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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 CAREER NIGHT & MENTORSHIP KICK-OFF** **South Texas College of Law - March 30, 2006**

On March 30, 2006, the AABA held its 2006 Career Night and Mentorship Kick-Off at South Texas College of Law. The event was generously sponsored by Special Counsel and the Asian Pacific Interest Section (APIS) of the State Bar of Texas. The evening was a great success, with approximately 100 AABA members and law students attending the event.



The program included a Panel Discussion, "Opening Doors and Creating Opportunities in the Legal Profession," featuring Alex Chae (Partner, Gardere, Wynne & Sewell, L.L.P.), Richard Phillips (Chief Patent Counsel, ExxonMobil Chemical Co.), Gordon Quan (Managing Partner, Quan, Burdette & Perez, P.C.), Hon. Jay Karahan (Judge, Harris County Criminal Court At Law No. 8), and Jontae Chatman (Shareholder, Chatman & Griffith, PLLC).



Following the panel presentation, students mingled one-on-one with attorneys representing different practices, such as litigation/appellate, labor & employment, intellectual property, immigration, family, and corporate/transactional law.

Special thanks to Anton Montano (AABA Chair of Law School Relations), Jane Nguyen Vuong (Chair of Mentorship), the panel members, the attorneys, and the students from South Texas College of Law, Thurgood Marshall School of Law, University of Houston Law Center and University of Texas School of Law for their participation and help in coordinating this remarkably successful event.

## AABA Career Night (cont'd)

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### **TOGETHER IN A NEW DECADE:**

### **CELEBRATING THE 10<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF THE ASIAN PACIFIC INTEREST SECTION OF THE TEXAS STATE BAR**

*CLE Program, Keynote Speech, APIS Business Meeting, and  
Presentation of the Justice David Wellington Chew Award to the Honorable Peter Sakai*

**APRIL 8, 2006 – 8:30 AM**

**TEXAS LAW CENTER**

**1414 COLORADO STREET**

**AUSTIN, TEXAS**

Registration Fees (includes CLE Program and Luncheon):

\$45	APIS Members
\$35	Non-Members (includes \$10 APIS membership fee)
\$10	Students

Dinner Celebration at Z Tejas, 6:30 PM (includes two drink tickets, tax, and tip):

\$25	Regular
\$10	Students

*Cocktail Reception sponsored by the Asian American Bar Association (AABA) of Houston*

For more information, please contact APIS Chair Wesley K. Young at (214) 521-3605 or [wyoung@baronbudd.com](mailto:wyoung@baronbudd.com),  
or visit [www.texasapis.org](http://www.texasapis.org).



**Thursday, April 20, 2006**

**Joint Networking Mixer Co-Sponsored by**

**AABA, Asia Houston Network,  
Asian Pacific American Heritage Association (APAHA) and  
National Association of Asian American Professionals (NAAAP), Asia  
Society Young Professionals, and Hope Initiative**

**Details to be announced.**

**For more information, please contact Dan Chen at  
[dchen@harygee.com](mailto:dchen@harygee.com)**

ASIAN PACIFIC INTEREST SECTION  
STATE BAR OF TEXAS

RETREAT REGISTRATION  
Saturday, April 8, 2006  
Texas Law Center  
Austin, Texas

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**Program**  
(Lunch included)

Regular \$45.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Members \$35.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Students \$10.00 \_\_\_\_\_

At door+\$10.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Platinum sponsor  
4 passes \_\_\_\_\_

Gold sponsor  
2 passes \_\_\_\_\_

Silver sponsor  
1 pass \_\_\_\_\_

**Dinner**  
(subsidized + 2 drink tickets;  
tax and tip included)

Regular \$25.00 per person

Student \$10.00 per person

Children FREE

No. of tickets \_\_\_\_\_

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4 tickets \_\_\_\_\_

Gold Sponsor  
2 tickets \_\_\_\_\_

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**Save the Date!**  
**2006 AABA GALA & SILENT AUCTION**  
**September 29, 2006**

