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2005 AABA Officers and Board Members Installation Banquet January 27, 2005

Qin Dynasty generously sponsored the AABA Officers and Board Members Installation Banquet on Thursday, January 27, 2005. Judge Jay Karahan, Presiding Judge of the Harris County Criminal Court No. 8, graciously officiated the swearing in ceremony.



Following a family-style banquet, Judge Karahan presented an informative CLE lecture for the attending attorneys and law students.



The turnout exceeded all expectations! For more pictures from this event, please visit www.aabahouston.com.



FEBRUARY EVENTS



LUNAR NEW YEAR FESTIVAL

Saturday, February 12, 2005 10AM-4PM
5855 Sovereign Drive Houston, TX 77036

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Please join the AABA as we co-sponsor the exciting 2005 Asian Lunar New Year Festival. AABA members will meet at the OCA Booth at 1:00 p.m.

SAVE THE DATE

Thursday, March 10, 2005

"COOKIN" with the Houston Society of the Performing Arts (SPA)

Details to be announced.

"Jap Road" Panel Discussion

Thursday, February 24, 2005 @ 6:30 p.m.
Heritage Room at the
University of Houston Law Center
100 Law Center
Houston, Texas 77204

Sponsored by
Texas State Representative Martha Wong
and the Asian American Bar Association of
Houston

What's In a Name?

Please come join us for an in-depth panel discussion on the "Jap Road" controversy that has captured the nation's attention

JAMES C. HO, Moderator (Chief Counsel to U.S. Senator John Cornyn & Chairman of the U.S. Senate Judiciary Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights and Property Rights)
SANDRA TANAMACHI (Jefferson County Movement)
GEORGE HIRASAKI (Orange County Movement & President of Houston Chapter of Japanese American Citizens League)
SCOTT NEWAR (Civil Rights Attorney)
JODI BERNSTEIN (Anti-Defamation League)

"Jap Road" is a three-mile stretch of road in Fannett, near Beaumont, Texas, that has been around for more than 100 years. It was named to honor a Japanese family who moved to the area and helped introduce the region to rice farming. Over the years, the name has remained but the meaning of "Jap" has changed to become a racial slur. The Anti-Defamation League and Japanese American Citizens League (JACL), along with the Organization of Chinese Americans (OCA), Urban League, National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), and the League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC) have joined in the movement to help change the name.

Food and beverages will be served during a reception immediately following the discussion.

For inquiries, please contact Helene Dang at hdang@quanlaw.com.

SIDE BAR

As a new addition to the AABA newsletter, SIDE BAR will be devoted to personal and professional news involving current AABA members.

- Patricia Lin recently left Andrews Kurth LLP to join ChevronTexaco as Environmental Counsel.
- Congratulations to Daniel David Hu, who is a new father to twins Frederick and Isabella!
- ExxonMobil welcomes the addition of Joseph Yao, previously of Major, Hagen & Africa, to its Intellectual Property Group.
- Rina Chang, formerly of Bracewell & Patterson, joined The Dow Chemical Company as a Senior Attorney in the U.S. Operations Legal Department in October 2004.
- Hoang Quan Vu has been promoted to Partner in Banking and Finance at the law firm of Mayer, Brown, Rowe & Maw LLP.

COMMUNITY

HBA Auxiliary Names Harry Gee, Jr. As 18th Jaworski Award Winner. The Houston Bar Association (HBA) Auxiliary will honor Former AABA President Harry Gee, Jr. as the recipient of its 18th Annual Leon Jaworski Community Service Award at a luncheon on Tuesday, March 1, 2005 at 11:30 a.m. at The Houston Club, 811 Rusk. The keynote speaker for the luncheon will be Ron Stone, former anchor at Channel 2 news. Tickets to the luncheon are \$45 and may be purchased by calling Phyllis Dent at (713) 984-0541 or Cindy Trevathan at (713) 862-3049.

Asia Society "Tiger Ball". Asia Society Texas will be hosting its "Tiger Ball" on Friday, February 11, 2005 at 6:30 p.m. at the Intercontinental Hotel, 2222 West Loop South. The celebration will honor 25 years of Service to the Texas Community as well as introduce the new President of Asia Society, Dr. Vishakha N. Desai. For tickets to this event, please call 713.439.0051.

