

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.

**September 15, 2005  
AABA/NAAAP Joint Networking Mixer and Katrina Benefit  
6 Degrees Lounge**



The AABA co-hosted a networking mixer with the National Association of Asian American Professionals (NAAAP) on Thursday, September 15, 2005 at 6 Degrees Lounge in Downtown Houston. The event joined NAAAP and the AABA in their efforts to raise funds to help victims of Hurricane Katrina.



NAAAP is a non-profit professional organization that promotes the career advancement and leadership development of Asian American professionals in all fields through networking, respecting Asian multiculturalism, and supporting diversity and community service. To join or learn more about NAAAP, visit [www.naaaphouston.org](http://www.naaaphouston.org).



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## September 18, 2005 Living Wills Seminar Co-Sponsored by the AABA and VN Teamwork



The AABA and VN Teamwork presented a Living Wills Seminar for the Vietnamese community on Sunday, September 18, 2005.



Attorneys Jane Nguyen, Lisa Nguyen and Helene Dang were on hand to answer questions regarding all aspects of advanced health care directives. The AABA would like to thank all who participated in this community service event.



## UPCOMING EVENTS

### AABA Halloween Costume Party



**Friday, October 28, 2005**

**8:00 P.M. – 12:00 A.M.**

**4707 Pine Street, Bellaire, TX 77401**

**Food and drinks will be provided**

**AABA Members: Free with RSVP before Oct. 24<sup>th</sup>/\$5 after Oct. 24<sup>th</sup>**

**Non-members: \$10 with RSVP before Oct. 24<sup>th</sup>/\$15 after Oct. 24<sup>th</sup>**

**Prizes will be awarded for the best costumes**

*Generously underwritten by*



**Please RSVP by October 24<sup>th</sup> with Jenny Phan at 713.241.2208 or [Jennifer.Phan@shell.com](mailto:Jennifer.Phan@shell.com)**

### ASIAN AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION



### RECEPTION & DINNER

**Thursday, November 10, 2005**

**Reception at 6:30 P.M./Dinner at 7:30 P.M.**

**Smith & Wollensky – 4007 Westheimer (Highland Village)**

**Cost: \$100 for AABA members before Nov. 4<sup>th</sup>/\$120 for AABA members after Nov. 4<sup>th</sup>**

**Complimentary for corporate counsel**

**This event is open to corporate counsel and AABA members only**

**Please RSVP by November 4<sup>th</sup> with Jenny Phan at 713.241.2208 or [Jennifer.Phan@shell.com](mailto:Jennifer.Phan@shell.com)**



## SIDEBAR

The AABA congratulates Mike Tran on the opening of his new restaurant Aka Japanese Cuisine at 1460 Eldridge Parkway, Houston, Texas 77077, [www.akasushi.net](http://www.akasushi.net).

We are pleased to announce the opening of the Law Office of H. Sean Liu, PLLC, primarily focusing on business and commercial real estate law.

Joe Tung, formerly associated with Seyfarth Shaw LLP, has become Legal Counsel for Schlumberger Technology Corporation.

Tom Tong, formerly with Locke Liddell & Sapp LLP, has started his own law practice, The Tong Law Firm, focusing primarily on representing U.S. investments in China as well as assisting fellow lawyers in representing Chinese parties in the U.S. courts.

## MEMBERSHIP

We are now accepting members for 2006! In addition to the many benefits of AABA membership, you will also receive the following:

- Law student members – a submission for the 2006 AABA Resume Book.
- Attorney members – a listing in the 2006 AABA Pictorial Directory as well as a complimentary copy of the directory. Membership must be received by May 31, 2006 for members who wish to be included in the directory.

Please take a moment to download the membership form from [www.aabahouston.com](http://www.aabahouston.com) and send it to AABA, Attn: Membership, 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 also offer 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, please e-mail [membership@aabahouston.com](mailto:membership@aabahouston.com).

