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***2005 AABA GALA AND SILENT AUCTION  
FRIDAY, AUGUST 26, 2005 AT 6:30 P.M.  
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Tribeca Lounge  
July 14, 2005

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[www.aabahouston.com](http://www.aabahouston.com).

## UPCOMING AABA EVENT

Wills Writing Clinic  
Chinese Community Center  
August 20, 2005 – Training Dinner  
September 11, 2005 - Clinic

The AABA, OCA-Houston, and Houston Volunteer Lawyers Program (HVLP) are planning a Wills Writing Clinic scheduled for Sunday afternoon, September 11, 2005 at the Chinese Community Center. The second-annual event provides pro bono legal services to qualified low income families and individuals.

Volunteer attorneys are required to attend a training dinner (food will be provided), scheduled for Tuesday, August 30, and will need to commit approximately 4 hours in the afternoon on the day of the clinic. Volunteer non-attorneys are also sorely needed to assist in the intake process, as well as during the finalization ceremony, which requires 2 witnesses and a public notary.

If you are interested in participating or have any additional questions, please contact Joseph Tung at 713-225-2344 or at [jtung@seyfarth.com](mailto:jtung@seyfarth.com).

## MEMBERSHIP

Don't miss out on any more AABA events! Please take a moment to download the membership form from [www.aabahouston.com](http://www.aabahouston.com) and send it to AABA, Attn: CTT, P.O. Box 1554, Houston, TX 77251. Membership is at no cost to law students and retired attorneys, and ranges from \$ 25.00 to \$ 75.00 annually for attorneys, depending on number of years in practice. We are pleased to introduce an auxiliary membership, at a reduced cost of \$25.00 annually, for attorneys who reside and practice outside the Greater Houston area.

For information regarding membership, please contact Catherine Than at 713.252.7297 or [cthan@aol.com](mailto:cthan@aol.com).

## SIDEBAR

The 2005 Directors and Officers of the AABA have selected Harry Gee, Jr. to be the first recipient of The AABA Impact Award to be presented during the 2005 AABA Gala & Silent Auction.

Michael Chu, associate with Haynes and Boone, LLP, will be a featured speaker at a Houston Bar Association CLE Seminar entitled "Navigating in Federal Courts."

Best of luck to our AABA President Quan Vu as he and his dance partner go to Minnesota to compete in the National Competition for Amateur Ballroom Dancing next weekend! Quan has previously been a Finalist at Nationals in the Championship American Style Ballroom Smooth Division.

## OPPORTUNITIES

**Merrill Lynch - Legal - Crude and Petroleum Products (Houston, TX)** - Merrill Lynch Commodities, Inc. is currently looking for a Vice President for its Legal department in its Houston office. This individual will draft and negotiate commodity contracts, confirmations, origination, and operational agreements, provide legal counsel and guidance, and provide back up support for other attorneys as needed. The primary focus will be on crude oil and petroleum products trading agreements and on structured transactions in the crude oil and petroleum products industries. Qualified candidates must have at least 5 years of experience in a corporate legal environment with an energy trading company. Additionally, candidates must have experience in drafting, reviewing and negotiating commodity contracts, a working knowledge of financial, market and credit risk issues and extensive experience with all relevant documentation. Candidates must also possess an extensive knowledge of the laws and regulations applicable to the energy trading markets. Qualified candidates must be detailed-oriented, possess excellent written and verbal communication skills, with the ability to multi-task in a fast-paced environment. To apply, send resume to: [monica\\_richards@ml.com](mailto:monica_richards@ml.com).

