

Influential Filipino Publication Features Hinshaw Partner Connie Montoya Among “10 Filipino American LGBTQ+ Changemakers”

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The influential Filipino publication *Philippine Daily Inquirer* recently featured Hinshaw partner Concepcion (“Connie”) Montoya in a story about “10 Filipino American LGBTQ+ changemakers you might not know about.”

The publication describes the group as “under-the-radar trailblazers [who] are quietly, yet powerfully, reshaping their fields and communities.” The list profiles changemakers “who may not have made headlines but are making history in their own right.”

Connie is described as follows:

“A Filipino American LGBTQ+ lawyer, Connie Montoya brings both legal expertise and lived experience to her advocacy, expanding opportunities for marginalized communities in the US.”

[Read about all the changemakers.](#)

- *Philippine Daily Inquirer*: “[10 Filipino American LGBTQ+ changemakers you might not know about](#)” (June 18, 2025)

About Connie

Connie is a dedicated advocate for DE&I and a leader in the Filipino and Asian American legal communities. She has served in key roles on Hinshaw’s Diversity Committee, the National Association of Women Lawyers, Lambda Legal, and the Filipino American Lawyers Association of New York, where she has advocated for inclusive policies, organized educational initiatives, and mentored underrepresented professionals.

Connie's impactful work has earned her recognition as a Distinguished Filipino Woman by the Philippine Consulate General in New York, a Philippine Distinguished Honoree for International Women's Day, and a 2023 New York Legal Awards Diversity Initiative Honoree by the *New York Law Journal*. These awards reflect her commitment to empowering marginalized groups and advancing DE&I in the United States and the Philippines.

About the *Philippine Daily Inquirer*

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