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Robinson+Cole Lawyer Named President of the Filipino American Lawyers Association of New York

New York Associate is installed at FALA New York's 6th anniversary celebration

HARTFORD, CT (June 12, 2019) – Robinson+Cole lawyer [Noel B. Vales](#) was installed as President of the Filipino American Lawyers Association of New York (FALA New York) at the organization's 6th Anniversary dinner at Aureole Restaurant in New York City on May 30, 2019. Mr. Vales was one of nine founding attorneys of FALA New York, which was established in 2013 through a shared interest in creating a formal professional affiliation group for Filipino Americans in the legal profession. Mr. Vales is a member of Robinson+Cole's Real Estate + Development Group and serves on the firm's Diversity + Inclusion Committee. He is also a regional governor for the National Filipino American Bar Association.

"The Filipino American Lawyers Association of New York was formed by lawyers concerned about advancing diversity and the interests of Filipino Americans," Mr. Vales said. "Since our beginning in 2013, we have made great progress toward that goal, offering cultural events, Continuing Legal Education presentations, and roundtable discussions featuring prominent Filipino American speakers."

The evening celebrated FALA New York's success in promoting the professional development, interests, and achievements of Filipino American legal professionals in the New York area, including law firm lawyers, in-house counsel, judges, law students, and other legal professionals. U.S. District Judge Lorna Schofield of the Southern District of New York was the event's honoree and was presented with the organization's Trailblazer Award, which recognizes her many achievements, including being appointed by President Obama in 2013 as the first Filipino American Article III federal judge in the country. Robinson+Cole was a sponsor of the event, which was attended by [Soo Kim](#) and [Gilbert Lee](#), colleagues of Mr. Vales in the firm's New York City office.

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