**Harley Davidson Financial Services, Inc - Associate Counsel (Chicago, IL or Plano, TX)** - Harley-Davidson Financial Services, Inc. seeks an Associate Counsel. This full-time position will be located either in Plano, TX or at company headquarters in Chicago, IL. The Associate Counsel will collaborate closely with HDFS General Counsel, the Harley-Davidson Inc. legal team, the Vice-President of Wholesale and the Managing Director of Harley-Davidson Financial Services Europe on day-to-day and strategic initiatives; oversee all HDFS work being performed by outside counsel relating to assigned matters; manage effective and timely completion of work within agreed budget; review, draft and approve Wholesale and International contracts and other business documents; research and advise on any legal issues presented with regard to the Wholesale and International divisions; support corporate governance guidance in alignment with obligations of Harley-Davidson Inc. under Sarbanes-Oxley; and maintain a current awareness, understanding and expertise of applicable financing laws, regulations, UCC, internal policies and procedures, and advise leadership and business units regarding compliance with those laws, regulations, policies and procedures. While the position reports to the HDFS Vice President & General Counsel, the Associate Counsel will develop key relationships with the Harley-Davidson Inc. legal team, the Vice-President of Wholesale and the Managing Director of Harley-Davidson Financial Services Europe. Job Requirements include \*Juris Doctorate degree from an accredited law school \*Minimum of 5 years general corporate, securities and finance, law experience in a law firm or in-house corporate law department \*Strong written, verbal and interpersonal communication skills \*Must be participatory, flexible, versatile and a team player \*Excellent decision-making and problem solving skills are necessary with a track record of exercising good judgment \*Strong critical thinking skills \*Understanding of securitization transactions and management of litigation matters is preferred. To apply email a resume and cover letter to the Vice President, General Counsel of Harley-Davidson Financial Services at [linda.dunn@hdfsi.com](mailto:linda.dunn@hdfsi.com).

**Freescal Semiconductor - Director, Patent Licensing (Austin, TX)** - Job Requirements: Patent attorney with 10-20 years of experience, including several years experience in each of patent licensing and preparing and prosecuting patents. Experience with semiconductor technology strongly preferred. Electrical engineering or Physics degree preferred. They will look at candidates with other technical backgrounds if they have a stellar academic background and an understanding of the technology. The candidate will report to Jennifer Waumett, Vice President & Chief IP Counsel. Compensation is based on a competitive base salary, bonus and stock options. If you are interested in this position, contact Recruiter Contact, Bill Walker at [wwalker@mlaglobal.com](mailto:wwalker@mlaglobal.com) for additional information.

**American Airlines - Corporate Transaction Attorney (Dallas, TX)** - The successful candidate must have at least 3 years of direct experience drafting and negotiating complex commercial agreements, including counseling of clients. Excellent analytical skills, outstanding verbal and written communication skills, and the ability to interact with corporate managers and officers are essential for success in this position. This position also requires a pro-active and creative yet pragmatic thinker with the ability to manage a varied workload in a fast-paced work environment. Must have a JD from an accredited law school and be a member of a state bar in good standing with no disciplinary history. Must be eligible for admission to the Texas State Bar. To apply on-line, go to: <http://www.aacareers.com>.

## COMMUNITY

Houston International Jazz Festival Focus on Asian Jazz. The Houston International Jazz Festival kicks off its 15th year with three days of exceptional musical entertainment at Bayou Place and the Verizon Wireless Theater. August 5th begins with an international focus on Asian Jazz, which features Heads Up International recording artists Hiroshima and Five time Grammy nominee, Houston drummer Bubbha Thomas. The Asian Jazz portion of the Houston International Jazz Festival is in its first year. This Festival is funded in part by grants from Harris County and the Texas Commission on the Arts through the Cultural Arts Council of Houston/Harris County. Also sponsored by ABC-13 KTRK-TV, Clear Channel Entertainment, The Holiday Inn Select Houston Near Greenway Plaza, *the official hotel*, The Houston Chronicle, KHJZ 95.7 FM, Kroger, KTSU 90.9 FM, Time Warner Cable and Univision. Tickets are available through Ticketmaster at (713) 629-3700. All proceeds from the Houston International Jazz Festival benefit the Summer Jazz Workshop. Additional information is available on [www.jazzed@jazzeducation.org](http://www.jazzed@jazzeducation.org).

Cities in Transition Conference. The Cities in Transition Conference "Asian Pacific Islander Americans...An Asset for America's Future" will be held at the Hilton Americas (Houston) on September 21-23, 2005. Partners for Livable Communities has teamed up with the Asian Pacific American Institute for Congressional Studies (APAICS), the City of Houston and all of the conference co-sponsors to build a platform that highlights the tremendous potential of the growing Asian Pacific Islander American (APIA) community in America. For details on the conference, please visit [http://www.livable.com/prgms\\_ongoing/apia.htm](http://www.livable.com/prgms_ongoing/apia.htm).

