

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 CORPORATE COUNSEL DINNER – NOVEMBER 16, 2006



From left to right: Ari Pramudji, Jane Nguyen, Jenny Phan, Andrea Tran, Henry Garrana (Chief IP Counsel, Dell), and Alan K. Tse (General Counsel, LGE MobileComm U.S.A., Inc.).



From left to right: Henry Garrana, Cathy Sun, David Warden, and Ping Sun.



From left to right: Phong Vo, Lam Nguyen, David Kim, and Tan Pham.



From left to right: Steve Bae, Bruce Taten (General Counsel - Nabors Industries Ltd.), Leashanne Chen, and Bill Ramey.

On November 16, 2006, the AABA hosted its Second Annual Corporate Counsel Dinner at Pappas Bros. Restaurant. The dinner provided an opportunity for in-house counsel and outside counsel to meet and become better acquainted. Alan Tse, General Counsel of LGE MobileComm U.S.A., Inc., graciously flew in from San Diego to present the evening's keynote speech. Special thanks to Corporate Counsel Dinner Co-Chairs Jenny Phan and Catherine Than for their hard work in organizing the dinner. Additional special thanks to the event's sponsors: Edwards Burns & Krider LLP and Yetter & Warden LLP (Event Sponsors); I.E. Discovery, Inc. (Cocktail Sponsor); and Mayer Brown Rowe & Maw LLP, Delgado, Acosta, Braden & Jones, P.C., Diamond McCarthy Taylor Finley & Lee, LLP, Fulbright & Jaworski LLP, LGE MobileComm U.S.A., Inc., and Copy Source 1 (In-Kind Sponsors).

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ELECTION OF 2007 AABA OFFICERS AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS IS UNDERWAY

The election of the 2007 AABA Officers and a director of the AABA Board of Directors is underway! The nomination process closed on Friday, December 1, 2006. Ballots will be distributed to the General Members on Monday, December 4, 2006, and all ballots must be returned to AABA President Andrea Tran no later than Monday, December 11, 2006.

Below is a list of the nominees for the available offices and board position. Additional information about each nominee will accompany the ballots.

President-Elect: Daniel Chen
Catherine Than

VP of Membership: Judy Liu

VP of Programs: Lynn Chuang Kramer

VP of Community Relations: Warren Huang

VP of Development: Emily Nguyen

Treasurer: Steve Bae

Secretary: Julie Pi Evans

Board of Directors: Bruce Hiran
David Warden

We strongly encourage all of our General Members to vote. If you are not running for an office or board position, we invite you to consider participating in one of the following standing committees: (1) Social Committee; (2) Mentorship and Law School Relations Committee; (3) Gala Committee; (4) Corporate Counsel Committee; (5) Programs Committee; and (6) Community Service and Pro Bono Committee.

Like all organizations, the AABA's success depends on the participation of its members!

Any questions about the election process should be directed to outgoing AABA President Andrea Tran (atran@gilbrethroebuck.com) or incoming AABA President Emily Kuo (emily.kuo@nabors.com).

COME CELEBRATE AT THE AABA HOLIDAY PARTY!

WHEN: Saturday, December 9th, 12:00 Noon
WHERE: Andrea Tran's House, 4707 Pine Street, Bellaire, TX 77401

The holiday party is open only to AABA members and their significant others/families. Since the party falls the weekend before the end of the voting period for the 2007 AABA Elections, we invite our members to come out not only to partake in holiday cheer, but also to meet the officer/director candidates.

The holiday party also will be a great opportunity for our members to meet and mingle with one another, as well as a festive finale to a successful year for the AABA. We hope to see you there!

THE AABA ADOPTS AMENDED AND RESTATED BYLAWS

On November 15, 2006, as part of the AABA's ongoing efforts to accommodate the growing size of the organization and the breadth of its programs, the AABA adopted Amended and Restated Bylaws which replaced the almost two-decades old Bylaws that were then in force. The Amended and Restated Bylaws were adopted unanimously at a special meeting of the AABA membership. The effective date of the Amended and Restated Bylaws is November 19, 2006.

