

The Asian American Bar Association (AABA) of Houston is a voluntary organization of lawyers of Asian heritage or who have Asian American interests dedicated to promoting diversity within the legal profession and Houston community.

## AABA SEMINARS

Immigration Seminar. On Sunday, June 12, 2005, the AABA and VN Teamwork co-hosted an Immigration Seminar featuring attorneys Tony Vu Dinh, Jane D. Nguyen, Simon Nguyen, Quynh Nguyen and Huy Tuan Nguyen. The panel of speakers addressed various immigration issues and questions raised by audience members followed by one-on-one counseling sessions. Special thanks to these generous attorneys for their fine service to the community. For more pictures from this event, please visit [www.aabahouston.com](http://www.aabahouston.com).



Tax Seminar. Chinese Community Center was the setting for the AABA Tax Seminar entitled "The Nuts and Bolts of Starting Your Own Business" held on Sunday, June 26, 2005. Speakers David Cao, Thomas Nguyen, Tri Nguyen and Alia Vinson shared their expertise on the IRS auditing process, business plans & finances and legal & tax considerations involved with choice of entities. The AABA would like to thank everyone who attended as well as the speakers for their time in providing practical tax and business advice.

Wills Writing Clinic. The AABA, Organization of Chinese Americans (OCA) - Houston, and Houston Volunteer Lawyers Program (HVLP) are planning a Wills Writing Clinic tentatively scheduled for Sunday, September 11, 2005. 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), 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. The clinic will likely be held at the Chinese Community Center and details will be finalized in the near future. 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).

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The Asian/Pacific American Heritage Association (APAHA)  
and  
The Asian American Bar Association (AABA)

Invite you to our Joint Networking Mixer at



2707 Fountain View (between Westheimer & Richmond)  
Houston TX 77057 • 713.783.2025

**Thursday, July 14, 2005**  
**6PM - 8PM**

Raffle prizes from the Society for the Performing Arts (SPA)  
Hors d'oeuvres courtesy of American Express • Cash bar

To RSVP by July 10, please contact:

Jerome Vielman, APAHA Executive Director  
Tel: 713.784.1112 or email: jerome@apaha.org

Jenny Phan, AABA VP of Networking  
Tel: 713.241.2208 or email: jennifer.phan@shell.com

**THE ASIAN AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION  
CORDIALLY INVITES YOU TO ATTEND THE**

**2005 AABA GALA AND SILENT AUCTION  
AUGUST 26, 2005  
HOTEL DEREK  
2525 WEST LOOP SOUTH**

**FEATURING KEYNOTE SPEAKER  
LAWRENCE TU  
SENIOR VICE-PRESIDENT & GENERAL COUNSEL, DELL, INC.**

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PLEASE CONTACT WARREN HUANG AT 713.651.3633 OR  
JASON LUONG AT 713.221.2306**

## OPPORTUNITIES

**Blockbuster - Corporate Counsel-Operations/Marketing (Dallas, TX)** - BLOCKBUSTER (NYSE BBI) is looking for a Corporate Counsel-Operations/Marketing to work in our Corporate Office located in Dallas, TX. The selected person will perform legal work related to the Company's field operations, marketing and procurement of goods and services, and handle such other legal matters as directed by the General Counsel. Provide general legal advice and support to store and distribution center operations. Maintain, review and interpret Company policies and procedures pertaining to store operations for legal compliance, and advise corporate and field personnel on related legal issues. Advise Company and its management and field personnel regarding compliance with legal and regulatory matters within designated areas of specialization and responsibility. Draft and negotiate contracts pertaining to store operations, marketing, and procurement. Participate in review of advertising materials for legal compliance. Develop and deliver appropriate client training. Qualifications: Advanced expertise in contract law; advanced drafting and negotiation skills; working knowledge of deceptive trade practices/consumer law with respect to retail store operations and promotions; advanced ability to communicate effectively; advanced ability to efficiently process heavy workload with multiple priorities with minimal supervision. JD from an ABA accredited law school; 5+ years of related law firm and/or in-house experience. To apply on-line, go to: [www.blockbuster.recruitsoft.com](http://www.blockbuster.recruitsoft.com).

**Lyondell Chemical Company - Senior Attorney (Houston, TX)** - The Senior Attorney, Treasury, is responsible for providing legal support to the Treasury Department for activities across the Lyondell Enterprise. This position will provide the primary legal support to the Assistant Treasurers responsible for Treasury Operations, Insurance and Pension Investments. Responsibilities will include, among others, advice and assistance relating to cash management, banking services, letters of credit and intercompany loans; legal guidance to treasury risk management, including insurance programs and captive insurance entities; legal support regarding pension investment activities; maintenance of related compliance processes and systems; and participation in the implementation and maintenance of debt and asset-backed facilities. This position will coordinate legal support for treasury issues with the Senior Counsel, Treasury. Qualifications include (1) JD degree; (2) license to practice law in Texas; and (3) 5 or more years of legal practice with a major law firm or a legal department of a publicly traded company or some combination of the two. For more information or to apply online, please visit [www.lyondell.com/html/careers](http://www.lyondell.com/html/careers) (requisition no. 2005/301).

