

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 INSTALLATION DINNER

The AABA got off to a strong start in 2006 with the AABA Executive Board Installation Banquet held at Fung's Kitchen on January 11, 2006. The members of the 2006 Executive Board were sworn in by the Honorable Tri Nguyen, and AABA members enjoyed good food and good company.



#### 2006 AABA Officers

Andrea E. Tran (President), Kristy Ton (President-Elect), Emily T. Kuo (VP of Membership), Daniel H. Chen (VP of Networking), Lynn Chuang Kramer (VP of Programs), Emily Nguyen (VP of Fundraising), Warren S. Huang (Secretary), Steve Bae (Treasurer), Jennifer Phan (Corporate Counsel Co-Chair), Catherine Than (Corporate Counsel Co-Chair), Jason Luong (Gala Co-Chair), Judy Liu (Gala Co-Chair), Joseph Tung (Chair of Community Relations), Anton Montano (Chair of Law School Relations), Jane D. Nguyen (Chair of Mentorship), and Cuong M. Le (Chair of Media Relations).

The Asian American Bar Association, Hispanic Bar Association,  
Houston Lawyers Association,  
Houston Young Lawyers Association Minority Affairs Committee,  
Mexican-American Bar Association,  
South Asian American Bar Association and  
State Bar of Texas Asian Pacific Interest Section

Cordially Invite You to Attend the



## 2006 All-Star Multi-Bar Mixer

Thursday, February 16, 2006  
6:30 – 8:30 P.M.



510 Gray St. (at Brazos)  
713.659.4900

*Hors d'oeuvres generously provided by Deco and*



Happy Hour drink prices until 8:00 P.M.  
Complimentary round of drinks for AABA Members

For questions or to RSVP, please contact:

Daniel Chen at [dchen@HarryGee.com](mailto:dchen@HarryGee.com) or  
Andrea Tran (713.400.1100) at [atran@GilbrethRoebuck.com](mailto:atran@GilbrethRoebuck.com)

## OTHER AABA NEWS

This year, the AABA will be compiling a Resume Book for AABA members who are law students. The Resume Book will be made available to prospective employers. If you are interested in submitting a resume for inclusion in the Resume Book, please e-mail a copy of your resume to Andrea Tran at [atran@gilbrethroebuck.com](mailto:atran@gilbrethroebuck.com) or Anton Montano at [amontano@littler.com](mailto:amontano@littler.com).

The AABA is gearing up for its 2006 Mentorship Program and would like to recruit both Mentors who can generously devote their time once every month to six weeks and Mentees who would like an opportunity to broaden their knowledge about careers in the legal field. The Mentorship Program aims to match experienced attorneys with law students and attorneys with less than 2 years of experience to provide professional wisdom and guidance. If you are interested in participating in the 2006 AABA Mentorship Program as either a Mentor or a Mentee, please submit an application form (attached to this e-mail) to AABA Chair of Mentorship, Jane Nguyen by email at [jnguyen@jdnlegal.com](mailto:jnguyen@jdnlegal.com), by phone (713.780.4982) or fax (713.893.4981), or by mail at 6220 Westpark Drive, Suite 116, Houston, Texas 77057.

## UPCOMING AABA EVENTS

**March 30, 2006 – AABA Career Night & Mentorship Kick-Off:** The AABA will be hosting a career night for local law students, featuring panel discussions on issues relating to starting and developing careers in the law. AABA Mentors and Mentees also will have the opportunity to meet each other. The event will be held on March 30, 2006, from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm, at the South Texas College of Law in the Emilie Slohm Dining/Conference Room. More details to come.

## SIDEBAR

Congratulations to AABA Director Tom Tong, who was recently featured in a lengthy article in the Houston Business Journal describing his successful law practice working with Chinese businesses. ([http://www.bizjournals.com/industries/business\\_services/legal\\_services/2006/01/16/houston\\_story2.html](http://www.bizjournals.com/industries/business_services/legal_services/2006/01/16/houston_story2.html)).

Special thanks to AABA President Andrea Tran for her long and dedicated service as the very able editor of the AABA's monthly newsletter. Future issues of the newsletter will be edited by AABA Secretary, Warren Huang. If you would like to publicize community news, job opportunities, or personal SIDEBAR news, please e-mail Warren Huang at [whuang@fulbright.com](mailto:whuang@fulbright.com).

## COMMUNITY

**February 25, 2006:** On Saturday, February 25, 2006 (9:00 a.m. Shotgun Start), Hope Initiative, Inc. will be hosting its Second Annual Charity Golf Tournament, the proceeds of which will benefit Overseas Orphans. The tournament will take place at Lake Windcrest Golf Club, 10941 Clubhouse Circle, Magnolia, Texas 77354. The registration deadline is February 15, 2006. The registration fee is \$90 per individual or \$360 per team. The tournament will feature a four-man scramble, lunch, player goodie bags, hole contests, driving contests, a raffle, and a silent auction. For more information, please visit <http://www.hionline.org/golf> or contact Michael Dang at [michael.dang@hionline.org](mailto:michael.dang@hionline.org) or 832.647.6453.

**February 25, 2006:** Friends of Teach For America is looking for volunteers for its third annual Community Service Day on February 25, 2006, from 8:00 am to 12:00 p.m. Volunteers will help with the following projects:

(1) Cage Elementary School – Sealing the outdoor walkway covers that currently leak when it rains (no more wet homework); painting a large map of the United States of America on school's outdoor blacktop to encourage geographical awareness among students; cleaning up and beautifying campus grounds by planting new flowers / (2) Burnet Elementary School – Assisting in the construction of a schoolyard habitat, including a pond and gardens to be certified by the National Wildlife Federation. The habitat will provide a cross-curricular opportunity for outdoor education at all grade levels.