Special thanks to all of the members who provided their input on the changes to the existing Bylaws and to the members who voted on the Amended and Restated Bylaws.

If you are interested in reviewing a copy of the Amended and Restated Bylaws, please contact Warren Huang, the AABA Secretary, at whuang@fulbright.com.

AABA MEMBERS HONORED AT NAPABA ANNUAL CONVENTION

In early November, a group of AABA members – Andrea Tran, Alex Chae, Emily Kuo, Quan Vu, Catherine Than, James Ho, Steven Wu, Daniel Hu, Joseph Yao, Michael Chu, Lily Hoang, Benjamin Bai, Tri Nguyen, Phong Vo, and Marissa Yu – traveled to Philadelphia for the National Asian Pacific American Bar Association's annual convention. The AABA is proud to announce that three of its members – Andrea Tran, Steven Wu, and James Ho – were honored as NAPABA's 2006 "Best Lawyers Under 40." Congratulations!



Recipients of NAPABA's 2006 Best Lawyers Under 40.



From left to right: AABA members James Ho, Steven Wu, Andrea Tran, and Emily Kuo.

OPPORTUNITIES

CHEVRON PRODUCTS COMPANY / SENIOR COUNSEL / HOUSTON, TEXAS

Position Description: The Environmental Practice Group provides comprehensive, high quality legal advice, advocacy, litigation management and dispute resolution services to Chevron Corporation and its subsidiaries, operating units and supporting departments on a global basis. In providing these services, the attorney with the group will work closely with operating company management and staff, other in-house counsel and outside law firms to facilitate our clients' effective regulatory compliance and the early, efficient resolution of disputed matters concerning health, safety and the environment. The attorney will provide legal and regulatory advice and counsel with regard to compliance in one or more of the following disciplines: air, water quality, or remediation (CERCLA, USTs and RCRA) and will participate as an advocate in administrative proceedings. Responsibility will include planning, negotiation, enforcement, contracting, and litigation management. The attorney will also participate in special projects requested by clients, such as advice on environmental policies and strategies, legislation, participation in emergency response teams and review of the health, environmental and safety aspects of proposed business transactions.

Essential Position Functions: Managing an extensive docket of litigation, regulatory, and other matters related to one or more of the following disciplines: air, water, or remediation. Air matters emphasize fuels issues, state and federal pre-construction and operating permits, both non-attainment and PSD, variances, and control of hazardous and criteria air pollutants. Water matters emphasize state and federal point source and stormwater discharge permitting, nonpoint source issues including air deposition, water quality impairment listing and TMDLs, variances, underground injection control, and underground tank certification. Remediation matters emphasize CERCLA and RCRA, state and federal brownfields programs, UST remediation, risk-based cleanup standards, municipal setting designations, and common law as well as statutory rights and remedies. Achieving excellent, cost effective results through strategic case management that emphasizes the attorney's own representation of the client, with judicious, effective use and management of outside counsel when appropriate. Coordinating and insuring maximum effective use of in-house legal resources. Creating and maintaining the highest level of client confidence and satisfaction, excellent communication and unqualified professionalism. Delivering outstanding results following the canons of legal ethics, the Chevron Way and the tenets of Operational Excellence, Capital Stewardship, and Diversity. Maintaining maximum expertise in the attorney's legal field of responsibility, keeping abreast of policy and regulatory developments, participating with other in-house personnel and with industry associations in providing constructive input to governmental bodies on legislative and regulatory issues, cooperating with and assisting the other members of the practice group to increase their expertise and the professional reputation of the group as a whole. Specific responsibilities for this job include extensive client counseling in laws, rules and regulatory policies and guidelines, first chair representation in administrative proceedings, review and analysis of the environmental aspects of business transactions, and participation in the selection and oversight of outside counsel both for advice and for litigation.