**Dell - Senior Counsel, Worldwide Operations (Round Rock, TX)** - Responsible for handling a variety of legal business matters pertaining to Dell's WW Procurement and Information Technology organizations. Acts as an advisor on legal issues involving compliance with international, federal, and state regulations and laws. Reviews data and business materials and advises organization on appropriate legal actions to be taken. Anticipates and guards against legal risks involving the organization. Works under the supervision of a Director in the Dell Legal Department. Coordinates legal matters handled by outside counsel. Works on assignments that are extremely complex in nature where independent judgment is required, within defined procedures and practices, to determine appropriate action. Performs legal analysis tasks (including research and/or drafting) for business needs related to practice area(s). Recommends changes to organizational policies/procedures involving legal issues. Software licensing and commercial contracting skills are required. Requires JD degree. Prefer at least one state bar admission. Prefer a minimum of 10 years related experience in law firm or corporate legal environment. To apply, send resume to Michelle Niemietz, at [Michelle\\_Niemietz@dell.com](mailto:Michelle_Niemietz@dell.com).

**Southern District Vacancies.** U.S. Senators John Cornyn and Kay Bailey Hutchison announced that they are currently soliciting applications for U.S. District Judge and U.S. Attorney in the Southern District of Texas - both based in Houston. Applications are available at [http://www.cornyn.senate.gov/doc\\_archive/committees/federaljudges.pdf](http://www.cornyn.senate.gov/doc_archive/committees/federaljudges.pdf)

## SIDEBAR

Tri Nguyen, formerly associated with Andrews Kurth LLP, has started his own law practice focusing primarily on business and real estate transactions, corporate and entity formation and mergers & acquisitions.

Texas Monthly Magazine recognized the following AABA members as 2005 Texas Rising Stars: Rina Chang (The Dow Chemical Company), Maurice Hew (Law Office of Harry Gee, Jr. & Associates), Warren Huang (Fulbright & Jaworski, L.L.P.), Chyau Liang (Osha • Liang) and Hoang Quan Vu (Mayer Brown Rowe & Maw LLP).

## MEMBERSHIP

The AABA is still accepting members for 2005. If you have not done so already, please take a moment to fill out the membership form found on [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 more information regarding membership, please contact Catherine Than at 713.252.7297 or by e-mail at [cthan@aol.com](mailto:cthan@aol.com).

We would like to welcome the following new member for the month of July:

Linhuyen Pham  
*Heard & Medack, P.C.*

## COMMUNITY

**HBA Blood Drive.** The HBA will continue its blood drive in the legal community with "A Year of Giving IV." The 2005-2006 goal has been set at 3,500 units of blood for the Gulf Coast Regional Blood Center. The Blood Center needs 800 donations per day to meet the needs of the Texas Gulf Coast. You can replenish the supply by donating as an individual or by organizing a blood drive within your law firm, legal department or office. When donating, please give the code QM07 in order to have your donation count toward the HBA blood drive. For more information, please contact Andrea Warren at 713.759.1133 or by e-mail at [andrewaw@hba.org](mailto:andrewaw@hba.org).

**NAAAP Monthly Mixer.** The National Association of Asian American Professionals (NAAAP) is holding its monthly networking mixer at 713 Restaurant on Thursday, July 21<sup>st</sup>. Appetizers will be free for all members of NAAAP. To RSVP for this event, please e-mail Amber Mai at [thienm2002@yahoo.com](mailto:thienm2002@yahoo.com) or visit [www.naaaphouston.org](http://www.naaaphouston.org).

**HIPLA Golf Tournament.** Please mark your calendars for the second annual Houston Intellectual Property Law Association's (HIPLA) Golf Tournament. The event will be held at Hermann Park on the afternoon of Thursday, July 21, 2005. For more information or to RSVP for the tournament, please visit [www.hipla.org](http://www.hipla.org) or contact Tournament Director Mark Gilbreth via e-mail at [jmark@gilbreth.org](mailto:jmark@gilbreth.org).

**AWA Women of Excellence Reception.** The Association of Women Attorneys (AWA) is hosting its Women of Excellence Reception on Monday, July 25<sup>th</sup> from 5:30-8:00 p.m. at the Junior League of Houston, 1811 Briar Oaks Lane. Cost is \$32 for AWA members. For details or to RSVP, visit [www.awahouston.com](http://www.awahouston.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. NAPABA is also pleased to announce the hiring of Les Jin as Executive Director of the organization. For complete details or to register for the convention, please visit [www.napaba.org](http://www.napaba.org) or contact Amy Lin Meyerson, NAPABA President-Elect, at 203.232.4322 or [ameyersonesq@optonline.net](mailto:ameyersonesq@optonline.net).

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,  
Co-Chair

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CONTRIBUTION FORM**

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- (1) Ten tickets to the Gala and Banquet Dinner.
- (2) Full page advertisement in the Gala Program given to all attendees.
- (3) Recognition as a Gold Dragon Underwriter on the AABA website.
- (4) Name on placard on the reserved table.
- (5) Recognition as a Gold Dragon Underwriter during the ceremony with a prominent logo display.

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