by everyone. He touched the lives of countless people."

"Robert was a tremendous supporter of National CAPACD," said Lisa Hasegawa, the Executive Director of NCAPACD. "He selflessly contributed his time, energy, and wisdom to strengthening numerous nonprofit organizations. He leaves a huge void in our hearts and the community."

Jayne Park, the Executive Director of APALRC, reflected: "Words prove inadequate to capture Robert's essence, who was a deeply caring individual. He supported the community in so many ways without regard to public recognition."

All of the community organizations extend their deepest sympathy to Robert's wife Kathy, and the families of Robert and Kathy.

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