

The Asian American Bar Association (AABA) of Houston is dedicated to promoting the Houston society of Asian American lawyers and to addressing the needs and interests of Houston's Asian American community.

2004 AABA CHRISTMAS PARTY



Emily Kuo, Peter Chang and Trevor Gor strike a pose



Patricia Lin visits with Judge Jay Karahan

Members gathered at the home of AABA President Lola Lin on Saturday, December 3, 2004 to celebrate the Holiday Season and welcome the New Year at the 2004 AABA Holiday Luncheon. Everyone enjoyed a delicious buffet, wine and great company. Please visit www.aabahouston.com for more pictures from this festive event. Happy New Year!!!

2004 was an incredible year for the AABA! With the support and commitment of our generous members and the dynamic Houston community, the AABA accomplished its goals for the year:

- increased its membership by 100%
- created a new website to provide members and the community with information regarding the AABA's history, officers, board of directors, sponsors, and events
- celebrated its 20th anniversary with a gala and silent auction
- hosted mixers with local minority bar associations, law students and business organizations to create referral and mentorship opportunities
- welcomed prestigious speakers
- reached out to the community through seminars
- provided CLE opportunities

The AABA is proud of its accomplishments in 2004 and it strives to offer more in 2005. Please join the AABA in its efforts to service the needs of the Asian Pacific American legal community and community of Houston.

JANUARY 2005 EVENT OFFICERS INSTALLATION DINNER & CLE

When: Thursday, January 27th at 6:30 p.m.
Place: Qin Dynasty, 5115 Buffalo Speedway
Price: \$10 for members/\$18 for non-members

The AABA will hold its Installation Dinner to welcome the incoming 2005 AABA Officers. Judge Jay Karahan will present "What To Do When Your Civil Client Calls You In the Middle of the Night From Jail." (0.5 hr CLE credit pending)

Hoang Quan Vu, President
Andrea E. Tran, President-Elect
Catherine Than, VP of Membership and Mentorship
Jennifer Phan, VP of Networking
Peter Chang, VP of Programs
Helene Dang, VP of Programs
Kristy Ton, Treasurer
Emily Kuo, Secretary
Joseph Tung, Community Outreach Liaison
Daniel Chen, Law School Liaison
Jason Luong, Gala & Silent Auction Committee Co-Chair

The AABA greatly appreciates Qin Dynasty's generous sponsorship of the Installation Dinner.

THE TSUNAMI RELIEF FUND

To: All Members of the Houston Bar Association

From: Rocky Robinson, President, Houston Bar Association
Lynn Kamin, Chair, Houston Bar Foundation
Lola Lin, President, Asian American Bar Association
Jay M. Chadha, President, South Asian American Bar Association

Date: January 4, 2005

Subject: Tsunami Relief Fund

On December 26, 2004, the most powerful earthquake in 40 years erupted under the sea off the coast of the Indonesian island of Sumatra. The quake unleashed a giant tsunami wave that crashed into the coasts of South and Southeast Asia. The power of the tsunami was felt as far away as the African coast, some 3,000 miles away. Current estimates are that 140,000 people lost their lives. Millions of others who survived the tsunami have lost their homes and jobs; and are without food, fresh water and medicine. The extent of the devastation is still being assessed. In their unlimited generosity, citizens across our country and elsewhere in the world are answering the call for help by donating to many organizations set up to provide relief to the victims of this terrible and tragic event.

Members of our legal community have friends, relatives, business associates and clients who have been affected by the tsunami. Historically, the Houston legal community has been known and recognized for its generosity; particularly to those in a time of need. It is time for us to step forward once again and help. The Houston Bar Association and Houston Bar Foundation, in conjunction with the South Asian American Bar Association and Asian American Bar Association, are undertaking an initiative to provide financial assistance to the tsunami victims. Your financial contributions in any amount will be deeply appreciated.

Please send your check, in whatever amount you can, to the Houston Bar Foundation, 1001 Fannin St., Suite 1300, Houston, Texas 77002. You should note on the memo line of your check "Tsunami Relief Fund." Your check should be made payable to the Houston Bar Foundation. All contributions are tax deductible. You can also visit www.hba.org for more information.

