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 George W. Crawford Black Bar Association
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PRE - 1900

**HISTORICAL
 CONTEXT**

- 1776:** Declaration of Independence
- 1793:** Eli Whitney invents cotton gin
- 1806:** Noah Webster publishes dictionary
- 1808:** Congress prohibits import of African slaves
- 1819:** Mashantucket Pequots submit legal petitions to the Connecticut General Assembly
- 1841:** Amistad Trial in New Haven, CT
- 1850:** Yung Wing graduated from Yale and was the 1st Chinese student to graduate from an American university
- 1856:** Mashantucket Pequots submit another legal petition to the Connecticut General Assembly, clearly demonstrating a sophisticated understanding of state and federal law (even invoking the U.S. Constitution)
- 1863:** Emancipation Proclamation
- 1868:** U.S. Constitution, 14th Amendment (citizenship granted to freed Black citizens)
- 1870:** U.S. Constitution, 15th Amendment (voting rights extended to Black citizens)
- 1879:** Women lawyers permitted to argue in U.S. Supreme Court
- 1882-88:** Chinese Exclusion Acts (excluding Chinese from immigration to U.S.)
- 1891:** 1st prominent Indian attorney, Mohandas Karamchan Gandhi; once too shy to speak in court, he led civil rights movements in South Africa (1893-1914) and the Indian Independence movement (1915-1945)
- 1896:** *Plessy v. Ferguson*, 163 U.S. 537 (1896)(establishes “separate but equal” doctrine to justify segregated public facilities and schools)
- 1898:** Spanish American War and Treaty of Paris (temporary U.S. control of Cuba and indefinite colonial authority over Puerto Rico, Guam, and the Philippines)

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- 1880:** Edwin Archer Randolph, 1st Black graduate of Yale Law School and 1st lawyer of color admitted to CT Bar.

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1901 - 1950

1909: NAACP founded in New York City

1915: Indian Independence movement (1915-1945)

1917: US enters World War I

1917: Jones Shafroth Act grants U.S. citizenship to Puerto Ricans, who are drafted and enlist to serve in WWI

1917: Immigration Act of 1917 (exclusion of Asian Indians)

1920: U.S. Constitution, 18th Amendment (prohibition on manufacture and sale of alcoholic beverages); repealed in 1933

1920: U.S. Constitution, 19th Amendment (Suffrage - voting rights extended to women citizens)

1922: *Ozawa v. United States*, 260 U.S. 178 (1922) (denying naturalized citizenship to applicant born in Japan who had lived most of life in United States on grounds that Japanese are not "White")

1923: *U.S. v. Bhagat Singh Thind*, 261 U.S. 204 (1923)(took the right to naturalized citizenship under the Act of February 5, 1917 away from South Asians)

1927: Lindbergh crosses Atlantic non-stop

1941: U.S. enters World War II

1945: *Korematsu v. United States*, 323 U.S. 214 (1945) (upheld forced internment of persons of JAsian Pacific Islandernese descent during World War II)

1946: President Truman signed into law the Luce-Cellar Act, which legalized the ability of Indian immigrants to seek naturalization and granted India a token quota of 100 immigrants annually. (Quotas were ultimately phased out under the Hart-Cellar Immigration Act in 1965).

1946-47: *Mendez v. Westminster School Dist. of Orange County*, 64 F. Supp. 544 (D.C. Cal. 1946), aff'd, 161 F.2d 774 (9th Cir. 1947) (desegregation case brought by Latino plaintiffs and argued on appeal by Thurgood Marshall that ended segregation in California schools; cited in *Brown v. Bd. of Education*).

1903: George W. Crawford, 2nd Black graduate of Yale Law School, with honors and Townsend Oration Award.

1931: Jane Bolin, 1st Black woman to graduate from Yale Law School

1939: Jane Bolin, 1st Black woman judge; named by Mayor Fiorello LaGuardia to NY Domestic Relations Court

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1951 - 1970

- 1954:** *Brown v. Board of Education*, 347 U.S. 483 (1954)(ending legal segregation in public schools)
- 1955:** Montgomery bus boycotts
- 1959:** Fidel Castro assumes dictatorship in Cuba, Cuban exiles flee to U.S.
- 1961:** Bay of Pigs Invasion
- 1962:** Cuban missile crisis
- 1964:** Civil Rights Act
- 1965:** Thurgood Marshall, 1st Black United States Solicitor General
- 1965:** Hart-Cellar Immigration Act phased out the quotas on immigrants from India established by the 1946 Luce-Cellar Act.
- 1967:** Justice Thurgood Marshall, 1st Black justice of the United States Supreme Court
- 1970:** Black Panther Trials in New Haven

