

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.

FIRST ANNUAL AABA GOLF TOURNAMENT MAY 20, 2005 HERMANN PARK GOLF COURSE



The First Annual AABA Golf Tournament held on Friday, May 20th at the Hermann Park Golf Course was an amazing success! Golfers from across the Houston community competed in the event benefiting the Asian American Bar Foundation (AABF). Following tournament play, the AABA hosted a barbeque dinner and mixer. Awards were also presented to the top golfers in several categories.



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The AABA truly appreciates the hard work of Tournament Director Mark Gilbreth in organizing such a successful event. For more pictures, please visit www.aabahouston.com.

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AABA/VN TEAMWORK IMMIGRATION SEMINAR

When: Sunday, June 12, 2005 from 2:00-4:00 p.m.
Where: VN Teamwork, 11210 Bellaire, Suite 118
Who: Participating attorneys will include Tony Vu Dinh, Jane D. Nguyen, Simon Nguyen, Quynh Nguyen and Huy Tuan Nguyen.
Event: The immigration seminar will follow a Q&A format allowing the panel of participating attorneys to address matters presented by members of the audience.
Contact: Kristy Ton at 281.293.3437 or by e-mail at Kristy.P.Ton@conocophillips.com.

AABA TAX SEMINAR

"The Nuts and Bolts of Starting Your Own Business"
When: Sunday, June 26, 2005 from 2:30-4:30 p.m.
Where: Chinese Community Center, 9800 Town Park, Rm 122
Who: Thomas Nguyen - A View Before Starting/Business Plans & Finances
Tri Nguyen & Alia Vinson - A Choice of Entities/Legal And Tax Considerations
David Q. Cao - Mitigating IRS Audits
Event: Speakers will present a discussion on the tax and corporate legal issues to be considered when starting a new business.
Contact: Kristy Ton at 281.293.3437 or by e-mail at Kristy.P.Ton@conocophillips.com.

AABA JULY EVENT

When: Details to be announced

AABA/OCA WILLS WRITING CLINIC

When: Sunday, August 7, 2005 with an intake date in July (details to be announced)
Contact: Joseph Tung at 713.225-2344 or by e-mail at jtung@seyfarthshaw.com.

**21ST ANNUAL AABA GALA AND SILENT AUCTION
AUGUST 26, 2005 AT 6:30 P.M.
HOTEL DEREK**

**KEYNOTE SPEAKER
LAWRENCE TU
SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT AND GENERAL COUNSEL
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**FOR DETAILS, PLEASE CONTACT WARREN HUANG AT 713.651.3633 OR
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ABA/YLD Scholarship Opportunity. The Young Lawyers Division is accepting scholarship applications for 2005-2006. The YLD selects year-long scholars for the following three scholarship programs with the goal of encouraging greater participation in the ABA/YLD: (1) Minorities in the Profession, (2) Government, Public Sector and Military Service Lawyers and (3) General Practice, Solo and Small Firm Practitioner. Visit www.abanet.org/yld/scholarships0506/home.html for additional information and to apply online. All applications and recommendations are due by 5:00 p.m. CST on July 1, 2005.

SIDEBAR

Jason Luong, formerly with Beck, Redden & Secrest, L.L.P., has become an associate with Smyser Kaplan & Veselka, L.L.P.

Patricia Lin will be performing in the Houston Bar Association Production of Night Court "Legal Superheros". See the Community section below for more details.

MEMBERSHIP

We are getting ready for our mid-year membership push! If you have not done so already, please take a moment to fill out the membership form (below) 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. If you would like to join a committee, please contact Emily Kuo at 281.775.4869 or by e-mail at Emily.Kuo@Nabors.com.

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

Tan Tang
O'Connor Craig, Gould & Evans

COMMUNITY

HBA Night Court "Legal Superheros". It's a bird! It's a plane! It's Night Court 2005: Legal Superheroes! The wacky and whimsical all-lawyer musical comedy is soaring toward a four-night sell-out at the Hobby Center. Tickets for the 8 p.m. performances on June 15, 16, 17 and 18 are on sale at the Hobby Box Office: 713-315-2525 or www.thehobbycenter.org. A complimentary cocktail reception is scheduled before each evening show at 7 p.m. Also, a Saturday matinee show is set for 2 p.m. Seats to the recently-added June 15 Sneak Preview are \$21; all other seats are \$28.

NAAAP Networking Seminar with Dell Computers. The National Association of Asian American Professionals (NAAAP) Houston, in conjunction with Dell Inc., Asia Society Young Professionals, Chinese Professional Club, and the Asian Pacific American Heritage Association (APAHA), invite you to attend a networking event and discussion with Mark Tibbs, Executive Assistant to Peter Morowski, Vice President of Software for Dell. Come mingle with other young professionals, enjoy complimentary appetizers and cool summer drinks, and learn about Dell's strategy for the next 5 years as well as exciting career opportunities at Dell! The event will be held on Thursday, June 23 at 6:30 p.m. at Kim Son Restaurant, 2001 Jefferson St. For more information, visit www.naaaphouston.org or contact Christina Fu at Christina_T_Fu@yahoo.com.

AWA Foundation Reception. The Association of Women Attorneys (AWA) will host a Foundation Reception on Wednesday, June 22, 2005 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Details and cost to be announced. To learn more about the AWA, please visit their new website at www.awahouston.com.

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. Publications in the newsletter are at the discretion of the AABA.

2005 Membership Application

- \$0 Law Student OR retired attorney
- \$25 Attorney with less than 3 years in practice OR Auxiliary Member*
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If you have any questions about AABA membership or the mentorship program, please contact Catherine at (713) 252-7297 or by e-mail at cthan@aol.com.

*Auxiliary membership is open to attorneys who do not reside or practice in the Greater Houston area.