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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 HOLIDAY LUNCHEON December 10, 2005**



The AABA finished the year in style with a holiday luncheon for members, guests and their families. Everyone enjoyed traditional holiday food, drinks and mingling.



Following lunch, the Karaoke Contest began with exceptional performances by all including Judge Jay Karahan, Joseph Yao, Cathy Sun and Chun Kuo.



The event capped off a successful year for the AABA. Please visit [www.aabahouston.com](http://www.aabahouston.com) for information on upcoming 2006 events.



*You are cordially invited to attend the*  
**2006 AABA Executive Board Installation Banquet**



**Wednesday, January 11, 2006**  
**Fung's Kitchen**  
**7320 Southwest Freeway #115**

**Reception at 6:30 P.M.**

**9-Course Dinner will be served at 7:00 P.M.**

**Cost: \$10 for law students/\$20 for members/\$35 for non-members/Cash Bar**

**The Honorable Tri Nguyen will swear in the Executive Board**

**THE 2006 AABA OFFICERS**

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*Law Office of Jane D. Nguyen*  
Chair of Mentorship

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*Gardere Wynne & Sewell*  
Chair of Media Relations

**Program: "Getting To Know Your Officers"**

**Please RSVP to Daniel Chen at [dchen@harrygee.com](mailto:dchen@harrygee.com) or 713.781.0071 by January 10<sup>th</sup>.**

## UPCOMING EVENTS



### Theatre Series

#### Culture Clash at Alley Theatre – Thursday, January 19, 2006

1<sup>st</sup> Act (the Alley's Young Professionals group) would like to invite AABA members to attend the performance of Culture Clash at the Alley Theatre. The performance will be on Thursday, January 19, 2006. A reception/happy hour will be held beforehand from 6-7:30 in the Medium Rehearsal Hall on the 16th Floor of the Alley building. The performance will begin at 7:30, and afterwards, there will be a talk-back with the actors where the audience gets to ask questions. Discounted tickets are available for AABA members. To purchase your discounted tickets, please contact Amy Schwab at 713.315.3370 or amy@alleytheatre.org.

#### Young Lawyers' Night at Houston Grand Opera – Saturday, January 21, 2006

Experience the comedy, drama, spectacle and fabulous music of *Don Pasquale* on Saturday, January 21, 2006 at the Houston Grand Opera (Wortham Theater Center)! HGO will host a pre-show Young Lawyers' event starting at 6PM where you will have the opportunity to visit with some of Houston's most esteemed legal professionals, enjoy free wine and hors d'oeuvres, and mix and mingle with other young lawyers from a variety of different Texas groups. The hilarious show follows at 7:30 PM. The AABA's name will be lit above the stage before the show. Call 713.228.6737 to purchase your tickets.

If you interested in attending either of these theatre events in a group with other AABA members, please contact Andrea Tran @ 713.400.1100 or atran@gilbrethroebuck.com.



### Lunar New Year Celebration

Saturday, January 28, 2006

Chinese Community Center

Please join us as we co-sponsor this celebration with  
The Asian American Family Service, Asian Chamber of Commerce, Asian Pacific American Heritage Association, Asian Jaycees, Chinese American Citizen Alliance, Chinese Professional Club, National Association of Asian American Professionals, OCA, Rice University Chinese Alumni Association and Thai Chamber of Commerce.



## OPPORTUNITY

W-H Energy Services – Vice President and IP Counsel (Houston, TX). W-H Energy Services is seeking an IP Attorney with an undergraduate degree in electrical engineering, USPTO registration and at least three (3) years of IP experience. This attorney will handle intellectual property issues for W-H Energy Services, Inc (W-H) and its subsidiary companies, particularly PathFinder Energy Services. W-H is a diversified oilfield services company whose subsidiary companies provide products and services used for the drilling, completion, and production of oil and gas wells. The research and development, manufacturing, marketing, and services are performed in-house by the relevant subsidiary companies. In the technology-driven measurement-while-drilling (MWD) segment of the company's business, the company's niche is the high-end, sophisticated processing of MWD data obtained from proprietary state-of-the-art downhole tools.