### We welcome the following new members

**Catalina Liang**  
*Baylor Law School*

**Hunter Hammill**  
*Taylor & Taylor*

### As well as the following students from South Texas College of Law

**Tanya Arora**  
**Angela Ban**  
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**Sara Coane**  
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## OPPORTUNITIES

**Blockbuster - Corporate Counsel, Corporate and Securities (Dallas, TX)** - The selected person will be responsible for assisting with matters related to (among others): securities compliance, corporate governance (including Board matters), executive compensation, stock option administration and investor relations. She/He should anticipate issues, propose solutions and participate in problem resolutions. The candidate should have a strong knowledge of, and experience with, general corporate matters; securities compliance; corporate secretarial matters; executive compensation and stock option administration; and investor relations. In addition, primary experience with preparation and drafting of legal documents required by the Securities Act, the Exchange Act, Delaware law, the NYSE and other governing bodies. She/He should have strong experience in negotiating and drafting of engagement letters. The selected candidate should have advanced legal document drafting skills; be advanced in Microsoft Office Word, Excel is a plus); and should have knowledge of, and experience with, general corporate matters, securities compliance (insider trading, exchange act filings, and securities filings), executive compensation tools, and investor relations issues (including experience with SROs). She/He should have experience with corporate finance/lending and tax matters. The selected candidate will possess a minimum of a Law Degree (JD) from an ABA accredited law school and a minimum of 3+ years related law firm and/or corporate in-house experience. A Judicial clerkship may be substituted for law firm and/or corporate in-house experience with General Counsel approval. To apply on-line, go to: [www.blockbuster.recuitsoft.com](http://www.blockbuster.recuitsoft.com).

**In-House position (Dallas, TX)** - In-house position in Dallas for Attorney with 3 to 5 years of experience. Excellent academics and large law firm experience are prerequisites for consideration. Both transactional and litigation backgrounds will be considered for work that is challenging, stimulating and requires exceptional analytical and communication skills. The position will support a key business unit and will focus on sophisticated corporate and IP transactional issues. High-quality work and excellent compensation make this ideally suited for someone already in a corporation or someone wishing to make the move from a law firm to a corporate environment. Please direct all resumés and inquiries to Steve Preston, Walgren & Preston Inc., [spreston@walgrenpreston.com](mailto:spreston@walgrenpreston.com).

**Labor/Employment Lawyer (Dallas, TX)** - Our search firm has a highly attractive in-house opportunity in Dallas for a Labor and Employment attorney. Our client is a Fortune 200 global leader in a dynamic, growing industry. Requirements include 5+ years of experience in employment law compliance and litigation, outstanding law school credentials and large law firm experience. Some benefits knowledge would be a plus. Duties will include a broad range of employment-related issues. Please direct all resumés and inquiries to: Stephen Preston, Walgren & Preston Inc., [spreston@walgrenpreston.com](mailto:spreston@walgrenpreston.com).

**IBM - Intellectual Property Law Attorney (Austin, TX)** - Seeking employees responsible for providing intellectual property legal services, (patent, trademark, copyright, etc.), for a client group. Responsibilities include providing legal advice for intellectual property licensing engagements, the effective protection of inventions, maintaining the freedom to manufacture and market products and services, advising client management on complex problems that adversely affect the product development and marketing plan, handling complex negotiations, and the provision of intellectual property legal advice at all levels of management. Requirements include a law degree, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office Registration, and a State Bar Membership. All qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex or national origin. To apply, on-line go to: [www.careers.peopleclick.com](http://www.careers.peopleclick.com).

## OPPORTUNITIES (CONT'D)

HIT Entertainment Limited - Attorney (Dallas, TX) - Seeking an In-House Counsel with 3-6 years of experience and excellent academic credentials. Must have a broad transactional background with significant experience negotiating/drafting contracts. IP experience a plus. Superior interpersonal and communication skills, the ability to manage numerous projects simultaneously, and a team-oriented approach essential. Close date: 10-30-2005. To apply, send resume to: jane.mcbride@optimuslegal.com.