- 1954:** George W. Crawford, 1st Black attorney named New Haven Corporation Counsel
- 1956:** Robert L. Levister, 1st Black attorney in Stamford, CT
- 1957:** Judge Boce W. Barlow, Jr., 1st Black Connecticut judge (Hartford municipal court)
- 1958:** John L. Merchant of Stamford, 1st Black graduate of the University of Virginia School of Law
- 1961:** John Daly, 1st Black judge to serve on the (now defunct) Connecticut Circuit Court
- 1961:** Barlow & Lewis was established as one of the first Black-owned law firms in Connecticut (Hartford office)
- 1965:** Judge Robert L. Levister, 2nd Black Circuit Court Judge
- 1965:** José A. Cabranes graduates from Yale Law School
- 1966:** Constance Baker Motley, 1st Black female US District Judge in US. A native of New Haven who graduated from Columbia Law School, she sat in the Southern District of New York and, in 1982, advanced to the position of Chief Judge in that district
- 1966:** Boce W. Barlow, Jr., 1st Black State Senator in CT
- 1967:** Merchant, Melville & Spear was established as one of the first Black-owned law firms in Connecticut (after Barlow & Lewis, 1961)
- 1968:** John Rose, Jr., 1st Black associate at a major CT law firm – Ribicoff & Kotkin; he was elected partner in 1972.

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1971 - 1975

1971: Congressional Black Caucus is founded

1972: Congress passes Equal Employment Opportunity Act

1972: Andrew Young, House of Representatives (from Georgia) and Barbara Jordan, House of Representative (from Texas) are the first African-Americans elected to Congress from the South since 1898

1973: Tom Bradley, 1st African-American mayor of Los Angeles

1973: Maynard Jackson, 1st African-American mayor of a major Southern city (Atlanta)

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1971: José A. Cabranes helped found the Puerto Rican Legal Defense and Education Fund, of which he was later Chairman

1972: John Rose, Jr., 1st Black partner at a major CT law firm – Ribicoff & Kotkin; he started as the 1st Black associate there in 1968.

1972: Constance Belton Greene, 1st Black woman to graduate from the UConn School of Law

1972: Antonio Robaina, admitted to the CT bar and became the 1st Latino attorney to practice in this state

1974: Bessye W. Bennett, 1st Black woman admitted to the CT bar

1974: Jacky Chan, 1st Asian Pacific Islander admitted to the CT bar

1974: Judge Robert L. Levister, 1st Black Judge on Court of Common Pleas

1975: José A. Cabranes became General Counsel of Yale University, the 1st Latino to hold the position

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1976 - 1980

- 1976:** *Washington v. Davis*, 426 U.S. 229 (1976)(holding that proof of disproportionate impact alone is not to establish unconstitutional discrimination)
- 1977:** Drew S. Days, III, 1st Black Assistant Attorney General for the U.S. Department of Justice, Civil Rights Division
- 1977:** Wade H. McCree, Jr., 2nd Black United States Solicitor General
- 1977:** *Horton v. Meskill*, 172 Conn. 615 (1977)(holding that education is a fundamental right subject to strict scrutiny under the CT Constitution)
- 1978:** *Regents of the University of California v. Bakke*, 438 U.S. 265 (1978) (holding that race can be a factor, but not the sole determining factor for admission to public educational institutions)
- 1976:** Judge Robert L. Levister, 1st Black Connecticut Superior Court judge
- 1976:** Sanford Cloud, 1st Black attorney at Robinson & Cole
- 1977:** Greater Hartford Black Law Society founded. Two years later, it incorporates and becomes the George W. Crawford Law Association (“Crawford”). (Crawford’s 1st Officers: Joseph A. Moniz, President; Lewis K. Robinson, Jr., Vice President; Francisco Borges, Secretary; and Barbara Jackson, Treasurer)
- 1977:** John Brittain, 1st Black appointed tenure-track law professor at the University of Connecticut School of Law; he was granted tenure in 1985
- 1978:** Eugene Spear, 1st Black Public Defender in CT; later appointed judge and elevated to the Appellate Court
- 1978:** Cheryl Brown Wattley, 1st Black Assistant United States Attorney (AUSA) in CT
- 1978:** Rosita “Bae” Creamer, 1st Latino prosecutor for State of Connecticut
- 1979:** José A. Cabranes, 1st Latino federal judge in the District of CT and 1st Puerto Rican appointed to the federal bench in the United States
- 1979:** Marilyn Ward Ford, 1st Black law professor at Quinnipiac University School of Law (then Univ. of Bridgeport); she later became the 1st Black law professor granted tenure at QUSL
- 1979:** Sonia Sotomayor graduates from Yale Law School
- 1979:** Professor Tse-shyang (“Frederick”) Chen, 1st Asian Pacific Islander tenured professor at University of Bridgeport (now Quinnipiac University School of Law)
- 1980:** Elizabeth Yen, 1st Asian Pacific Islander female admitted to the CT bar
- 1980:** Nancy Griffin, 2nd Black Assistant United States Attorney (AUSA) in CT
- 1980:** Carmen E. Espinosa, 1st Latina Assistant United States Attorney (AUSA) in CT

