Catherine Asuncion

Catherine “Cat” Asuncion was born and raised in Hawaii. If she could meet any historical figure, she would choose the last princess of Hawaii, Bernice Pauahi Bishop, who founded Cat’s high school. In her will, Princess Pauahi Bishop asked that her estate go towards educating the children of Hawai’i, and it was used to build Kamehameha Schools.

Cat moved to Southern California for college. The first attorney she ever met was her personal injury attorney who helped her after a car accident. Her attorney made the process easy and that experience inspired her to become an attorney. In her third year of law school, Cat externed at the United States District Court, Southern California for the Honorable Anthony J. Battaglia. While she read briefs and drafted decisions, it sparked her interest in appellate law. Cat then started attending APS meetings, where the case presentations and discussions of legal issues solidified her career path.

Cat is starting the new year with two new positions: she is serving as this year’s APS Chair; and she is starting a new position as a staff attorney for Division One of the Fourth District Court of Appeal of the State of California. Her new roles fit her well—she loves research and writing, and she has been a long-time volunteer with APS. What remains the same in her life since she moved to San Diego is on Sundays, she plays soccer in a women’s league.

Be sure to say hi to Cat at the next APS meeting!