**Keynote Speaker**

**Catherine Lamboley**  
**Senior Vice-President, General Counsel and Corporate Secretary**  
**Shell Oil Company**

**Details to be announced**

For sponsorship opportunities, please contact  
Jason Luong at [jluong@skv.com](mailto:jluong@skv.com) or  
Judy Liu at [Judy.Liu@Centerpointenergy.com](mailto:Judy.Liu@Centerpointenergy.com)

**Corporate Counsel Section Bulletin**

**28th Annual Corporate Counsel Institute**

The University of Texas School of Law is presenting the 28th Annual Corporate Counsel Institute offering 14.75 hours of credit for In-House Counsel. The event takes place at the Hilton Post Oak in Houston on April 6-7, 2006 and at the Cityplace Conference Center in Dallas on May 11-12, 2006. For more information, please visit [utcle.org](http://utcle.org).

**MCCA 3rd Annual General Counsel  
Invitation Golf Classic**

Join the Minority Corporate Counsel Association (MCCA) Doral Resort & Spa in Miami, Florida for the 3rd Annual General Counsel Invitation Golf Classic Weekend from Friday, April 7 through Sunday, April 9, 2006. Your donation and participation in the tournament will support the Lloyd M. Johnson, Jr. Scholarship Program. Visit [www.mcca.com](http://www.mcca.com) for details. Questions? Contact Jennifer Chen at 202.739.5902.

**Mentorship**

We are still seeking mentors for 2006! If you are interested in serving as a mentor, please complete the attached form and return to:

Jane Nguyen Vuong  
Law Office of Jane D. Nguyen, PLLC  
6220 Westpark Drive, Suite 116  
Houston, TX 77057  
Email: [jnguyen@jdnlegal.com](mailto:jnguyen@jdnlegal.com)  
Fax: (713) 893-4981

If you would like to publicize community news, job opportunities or personal SIDEBAR news, please contact Warren Huang at [whuang@fulbright.com](mailto:whuang@fulbright.com).

## SIDEBAR

AABA members Daniel D. Hu, Russell Wong, and Mark Lee will be honored as founders of APIS at the APIS Retreat in Austin on April 8, 2006.

AABA President Andrea Tran has been elected Treasurer of the American Chemical Society Greater Houston Section for 2006.

Daniel D. Hu will be presenting "Service of Process, Pleadings and Extraordinary Remedies" at the Texas Bar CLE Federal Court Practice Program in Houston on May 5, 2006.

## COMMUNITY

April 8-9, 2006: 13th Houston Japan Festival. Sponsor: Japan-America Society of Houston. Free admission. Location: In and around the Japanese Garden in Hermann Park. Featuring: The world record Kendama champion, the Kite Man, Kaminari Taiko, anime, cosplay, Nodjiman Taikai (Karaoke Gong Show), koto, dance, martial arts, Japanese western band, tea ceremony, ikebana, bonsai, calligraphy, pottery, children's games, delicious food, Japanese handcrafts and merchandise... For a complete schedule of events and times, visit [www.jashouston.org](http://www.jashouston.org).

April 20, 2006: Youth Leadership Council's 17th Annual Banquet. Location: Ocean Palace (11215 Bellaire Boulevard). Time: 7:00 p.m.-9:30 p.m. "Leadership in Action" awards will be presented to Susannah Wong (Former Director, Asia House) and Albert Y. Lee (Engineer – Program Integration, NASA). Individual tickets are \$55, with tables and sponsorship levels available. For more details, please contact the Youth Leadership Council at [ylc@ylc.net](mailto:ylc@ylc.net) or call James Yu at 832.603.1572.

April 28, 2006: 11th Annual 2006 Asian Chamber of Commerce Gala. Keynote Speaker: Elaine Chou, U.S. Secretary of Labor (Invited). Location: Westin Galleria Hotel (5060 West Alabama). Time: 6:00 p.m. (Cocktails and Reception). Entrepreneurs of the Year will be awarded. The AHN Trio will perform. Individual tickets are \$100, with tables and sponsorship levels available. For more details, please call 713.782.7222 or visit [www.acc-houston.org](http://www.acc-houston.org).