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1981 - 1990

1981: Thirman Milner, 1st African-American mayor of Hartford

1983: Mashantucket Pequot Tribe achieves federal recognition

1984: Jose Lugo, 1st Latino state representative

1988: Maria C. Sanchez, 1st Latina state representative

1989: Edna Negrón Rosario, 1st Latina state representative to serve a full term

1990: John C. Daniels, 1st African-American mayor of New Haven

1981: Kevin Choi, 1st Asian Pacific Islander graduate of University of Bridgeport School of Law (now Quinnipiac University School of Law)

1981: Joseph A. Moniz, 1st Black partner at Day, Berry & Howard (then, the largest law firm in Connecticut)

1982: Jacky Chan, 1st Asian Pacific Islander state special prosecutor in the Danbury Juvenile Court.

1982: Jorge A. Simon, 2nd Latino prosecutor for State of Connecticut

1983: Jim Wu, 1st Asian Pacific Islander partner at a large CT law firm (Carmody & Torrance)

1984: Melanie Howlett, 1st Black in-house adjudicator (Hearing Officer) at the CT Department of Public Utility Control and 1st person of color to hold the position

1985: John Brittain, 1st Black law professor appointed tenure at the University of Connecticut School of Law

1985: Rafael A. Santiago, 1st Latino partner at a large CT law firm, the former Hoberman & Pollack

1985: Jackie Chan, 1st Asian Pacific Islander President of Danbury Bar Association

1986: Francisco Borges, 1st Black attorney elected Connecticut State Treasurer; he is reelected to a second term in 1990. (Henry (Hank) E. Parker, a non-attorney, preceded him as CT State Treasurer in 1974, Hank was the 2nd Black elected to the position.)

1986: Elizabeth Yen, 1st Asian Pacific Islander female to become a partner at a large CT firm

1986: William Holden, 2nd African-American appointed Public Defender

1986: Sabino (Rod) Rodriguez III, 1st Latino partner at Day, Berry & Howard (now Day Pitney)

1987: Justice Robert D. Glass, 1st Black associate justice of the CT Supreme Court

1987: Judge Fleming Norcott, Jr., 1st Black judge to be elevated to the CT Appellate Court

1987: Ramona Mercado-Espinoza, 1st Latina public defender for State of Connecticut

1988: Juliett L. Crawford, 1st Black Supervisory Assistant State's Attorney in CT; she later becomes a CT Superior Court Judge

1989: Judge Eugene Spear, 1st Black Administrative Judge in CT

1989: Harold Hongju Koh, 1st Asian Pacific Islander tenured professor at Yale Law School

1989: Akhil Amar, 1st South Asian tenured professor at Yale Law School

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1991 - 1995

1991: Justice Clarence Thomas, 2nd Black Justice of the United States Supreme Court

1993: Drew S. Days, III, 3rd Black United States Solicitor General

1994: Mohegan Tribe achieves federal recognition

1991: Alvin W. Thompson, 1st Black Managing Partner at a major CT law firm – Robinson & Cole.