Thomas Tang Moot Court Competition. South Texas College of Law will be hosting the Southwest Regional Thomas Tang Moot Court Competition this year on September 30-October 1. The Thomas Tang National Moot Court Competition was spawned in 1993 by the Asian Pacific American Law Student Association of the South Texas College of Law. The Competition is open to all students but is especially designed to reach out to Asian Pacific American law students and provide them with an opportunity to showcase their writing and oral advocacy skills and compete for scholarships totaling \$10,000 which are generously sponsored by the Anheuser-Busch Companies, Inc. Deadline for Registration is August 19th. If you would like to judge or participate in the competition, please contact Quy Phung at [quyphung@yahoo.com](mailto:quyphung@yahoo.com).

Conference of the National Association of Women Judges. The 2005 Conference of the National Association of Women Judges will be held in Houston on October 29-23. Judge Wanda Fowler is recruiting volunteers for the event. If you would like to be involved, please contact Leah Turner at 713.546.5037 or by e-mail at [Leah.Turner@weil.com](mailto:Leah.Turner@weil.com).

NAPABA 17<sup>th</sup> Annual National Convention: Forging Ahead, Shaping Our Future. The 17<sup>th</sup> Annual National Asian Pacific American Bar Association (NAPABA) Convention will be held in Chicago, Illinois from Thursday, October 20, 2005 through Sunday, October 23, 2005. The convention will feature prominent speakers from government and private sectors of the law. For complete details or to register, please visit [www.napaba.org](http://www.napaba.org) or contact Amy Lin Meyerson, NAPABA President-Elect, at 203.232.4322 or [ameyersesq@optonline.net](mailto:ameyersesq@optonline.net).

TSF Charity Golf Tournament. Charity Golf Tournament benefiting the Students of Texas Scholarship Foundation at Blackhorse Golf Club will be held on Monday, October 24, 2005. All proceeds from this tournament will go towards scholarships and buses for disadvantaged students. For information on how to register or become a sponsor, please contact Lynn Stewart at [lstewart@colliertexas.com](mailto:lstewart@colliertexas.com). Please visit [www.texas scholarship foundation.org](http://www.texas scholarship foundation.org) for information regarding the Texas Scholarship Foundation.

If you would like to publicize any opportunities, community events or SIDEBAR news, please contact Andrea Tran at 713.767.1598 or by e-mail at [atran@powersfrost.com](mailto:atran@powersfrost.com).

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The Asian American Bar Association of Houston (AABA) cordially invites you and your respective firm/company to attend the AABA's 2005 Gala and Silent Auction to be held at the Hotel Derek on Friday, August 26, 2005, at 6:30 p.m. The Gala will feature a cocktail reception, banquet dinner, and silent auction. We estimate that several hundred corporate, legal and civic leaders from the greater Houston area will join us for this special evening. This year's keynote address will be given by Mr. Lawrence P. Tu, Senior Vice President and General Counsel of Dell, Inc.

Celebrating over twenty years of success, the AABA is a voluntary association of lawyers, judges, and law students of Asian-Pacific heritage or who have interests in Houston's Asian-Pacific community. Founded in 1984, the AABA supports a membership reflecting all aspects of Houston's Asian-Pacific legal community. This year, the AABA is helping in the establishment of a new charitable affiliate organization, the Asian American Bar Foundation (AABF). The AABF's focus will be to promote the participation of Asian-Pacific Americans in all areas of legal practice, thereby promoting diversity in the legal community and improving access to justice for all Houstonians. A portion of this year's Gala's proceeds will be donated to the AABF's endowment, which will be used to fund scholarships, grants, and programs in furtherance of the AABF's mission.

The 2005 Gala and Silent Auction would not be possible without the generous support of Houston's legal and business community. We have included a sponsorship form for your consideration. Among the many benefits of sponsorship, sponsors will receive prominent recognition in our invitations, at the Gala and on the AABA's website. Completed forms and sponsorship checks may be mailed to Jason Luong, Smyser Kaplan & Veselka, L.L.P., 700 Louisiana, Suite 2300, Houston, Texas 77002. If you have any questions, please feel to contact me at 713-221-2306 or by e-mail at [jluong@skv.com](mailto:jluong@skv.com).

The AABA sincerely appreciates your commitment and support.

Very truly yours,

Jason Luong  
Gala & Silent Auction Committee,  
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