### Duties & Responsibilities include:

- Day-to-day participation in, with expectation of eventual leadership position in, W-H corporate patent application effort, including liaison with inventors, drafting patent applications, reviewing applications drafted by outside counsel and others, prosecuting patent applications on file with the USPTO, and oversight of foreign prosecution. W-H Energy files substantially all of its US and foreign patent applications in-house.
- Day-to-day participation in, with expectation of eventual leadership position in, W-H corporate trademark work, including drafting trademark registration applications, liaising with outside trademark counsel, working with subsidiary companies in their branding processes, and ensuring proper use of company trademarks by subsidiaries.
- Drafting of routine agreements, including non-disclosure agreements, consulting agreements, co-development agreements, licenses, etc. Liaising with internal clients on delivery of such agreements to meet business objectives. Supporting IP Counsel on corporate mergers and acquisitions, including due diligence, review of transaction documents and related schedules, and providing IP support for M&A team.
- Supporting IP Counsel in management of IP and other commercial litigation.
- Supporting IP Counsel in right-to-use studies affecting company technology, and in procurement of opinions of counsel.

### Education requirements include:

- JD
- USPTO registration
- Undergraduate degree in electrical engineering strongly preferred

### Required experience:

- Minimum of three years of intellectual property experience at a law firm or corporation. Pre-legal experience in oil and gas exploration industry a plus.

Interested candidates should fax resumes to Lisa Vassallo, Human Resources Director of Pathfinder Energy Services, Inc. at 713.996.1277.

## 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
- \$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

Caroline Cho  
*Attorney At Law*

David Kim  
*Covenant Neighborhoods, Inc.*

Leashanne Chen  
*Wolf Family Management Company*

Elizabeth Vinluan  
*Royston, Rayzor, Vickery & Williams*

## COMMUNITY

ACC Monthly Luncheon. The Asian Chamber of Commerce's monthly luncheon is scheduled for Wednesday, January 11, 2005 from 11:30 A.M. to 1:15 P.M. at the Arena Place, 7322 Southwest Freeway. RSVP online at [www.asianchamber-hou.org](http://www.asianchamber-hou.org).

NAAAP January Networking Mixer. Join the National Association of Asian American Professionals for its monthly mixer on Thursday, January 19, 2006 from 6:30 – 8:30 P.M. at Zake Lounge. For more information or to RSVP, please visit [www.naaaphouston.org](http://www.naaaphouston.org).

16<sup>th</sup> Annual Tet Festival. Celebrate the Lunar New Year on Sunday, January 29, 2006 from 10:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M. at the Reliant Arena. This year's program will include a Live Concert, Tae Kwon Do Tournament, Miss Vietnamese-American Teen Pageant, Basketball Tournament, Cultural Dance Performances, Vietnamese Arts & Crafts and much more. Details about the event and ticket information can be found on [www.tet-houston.com](http://www.tet-houston.com).

Chinese New Year Global Gala. The 2006 Chinese New Year Global Gala will be held at the elegant Stafford Centre Performing Arts Theatre on Sunday, February 19, 2006 at 7:30 P.M. This year's Gala entitled "Myths and Legends" blends Chinese and Western performances into an energetic mix of song, dance, drama and humor. Ticket prices range from \$28 to \$80. Call Ticket Hotline at 713.569.6543 to reserve your seat.

If you would like to publicize community news, job opportunities or personal SIDEBAR news, please e-mail [info@aabahouston.com](mailto:info@aabahouston.com).



**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
- \$75 Attorney with 8+ years in practice

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

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**Areas of Practice** \_\_\_\_\_

**Law School** \_\_\_\_\_ **Languages** \_\_\_\_\_

How would you like to receive the AABA Newsletter?  E-Mail  Fax

Would you like your business contact information published in the 2006 AABA Directory?  Yes  No

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

Please check the committees you would be interested in serving:

- Gala
- Law School Relations
- Membership
- Networking
- Programs

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

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

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