Fortune 100 company - (Houston, TX) - Seeking an attorney with a minimum of 7 years of corporate transactional legal experience. This is an outstanding in house opportunity with a company that is totally committed to diversity. This attorney will provide representation and advice regarding significant transactions (i.e. acquisitions, divestments, joint ventures, financings). The transactions will involve our clients' assets in the US, but there may be assignments to work on the companies outside the US business units. If you want more info, contact Larry A. Green at 312-201-9777 or laglaw@ameritech.net.

Whole Foods Market - Litigation Management Counsel (Austin, TX) - This person would assist selected WFM regions in handling and processing litigation involving GL-type claims (slip and fall cases, food contamination, etc.). The specific duties would include, but not be limited to the following: Working closely with regional staff, including safety and claims specialists in handling claims. Reporting to regional leadership and national legal team regarding the status of the various cases. Working closely with outside counsel to properly manage the various cases with an eye towards cost control, especially attorney fees. This would require special attention to the various costs associated with every case (attorney fees, filing fees, litigation costs, settlements, etc.) Closely follow all cases so that regional leadership and the national team have better and quicker knowledge of the status of cases, expectations and needs of Leadership so that regional leadership can make better and quicker decisions on these matters. Work closely with WFM Risk Team in coordinating response to litigation. Job requirements include a bachelor's degree, JD from accredited law school and admission to bar, Practiced law for 5-7 years with a heavy emphasis on litigation in the insurance defense setting (auto accident, slip and falls, etc.). Must be prepared to travel 50% of time; Excellent organization skills; Computer literate including Microsoft Office Suite Knowledge and use of on-line billing software - TyMetrix a plus; Working knowledge of budgeting and accounting. Send resumés directly to Ange Kolker / Executive Assistant to Roberta Lang, VP/General Counsel Whole Foods Market, Inc. / 550 Bowie Street, Austin, TX 78703 / 512-482-7201 fax.

Walmart Stores, Inc. (Bentonville, Arkansas) - Walmart is seeking qualified attorneys for numerous in-house positions available within its Legal Department located in Bentonville, Arkansas. Positions include Senior Counsel, Employment Section; Assistant General Counsel, Wage and Hour Section; Senior Counsel, Tort, Personal Injury Section; Senior Counsel, Commercial Section; Associate General Counsel, International Section; Senior Counsel, Global Procurement Section; Senior Counsel, Marketing Section; Assistant General Counsel, Antitrust Section; Assistant General Counsel, Pharmacy Section; Senior Counsel, Regulatory Section; Senior Counsel, Operations; Associate General Counsel, Transactions; Senior Counsel, Diversity Section; Assistant General Counsel, Benefits; Senior Counsel, Compensation and Benefits; Counsel, Wage and Hour Section; and Senior Counsel, Corporate Governance Section. If you are interested in applying for any of these positions, please send your resumé to Kerry L. Kotouc, Assistant General Counsel at kerry.kotouc@walmartlegal.com or (479) 277-5991.

## COMMUNITY

**APAHA/OCA Joint Networking Mixer.** The Asian/Pacific American Heritage Association (APAHA) and the Organization of Chinese Americans (OCA) will host a joint networking mixer on Thursday, October 20, 2005 from 6:00 to 8:00 P.M. at Houston's newest sushi bar and lounge, Zake Restaurant, 2946 S. Shepherd. For more information, please contact Jerome Vielman, APAHA Executive Director at 713.784.1112 or [jerome@apaha.org](mailto:jerome@apaha.org).

**Book Reading: Daughters of the River Huong.** Wendy Duong, the first Vietnamese-American judge in the U.S., will be presenting a book reading at FuKim Grand Palace on October 22, 2005 from 2:00-4:00 P.M. For more information, please contact Little Saigon Community Development Corporation, 2302 Fannin #410 at 713.654.0101.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Gulf Coast International Dragon Boat Regatta.** Wal-Mart is presenting the 2<sup>nd</sup> Gulf Coast International Dragon Boat Regatta on October 22-23, 2005, from 8:30 A.M. to 4:30 P.M. at Pasadena Lake, Clear Lake Park (east of NASA on Nasa Rd 1). For more information or to reserve tickets, visit [www.TexasDragonBoat.com](http://www.TexasDragonBoat.com).