1991: Judge E. Curtissa Cofield, 1st Black female CT Superior Court judge; also one of the first Black state prosecutors in CT

1991: Judge Eugene Spear, 1st Black Chief Civil Judge in CT

1991: John Brittain, 1st Black President of the National Lawyers Guild

1991: Jorge A. Simon, 1st Latino Corporation Counsel for City of Hartford

1991: Natalia Martin, 1st Latino dean at Yale Law School, as Associate Dean of Student Affairs

1992: Judge Fleming Norcott, Jr., 2nd Black justice appointed to the CT Supreme Court

1992: John Rose, Jr., 1st Black attorney appointed to the Judicial Selection Commission; he was responsible for soliciting and encouraging the applications of approximately 8-10 lawyers who were subsequently appointed judges

1993: Connecticut Hispanic Bar Association (“CHBA”) founded. David N. Feliú, Justino Rosado and Toni M. Smith-Rosario, from Bridgeport, New Haven and Hartford, respectively, were the triumvirate of attorneys who initially led the CHBA.

1993: Professor John Brittain awarded NAACP’s coveted William Robert Ming Advocacy Award for legal service to the NAACP without a fee

1993: Ángel R. Oquendo, 1st Latino tenure track law professor at the University of Connecticut School of Law; he was granted tenure in 1998

1994: Judge Alvin W. Thompson, 1st Black United States District Judge in CT. He later advanced to the position of Chief Judge.

1994: Judge Eugene Spear, 3rd Black CT Appellate Court Judge

1994: Judge José A. Cabranes, 1st Latino federal judge to be elevated to the Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit

1994: Judge Carmen E. Espinosa, 1st Latina female CT state court judge

1994: Judge Eddie Rodriguez, 2nd Latino CT state court judge

1994: David N. Feliú, 1st President of the CHBA; Toni M. Smith-Rosario 1st President-Elect; Founding CHBA Board: Grace A. Caverro, José L. DelCastillo, David N. Feliú, Ronald A. González, David Medina, Sheila M. Prats, Antonio C. Robaina, Sabino (Rod) Rodríguez III, Justino Rosado, Rafael A. Santiago. Toni M. Smith-Rosario and Luis Cruz

1994: Juliett Crawford, 1st Black Officer of the Connecticut Bar Association (Secretary); she is also a Past President of Crawford

1994: Sanford Cloud, 1st Black President of National Conference for Community and Justice (NCCJ)

1995: Toni M. Smith-Rosario, 2nd President of the CHBA and 1st woman to hold that position

1995: Carolyn Ikari, 1st Asian Pacific Islander Assistant U.S. Attorney for U.S. Attorney’s Office in CT

1995: Melanie Howlett, 1st Black Chair of the CBA Public Utility Section and 1st person of color to hold the position

1995: David Bogan, 1st Black Treasurer of the Connecticut Bar Association

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1996 - 2000

1996: *Sheff v. O'Neill*, 238 Conn. 1 (1996)(outlawed de facto racial segregation in CT public schools)

1996: Judge Carmen L. López, 3rd Latino CT state court judge

1996: Judge Jorge A. Simon, 4th Latino CT state court judge

1996: Carlton Chen, named General Counsel for Colt's Manufacturing, 1st Asian Pacific Islander to be named general counsel for a major Connecticut employer

1996: Melanie Joy Howlett, 1st Black Chair of CBA Minority Affairs Committee

1996: Marilda Gándara, 1st Latina President and Executive Director of Aetna Foundation; she was hired by the Aetna corporate law department in 1978

1997: Melanie Joy Howlett, 2nd Black Treasurer of the Connecticut Bar Association and 1st Black female to hold the position

1998: Justice Sonia Sotomayor, 1st Latina to be named to the Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit

1998: Stephen C. Robinson, 1st Black to serve as the U.S. Attorney for the District of Connecticut (named by President Bill Clinton); became judge of U.S. District Court for SDNY in 2003

1998: Grace Cavero Feliú, 1st Latino Supervisory Assistant Public Defender, Juvenile Matters, New Britain Superior Court

1998: Judge Antonio C. Robaina, 5th Latino CT state court judge

1998: Edna N. Negrón Rosario, 1st Latino Assistant Vice President for Community Affairs, The Hartford

1998: John R. Flores, 1st Latino Vice-President and Head of Litigation at The Phoenix Companies

1998: John R. Flores, 1st Latino officer of the Connecticut Bar Association (Treasurer)

1999: Krishna Patel, 1st South Asian Assistant United States Attorney in CT

1999: Elizabeth Yen, 1st Asian Pacific Islander officer of the Connecticut Bar Association (Treasurer)

2000: The Connecticut Asian Pacific American Bar Association ("CAPABA") founded by Attorney Amy Lin Meyerson, who also served as CAPABA's first President. (Amy Lin Meyerson, Mony P.B. Yin, Mary Chang, and Ivan K. Fong were the attorneys who initially led CAPABA).