Chinese Professional Club 51st Annual Scholarship Ball. The Chinese Professional Club (CPC) will be celebrating its 51st Annual Scholarship Ball and also welcoming the Lunar New Year on Saturday, February 26, 2005 @ 6:30 p.m. at the Westin Galleria Hotel. For details, please contact Peggy Lum at 281.242.8217.

OPPORTUNITIES

Clear Channel Communications Chief Litigation Counsel Position. Clear Channel Communications, Inc. is seeking to hire a Chief Litigation Counsel in San Antonio, Texas at its corporate headquarters. This position reports directly to the Chief Legal Officer and will be responsible for coordinating strategy, company resources and outside counsel for the all of the company's litigation activities. In addition to a primary office in San Antonio, this position will oversee in-house litigation staff in Houston. Minimum of 5-7 years prior experience as an attorney practicing in a major law firm's litigation department, a litigation boutique firm or corresponding corporate in-house experience strongly preferred. Bachelors and Juris Doctor degrees from top quality, nationally recognized, accredited college and law school, preferably in top 25% of graduating class. Salary is commensurate with experience. All interested parties should contact Mickey Gayler, VP/Associate General Counsel-Labor, Clear Channel Communications, Inc., 200 E. Basse Road, San Antonio, Texas 78209, or fax resumes directly to 210.832.3433.

OPPORTUNITIES (CONTINUED)

AABA Mentors Needed. The AABA is pleased to present the addition of a mentorship program. We are seeking newly licensed attorneys (less than 3 years) and law students to match with experienced attorneys who will provide guidance professional. If you would like to participate in this free program as either a mentor or protégé, please email Catherine Than at cthan@aol.com for more information.

In-House Counsel Position for AIM Management Group. AIM currently has an available position for a '40 Act Attorney. A J.D. degree and admission to a State Bar is required. Under general supervision, this attorney will prepare regulatory filings, create/maintain appropriate legal documentation, review legal contracts/documents, provide assistance on special projects and maintain/interpret legal policies and procedures to ensure that AIM's legal risks are minimized and that corporate objectives are achieved. Two to six years corporate law or securities law experience in a law firm, financial institution or regulatory agency is required. For immediate consideration, please e-mail your resume to Samantha Ray, AIM Staffing Manager, at samantha.ray@aiminvestments.

Probate, Trusts and Estate Associate Needed. Porter & Hedges, L.L.P. seeks an associate with three to four years experience in probate, trusts, and estates. Will consider a two-year associate with strong academic credentials, experience and writing skills. An LL.M in Taxation is desirable. Excellent writing skills and interpersonal skills are a must. Contact Stacy Nelson at 713.221.0588 or SNelson@porterhedges.com.

BPSOS Service Center Director Position. Boat People S.O.S., Inc. (BPSOS) seeks a full-time Director to develop and support its Service Center. The BPSOS Service Centers provide immigration and naturalization services to Vietnamese immigrants and refugees for a nominal fee. The salary for this position is commensurate with experience and qualifications, plus benefits. The Director oversees the development and management operations for 14 offices including immigration, translation and interpretation and notary public services; develops and standardizes policies and procedures for all activities including general case management, fee schedules, case acceptance and closures, and document retention; supervise training and provide technical assistant to staff on immigration law cases; Maintains/expands the profit margin for the Center. Requirements includes a Juris Doctor from an accredited law school, 3+ years experience with immigration work, supervisory experience, admission to practice law or ability to practice immigration law in Texas, outreach and training experience, English and Vietnamese fluency preferred and bicultural background preferred. To apply, e-mail or fax your cover letter, resume and 3 references to: Pharia Le, Human Resource Department, Boat People S.O.S., Inc. at pharia.le@bpsos.org or 703.647.6499.

If you would like to publicize any opportunities, community events or SIDE BAR news, please contact Andrea Tran at 713.767.1598 or by e-mail at atran@powersfrost.com. Publications in the newsletter are at the discretion of the AABA.

MEMBERSHIP

An exciting year of networking, CLE's and volunteer events has already started for the AABA!! If you have not done so already, please take a moment to fill out the attached membership form and send 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 years of practice.

For more information regarding membership, please contact Catherine Than at 713.252.7297 or by e-mail at cthan@aol.com. The membership form can also be downloaded from www.aabahouston.com.