This is a great opportunity to make a direct and lasting impact on Houston-area students by volunteering just a few hours helping some of Houston's most inspiring teachers and students at schools in your community. For more information, please contact Jason Luong at [jluong@skv.com](mailto:jluong@skv.com) or 713.221.2306.

## MEMBERSHIP

Join us for the beginning of another exciting year! If you are a current or past member, we encourage you to renew without delay so you don't miss out on the benefits of membership, which includes discounted admission to events held or sponsored by the AABA. If you are a new member (or need to update your information), 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:

Mark Gilbreth  
*Gilbreth Roebuck*

David Lam  
*Lam, Lyn, Robinson & Philip, P.C.*

Daniel H. Chen  
*Law Office of Harry Gee, Jr. & Assocs.*

Warren S. Huang  
*Fulbright & Jaworski L.L.P.*

Helene Dang  
*Quan, Burdette & Perez P.C.*

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*Dinh & Associates, P.C.*

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*Houston Municipal Court #6*

Emily T. Kuo  
*Nabors Industries Ltd.*

Cuong M. Le  
*Gardere Wynne Sewell L.L.P.*

T. Chyau Liang, Ph.D.  
*Osha • Liang LLP*

Jason Luong  
*Smyser Kaplan & Veselka, L.L.P.*

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*Attorney at Law*

A. Simon Nguyen  
*The Nguyen Law Group, P.C.*

Jane D. Nguyen  
*Law Office of Jane D. Nguyen, PLLC*

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*Shell Oil Company*

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*ExxonMobil Corporation*

Yiqin (Elaine) Zhang  
*The Tong Law Firm*

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*Mayer, Brown, Rowe & Mawe LLP*

Lily Hoang  
*Thompson & Knight L.L.P.*

Hugh U. Chong  
*Hugh U. Chong, P.C.*

Alexander C. Chae  
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Lynn Chuang Kramer  
*Munsch Hardt Kopf & Harr, P.C.*

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*Vinson & Elkins LLP*

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*University of Houston Law Center*

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*South Texas College of Law*

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

Lisa Wang  
*Baker Botts L.L.P.*

Ted Wu  
*Attorney at Law*

Mark Ye  
*WesternGeco LLC*

Debra Baker  
*Connelly • Baker • Maston • Wotring • Jackson LLP*



## OPPORTUNITIES

### DELL, INC. / Senior Counsel, Worldwide Operations

**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).

### AMX ENTERPRISES INC. / Assistant General Counsel (Dallas, Texas)

**General Description:** The candidate will report directly to the CFO and indirectly to the General Counsel of the parent corporation. Will assist in protecting the organization's legal interests and maintaining its operations within the scope established by law. Will be responsible for the day-to-day legal activities including contract review and negotiation, intellectual property protection, M&A due diligence, and general corporate legal issues.

**Position Requirements:** The candidate will have experience in the areas of drafting, reviewing, and negotiating general corporate and intellectual property contracts and software licenses. General knowledge of employment law. Experience in managing legal aspects of mergers and acquisitions. General understanding of for-profit corporation law, policies, and procedures. Experience in conducting corporate compliance. Strong organizational skills. Excellent analytical and communication skills. The candidate should have 5-10 years of law firm or corporate in-house transactional practice. Prior experience in a large law firm a plus. Litigation experience a plus. Candidate will have a JD from an accredited law school. Will have the license to practice law in Texas. To apply, applicants should send a resume to: [work@amx.com](mailto:work@amx.com).

### STATE BAR OF TEXAS / Government Relations Assistant Director (Job No. 06-038-1000)

**General Description:** Performs highly-advanced senior-level legislative work. Work includes serving as a liaison between the State Bar of Texas and governmental and legislative entities. Develops and implements strategies, materials, and documents to support the State Bar's priorities. Participates in State Bar activities related to the legislative session and attends legislative hearings and meetings. Monitors standing and interim committee schedules and agendas, and communicates relevant information to State Bar management. Coordinates agency response to legislative inquiries. Provides input into the analysis and policy development with governmental implications, drafts position papers and reports based upon the analysis and makes recommendations. Writes background summaries, bill analyses, and other requested information. Tracks legislation and prepares reports on the status and effect of pending legislation. Writes report summaries of meetings and hearings. May plan, assign, and supervise the work of others. Perform other responsibilities as required.

**Position Requirements:** Bachelor's degree and minimum of four years of related Texas experience required. Must have knowledge of Texas Legislature, legislative process, state agencies, state operations and issues. Knowledge of legal profession and terminology required. Requires ability to conduct legislative research. Must be skilled in compiling, evaluating and presenting legislative information. Must have superior relationship skills. For additional information and an application form, please call 800.204.2222 ext. 1489/1562.



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2006 Membership Application**

- \$0 Law Student • Retired Attorney
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- \$50 Attorney with 3 to 8 years in practice • Judge • Government Attorney
- \$75 Attorney with 8+ years in practice

**Last Name** \_\_\_\_\_ **First Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Employer** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address** \_\_\_\_\_

**Office #** \_\_\_\_\_ **Home #** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Area(s) of Practice** \_\_\_\_\_

**Law School** \_\_\_\_\_ **Language(s)** \_\_\_\_\_

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Please indicate any committees on which you would be interested in serving:

- Gala  Fundraising  Membership  Programs  Social/Networking
- External Affairs/Community Service  Corporate Counsel  Law School Relations/Mentorship

Please make checks payable to **AABA** and submit application and fee to:

**AABA**  
**Attn: Membership**  
**P.O. Box 1554**  
**Houston, TX 77251**

Please send any inquiries concerning AABA membership to  
membership@aabahouston.com,  
or contact Emily Kuo at (281) 775-4869.

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