2000: Nina Elgo, 1st Asian Pacific Islander Assistant Attorney General

2000: Judge Sheila A. Prats, 6th Latino CT state court judge

2000: Julie Alleyne, 1st South Asian in-house counsel for Surety and Fidelity business at Travelers Property Casualty Company

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2001 - 2005

2001: Eduardo Alberto “Eddie” Perez, 1st Latino Mayor of Hartford

2004: Investigation reveals that two Avon Police Department supervisors had for years ordered the targeting of minority motorists

2001: Senator Eric Coleman, 1st Black attorney to serve as Chair of the Judiciary Committee

2001: Angel Y.C. Feng, 1st Asian Pacific Islander full-time legal aid lawyer

2001: Andrea Barton Reeves, 2nd Black Secretary of the Connecticut Bar Association; she is also a Past President of Crawford

2002: Harold Koh named Dean of Yale Law School, 1st Asian Pacific Islander named dean of a law school in CT

2002: Proloy Das, 1st South Asian CT state prosecutor, Appellate Bureau - Office of the Chief State’s Attorney

2002: Julie Alleyne, 1st South Asian in-house counsel for Surety and Fidelity business at The Hartford Financial Services Group

2003: South Asian Bar Association of Connecticut (“SABAC”) founded by Attorney Asker Saeed. SABAC’s 1st Officers: Asker Saeed, President; Ami Gadhia, Vice President; Meghana Shah, Secretary; and Raj Mahale, Treasurer.

2003: Crawford changed its name from the “George W. Crawford Law Association” to the “George W. Crawford Black Bar Association” in an effort to make the organization’s identity more visible to prospective members and the greater community

2003: Jim Wu, 1st Asian Pacific Islander to sit on Judicial Selection Committee. (He became Chairman in 2006.)

2003: Rupal Shah Palanki, 1st South Asian Assistant Attorney General with Connecticut Attorney General’s Office

2003: Krishna Patel, 1st South Asian Assistant United States Attorney (AUSA) in CT

2004: David Vatti, 2nd South Asian Assistant United States Attorney (AUSA) in CT

2004: Ivan K. Fong, named General Counsel for GE Commercial Finance, Vendor Financial Services, the 2nd Asian Pacific Islander named as general counsel for a major employer in Connecticut.

2004: Judge Nina Elgo, 1st Asian Pacific Islander CT Superior Court judge

2004: Kevin J. Rasch, named Chief Legal Counsel to CT Governor M. Jodi Rell, the 1st Black attorney to serve in that position

2004: Tejas Bhatt, 1st South Asian Public Defender in CT

2004: Vanessa L. Ramirez, 1st Latino Associate Legal Counsel, Office of Governor M. Jodi Rell

2005: Asha Rangappa, 1st South Asian Assistant Dean at Yale Law School, becoming Associate Dean in 2007

2005: Raj Mahale, 1st South Asian partner at a major CT law firm (Murtha Cullina LLP)

2005: John Rose, Jr. received the inaugural Edwin Archer Randolph Diversity Award