April 29, 2006: 2006 Asian/Pacific American Heritage Festival. Sponsor: APAHA. Location: Miller Outdoor Theater in Hermann Park. Time: TBA. Immerse yourself with information booths about Asian/Pacific American advocacy groups, arts organizations, social clubs, professional associations, social service agencies, vendors, food stands, arts and crafts tables, even calligraphers and origami artists. Enjoy children's activities with McDonald's Asian Children's Pavilion, festival rides and games, Anime rooms, video games, and so much more. Screen our mini-film fest. Observe Houston's finest martial arts groups demonstrating their techniques. Watch the Miller Outdoor Theater stage to see traditional and contemporary performance groups – both young and old. Share the entire day with thousands of people celebrating their culture and heritage! For more details, visit: [www.apaha.org](http://www.apaha.org).

## OPPORTUNITIES

### DELL, INC. / Senior Counsel, Worldwide Operations (Round Rock, Texas)

**General Description:** Responsible for handling a variety of legal business matters pertaining to Dell's Worldwide Procurement organization. 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. Errors in work may cause increase in legal risk to the organization and may result in some expense to Dell. Receives little or no instructions on routine work and some general instructions on new projects. May receive direction from other more senior attorneys. Work is reviewed and measured based on meeting overall goals and objectives. May provide guidance to support personnel. 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. Understands, follows, and enforces Legal Department policies and procedures. Software licensing and commercial contracting skills are required.

**Position Requirements:** 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, please submit a resume to Lola Lin at [Lola\\_Lin@dell.com](mailto:Lola_Lin@dell.com). No phone calls.

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### WHOLE FOODS MARKET / Litigation Management Counsel (Austin, Texas)

**General Description:** Assist four Whole Foods Market® regions in handling and processing various types of litigation. Some litigation practice – specifically, depositions, trial preparation work, some second chair work whenever possible, settlement, strategy, and negotiation. Work closely with regional staff, including safety and claims specialists, in handling claims. Report to regional leadership and Vice-President of Legal Affairs/General Counsel regarding the on-going status of various cases. Work closely with outside counsel to properly manage cases with an eye towards cost control, especially attorney fees. Clearly communicate status, expectations, and needs to regional and national leadership. Work closely with Whole Foods Market® Legal and Risk Teams in coordinating response to litigation.

**Position Requirements:** JD from accredited law school. Admission to bar in multiple jurisdictions. Practiced law for 7-10 years with heavy emphasis on litigation in the insurance defense setting. Must be prepared to travel (bicoastal) 80% of time – this is non-negotiable. Positive attitude. Solution driven. Cost effective mentality. Excellent organizational skills. Computer literate, including Microsoft Office Suite. Knowledge and use of on-line billing software (TyMextrix a plus). Working knowledge of budgeting and accounting. Compensation: \$90,000. To apply online, go to: <http://www.wholefoodsmarket.com/jobs/33751.html>.

## MEMBERSHIP

Join us for the beginning of another exciting year! Please take a moment to complete the 2006 Membership Form below and send it to AABA, Attn: Membership, P.O. Box 1554, Houston, TX 77251. Our newly revised membership fees are:

- Free – Law Students/Retired Attorneys
- \$25.00 – Attorneys with less than 3 years in practice/In-House Counsel/Auxiliary Members\*
- \$50.00 – Attorneys with 3 to 8 years in practice/Judges / Government Attorneys
- \$75.00 – Attorneys with 8+ years in practice

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

Please send all inquiries about AABA membership to [membership@aabahouston.com](mailto:membership@aabahouston.com).

We welcome the following new and renewing members:

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**Asian American Bar Association of Houston  
2006 Membership Application**

- \$0 Law Student • Retired Attorney
- \$25 Attorney with less than 3 years in practice • In-House Counsel • Auxiliary Member\*
- \$50 Attorney with 3 to 8 years in practice • Judge • Government Attorney
- \$75 Attorney with 8+ years in practice

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Please give us any comments or programming suggestions you might have: \_\_\_\_\_

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**2006 AABA Mentorship Form – Mentor**

The Mentorship Program aims to match experienced attorneys with law students and/or attorneys with less than 2 years of experience to provide professional wisdom and guidance. Mentors are encouraged to meet with their Mentee once every month to six weeks. If you would like to participate in this program, please complete the form below.

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Year(s) in Practice \_\_\_\_\_

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Your Goals & Expectations from the Mentorship Program \_\_\_\_\_

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