Requirements: Candidates must have at least 5 years experience in advocacy or management related to investigations, orders, agreements and litigation with primary responsibility for a portfolio of legal matters in one or more of the following disciplines: air, water, or remediation. The candidate must have an excellent academic record, sound expertise in air, water, or remediation issues, substantial experience as an advocate in administrative proceedings or litigation in air, water, or remediation matters, demonstrated ability to analyze and evaluate legal questions and client needs, strong writing and oral communication skills, and strong client relationship skills. Knowledge and experience in the interpretation and implementation of international environmental standards, compacts, treaties, and protocols will be an advantage. An attorney in this position must be a self-starter who is adept at working in a true team environment and partnering with management, clients, other in-house counsel, outside counsel and staff. This position may involve frequent travel.

Special Skills/Requirements or Additional Considerations/Information: Bachelor's required, plus Juris Doctor or other post graduate degree in law. Membership in the state bar of the state in which the position is located. An appropriate length of time will be allowed for achieving this requirement. Relocation benefits will be considered.

To apply, please contact Margaret Hoffman (713.842.5014) or Mike Steinbrecher (713.842.1760).

OPPORTUNITIES (Con't)

GE INFRASTRUCTURE / OIL & GAS - COMMERCIAL OPERATIONS COUNSEL / HOUSTON, TEXAS

Responsibilities: Commercial operations counsel will provide a full range of legal support to sales side of GE Oil & Gas globally across all of its businesses, as appropriate, and will report to the Senior Counsel of Commercial Operations. Substantial international and domestic travel will be involved in this position. Commercial operations counsel will have the following responsibilities: Negotiating, reviewing, and drafting terms and conditions (indemnities, choice of law, dispute resolution, limitations of liability, insurance, etc.) of international and domestic sales agreements with customers for the supply of equipment, services and parts, including all of the appropriate contract documentation, ancillary agreements, and guarantees. Providing legal support and input to the business' commercial risk procedures, and proactively improving or developing GE Oil & Gas commercial risk management processes, due diligence and legal productivity, simplicity and standardization. Training of the business and sales teams on the legal and compliance issues associated with international sales contracts. Providing advice and counsel on controllership with regard to transactions. Providing preliminary legal support to businesses regarding contract interpretation and guidance, particularly regarding disputes or other issues that develop during contract execution. Keeping abreast of legal developments and developing model contract clauses, commercial contracting toolkits, and other improvements.

Qualifications: Legal degree from accredited law school with a demonstrable superior academic record and training, and admission to state bar. Approximately two to seven years of legal post-qualification experience or equivalent, preferably in a law firm, that includes, inter alia: Substantial "hands on" experience and success in working and negotiating with international customers; and experience in the oil and gas energy sectors preferable, but not required. Strong command of international commercial law, including working knowledge of the principal international conventions and the uniform commercial code. Superior advocacy skills, including the ability to effectively and efficiently communicate in writing and orally, an aptitude for practical negotiation, the capability to think clearly and quickly under pressure, and the composure to satisfy multiple and often competing interests. A strong commitment to integrity and professionalism. A work history that affirmatively demonstrates leadership and ability to persuade and push others to deliver on commitments. Demonstrable fluency in English and preferably a foreign language such as Spanish, including ability to draft and negotiate legal and commercial documents in English and other language(s). Superior negotiating skills and ability to work in complex international environment, substantial experience working in different cultures and an open and tolerant mind with respect to diversity. Demonstrable computer literacy with specific ability to use Microsoft Word, Powerpoint, Excel, and other software such as redlining tools. Record of dedicated and successful teamwork, excellent interpersonal and diplomatic abilities and a well-developed sense of humor.

To apply on-line, go to: http://www.gecareers.com/GECAREERS/GEControllerServlet?actionid=90001&checkFlag=&Theme=us&Job=528839&Business=&Function=62314&State=&Country=&Page=1&position_title=

NEW AND RENEWING MEMBERS

The AABA would like to welcome the following new and renewing members!

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



Asian American Bar Association of Houston
2007 Membership Application/Renewal

- Law Student • Retired Attorney
Attorney with less than 3 years in practice • In-House or Non-Profit Counsel • Solo Practitioner • Auxiliary Member*
Attorney with 3 to 8 years in practice • Judge • Government Attorney
Attorney with 8+ years in practice

Bar Number and Jurisdiction (or if Student, expected graduation date)

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or contact Emily Kuo at (281) 775-4869.

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