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2006 - 2010

- 2006:** Sabita Singh, 1st South Asian state judge (MA)
- 2007:** Amul Thapar, 1st Indian American federal judge (U.S. District Court, E.D. Kentucky)
- 2008:** President Barack Obama, 1st Black President of the United States
- 2008:** Bobby Jindal, 1st Indian American governor (Louisiana)
- 2009:** Eric Holder, 1st Black United States Attorney General
- 2009:** Neal Katyal, 1st South Asian Principal Deputy Solicitor General of the United States
- 2009:** Preet Bharara, 1st South Asian prosecutor at U.S. Attorney's office (SDNY)
- 2010:** Jay Gandhi, 1st South Asian magistrate judge in U.S.
- 2010:** Paul Grewal, 2nd South Asian federal magistrate judge
- 2010:** Denny Chin, 1st Asian Pacific Islander appointed to the Second Circuit Court of Appeals
- 2006:** William Tong, 1st Asian Pacific Islander attorney named CT state representative
- 2006:** Elsie M. Mata, 1st Latino Chief Deputy Clerk of Court for the United States District Court in CT
- 2006:** Preston Tisdale, 3rd Black Treasurer of the Connecticut Bar Association
- 2006:** Judge Nina Elgo honored by the Connecticut Trial Lawyers Association Women's Caucus as a "Trailblazer in the Connecticut Judiciary"
- 2006:** Amy Lin Meyerson receives the Edwin Archer Randolph Diversity Award
- 2006:** The CAPABA Educational Foundation is formed.
- 2007:** Judge Vanessa L. Bryant, 1st Black female United States District Judge in New England
- 2007:** Gail Petteway Hardy, 1st Black State's Attorney in CT
- 2007:** Judge John Nazzaro, 2nd Asian Pacific Islander Connecticut Superior Court judge
- 2007:** Judge José A. Suarez, 7th Latino CT state court judge
- 2007:** Toni M. Smith-Rosario receives the Edwin Archer Randolph Diversity Award
- 2007:** Judge Nina Elgo receives the CT Bar Association's Young Lawyers Section Diversity Award
- 2007:** Don Liu, named General Counsel for Xerox Corporation, becomes the 3rd Asian Pacific Islander named general counsel in Connecticut; he was also the 1st Asian Pacific Islander general counsel for a Fortune 500 company (IKON)
- 2008:** Alexia E. Cruz, 1st Latino attorney named Vice President in Claim Subrogation, Subrogation Major Case and Complex Claim Units at Travelers
- 2008:** Andrew Crumbie founds Crumbie Law Group, the largest state-certified Minority Business Enterprise law firm in New England
- 2008:** Professor Marilyn Ward Ford receives the CT Bar Association's Young Lawyers Section Diversity Award
- 2008:** Judge Alvin W. Thompson receives the Edwin Archer Randolph Diversity Award
- 2009:** Justice Sonia Sotomayor, 1st Latino to be named to the United States Supreme Court
- 2009:** Rupal Shah Palanki, 3rd President of SABAC and 1st female to hold that position
- 2009:** Sung-Ho Hwang, 2nd Asian Pacific Islander Officer of the Connecticut Bar Association (Treasurer)
- 2009:** Proloy Das, 1st South Asian Chair of the Young Lawyers Section of the Connecticut Bar Association
- 2009:** Marilyn Ward Ford chairs historical symposium honoring the late Judge Constance Baker Motley of New Haven
- 2010:** Pedro E. Segarra, 1st Latino attorney elected mayor in Connecticut
- 2010:** Ndidi Moses, 4th Black Treasurer of the Connecticut Bar Association and 2nd Black female to hold the office; she is also a Past President of Crawford
- 2010:** Don H. Liu receives the Edwin Archer Randolph Diversity Award

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2011: Kamala D. Harris, 1st African-American/South Asian American Attorney General in CA, and the 1st South Asian American in the United States

2011: Sohail Mohammed, 1st Asian/Muslim state judge in NJ

2011: Nikki Haley, 1st South Asian female governor in SC and 2nd in the U.S.

2012: Connecticut Bar Foundation co-hosts 1st symposium on the History of Attorneys of Color in CT

**HISTORICAL
CONTEXT**

2011: Justice Lubbie Harper, Jr., 3rd Black Justice elevated to the CT Supreme Court and recipient of the prestigious Edwin Archer Randolph Diversity Award

2011: Judge Carmen E. Espinosa, 1st Latino to be elevated to the CT Appellate Court

2011: Judge Hunchu Kwak, 3rd Asian Pacific Islander CT Superior Court judge

2011: Judge Nawaz Wahla, 1st South Asian CT Superior Court Judge

2011: Sudha Setty, 1st South Asian tenured professor at Western New England University; elevated to Associate Dean for Faculty Development and Intellectual Life in Fall 2011; Secretary and past Treasurer of SABAC

2011: Judge Edgardo Ramos, 2nd Latino confirmed as U.S. District Court Judge (SDNY)

2012: Lee Cole-Chu, 4th Asian Pacific Islander CT Superior Court judge

2012: An-Ping Hsieh, 1st Asian Pacific Islander named corporate secretary of Fortune 100 company in CT

2012: Sung Ho Hwang, 1st Asian Pacific Islander to serve as President of the New Haven Bar Association

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