

Robert Eric Wone



Robert Eric Wone, general counsel to OCA, played a major role in the Legacy Fund and the acquisition of the building which will be the OCA National Center for Asian Pacific American Leadership. He was president-elect of the Asian Pacific American Bar Association of Washington and was scheduled to begin his term in August.

Robert worked as general counsel for Radio Free Asia. Previously he worked at the Washington law firm of Covington & Burling, specializing in real estate and employment law. For the past four years, he was appointed by Governor Mark R. Warner as a member of the Virginia Commission for National and Community Service.

A native New Yorker and graduate of the College of William and Mary, Robert worked for former New York governor Mario Cuomo, the Justice Department's Civil Rights Division, the Manhattan District Attorney's Office and the White House. Upon graduation in 1996, he received the college's Algernon Sydney Sullivan Award, presented to a student excelling in "characteristics of heart, mind and helpfulness to others."

At the University of Pennsylvania Law School, from which he graduated in 1999, Robert was a member of the Asian Pacific American Law Students Association and volunteered with the university's Civil Practice Clinic. He also was senior editor of the Journal of Labor and Employment Law. After law school, he clerked in the office of Raymond A. Jackson, U.S. district judge for the Eastern District of Virginia.

Sadly, Robert died on August 3, 2006. Robert will long be remembered for his engaging smile and by everyone whose lives he touched. His spirit will live on at OCA.