**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.texasscholarshipfoundation.org](http://www.texasscholarshipfoundation.org) for information regarding the Texas Scholarship Foundation.

**HVLP Family Law Clinic.** The Houston Volunteer Lawyers Program (HVLP) is presenting the Family Law Clinic Monday, October 24, 2005 from 12:00 P.M. to 2:00 P.M. on 712 Main St. To learn more about HVLP's events, visit [www.ehvlp.org](http://www.ehvlp.org).

**University of Houston Lecture.** The University of Houston Law Center is pleased to present the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Houston Law Review Frankel Lecture "Taking Affirmative Action Seriously: Getting Beyond the Numbers" featuring Dorothy A. Brown, Professor of Law at Washington and Lee University School of Law on Thursday, November 3, 2005. The lecture will take place from 10:00 A.M. to noon at the University of Houston Law Center's Krost Hall Auditorium. The event will offer 2.0 MCLE hours (1.0 ethics), pending approval. For more information or to RSVP, please contact [briefcase@uh.edu](mailto:briefcase@uh.edu) or 713.743.2201.

**HOPE Benefit Concert.** The HOPE Benefit Concert, Hope Initiative's 4<sup>th</sup> charity concert, will be held Friday, November 11, 2005 at the Kim Son Ballroom, 1503 St. Emanuel St. The concert will feature a fashion show, raffle and auction. The ticket cost is \$30 per person which will cover a buffet dinner and hors d'oeuvres. HOPE Initiative, established in Houston in 2000, is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization devoted to raising funds for orphanages in Vietnam. To learn more about Hope Initiative or the HOPE Benefit Concert, visit [www.hionline.org](http://www.hionline.org).

**Wills Writing Clinic Co-Sponsored by the AABA and HVLP.** The Wills Writing Clinic, co-sponsored by the AABA and Houston Volunteer Lawyers Program (HVLP), has been postponed until January 2006. We expect at least 60 clients who will be in need of pro bono services. If you are interested in participating, please contact Joseph Tung at [joe\\_tung@hotmail.com](mailto:joe_tung@hotmail.com).

Please send any opportunities, community events or SIDEBAR news you would like publicized to [info@aabahouston.com](mailto:info@aabahouston.com).



## **Annual Convention Highlights**

### ***Thursday October 20th***

NAPABA/NLF Board Meetings  
NAPABA Bar Leadership Institute  
Welcome Reception  
Leadership Advisory Council Dinner  
Regional Governors/Affiliate Bar Leadership Dinner  
NAPALSA Off-Site Event: Pizza and Pins (bowling, that is)

### ***Friday October 21st***

EXPO and Job Fair  
NAPALSA Business Meeting (morning sessions)  
Thomas Tang National Moot Court Competition  
CLE Programming  
Unveiling of Clarence Lee's Lunar New Year Stamp Series by USPS General Counsel and Executive Vice President Mary Anne Gibbons  
Friday Luncheon: featured speaker ~ U.S. Senator Barack Obama (IL)  
Trailblazer Awards Program - Chicago Cultural Center  
Partners/In-House Counsel Dinner  
Civil Rights/Public Sector Dinner  
Late Night with Bud

### ***Saturday October 22nd***

Women's Leadership Forum Award Program ~ Illinois Attorney General Lisa Madigan  
Thomas Tang National Moot Court Competition - Final Round - IL Supreme Court Courthouse  
EXPO and Job Fair  
CLE Programming  
Committee Meetings  
Saturday Luncheon: featured speaker ~ U.S. Court of Appeals Judge Ilana Rovner (7th Circuit)  
Thomas Tang National Moot Court Competition Awards Reception  
Installation Banquet & President's Party

### ***Sunday October 23rd***

Plenary Breakfast  
NAPALSA Board Meeting

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