We will be receiving contributions to the Houston Bar Foundation Tsunami Relief Fund through January 31, 2005. All proceeds will then be delivered to the American Red Cross International Response Fund and will be designated specifically for the tsunami relief efforts. These funds will then be used either for the activities of the American Red Cross in the affected areas, or will be transferred to one of the Red Cross/Red Crescent societies in the affected countries.

The need is overwhelming. The need is urgent. Please give what you can. It is the right thing to do.

OPPORTUNITIES

Litigation Associate Position. The Houston law firm of Walter, Burdzinski & Company, PC is looking for a 1-3 year associate to practice primarily business litigation. For more information, please visit www.prevaillawyers.com or contact Teri Walter at (713) 529-2020. You may also send your resume to Walter, Burdzinski & Company, PC, Three Riverway Suite 1800, Houston, TX 77056 or fax your resume to (713) 529-2266.

AABA Mentors Needed. The AABA is pleased to present the addition of a mentorship program. We are looking for newly licensed attorneys (less than 3 years) and law students to match with experienced attorneys who will provide wisdom and guidance. 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.

OPPORTUNITIES (CONT'D)

In-House Counsel Position with Dell. Dell, Inc. is hiring a 3-4 year attorney (minimum) for an in-house counsel position within the Dell Legal Department. The position will focus mainly on transactional and international (particularly Asia) work relating to Dell supply chain and manufacturing activities. Dell is looking to fill this position by March 2005. Skills required include effective and efficient problem solving skills, thorough verbal and written communications skills, good organizational and multi-tasking skills, thorough knowledge of legal decision making principles and thorough knowledge of legal research skills. This position requires a JD degree, preferably at least one state bar admission and a minimum of 3-4 years related experience in a law firm or corporate legal environment. If you are interested in this position, please fax your resume to LaMont D. Walker, Dell Inc. Senior Managing Counsel, Worldwide Operations at (512) 283-5326.

HTLA CLE Luncheon. The Houston Trial Lawyers Association (HTLA) invites you to attend its monthly luncheon CLE on Thursday, January 20th from 12:00-1:15 p.m. at Brennan's, 3300 Smith Street. HTLA President Guy Choate will present a 1 hour CLE entitled "After the Referendum: Advertising and Referral Rules in Texas." The cost of the luncheon is \$25.00. To register for this luncheon, please see the attached form. Beth Alfredson, the HTLA Administrative Director, may be reached at (713) 655-8852 to answer any questions.

AABA Positions. Thanks to all of you who attended last year's 20th Anniversary Gala & Silent Auction! It was a fantastic success, and the AABA is dedicated to making this year's Gala & Silent Auction even better! We are currently looking for a second Co-Chair for our Gala Committee and for members who would be interested in being on the Committee. If you are interested in planning for the 21st Anniversary Gala & Silent Auction, please contact Jason Luong at (713)951-3700 or Hoang Quan Vu at (713) 546-0518.

COMMUNITY

Indo-American Association (IAA)- Houston Benefit Concert for Tsunami Victims. The IAA, supported by the Consulate General of India, UNICEF, Asia Society, KUHF Radio and International Association of Human Values (IAHV), presents a Houston Benefit Concert for Tsunami Victims to be held on Sunday, January 23rd, 6pm at The Wortham Center. The event will be an instrumental concert presenting Indian Classical Music, North Indian (Hindustani) and South Indian (Karnatic) by featured musicians Ustad Shujaat Husain Khan and Chitravina N. Ravikiran. IAA is underwriting all the expenses of the concert so that every penny you contribute goes to help the Tsunami victims. Choose the agency you want your tax deductible contribution to go to from among UNICEF, AMERICACARES, AID INDIA, and IAHV (all thru IAA). IAA's 501(3) tax ID is: 76-0409339. Admission by donation. Suggested levels: \$30, 50, 100, 250. Please reserve your seat by phone: 281-648-0422 or 281-217-4220 or online at www.iaahouston.com.

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.

MEMBERSHIP

Make it your New Year's Resolution to join the AABA! Please take a moment to fill out the attached membership form or visit our website at www.aabahouston.com. Membership is at no cost to law students, 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) 227-2500 or by e-mail at cthan@aol.com.