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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.

NEW AABA PRESIDENT-ELECT!

The AABA is pleased to announce that Emily T. Kuo, Associate Counsel at Nabors Industries, Ltd., has been elected as the 2006 AABA President-Elect to replace outgoing AABA President-Elect, Kristy P. Ton (see story below). We congratulate Emily on her new position and look forward to the leadership, energy, and dedication we know she will bring to the AABA as next year's President.

Emily is currently serving as AABA Vice-President of Membership. Emily will succeed current AABA President, Andrea Tran, and will continue to serve as Vice-President of Membership until the election for next year's AABA's officers is held at the end of the year.

AABA FINANCIAL SEMINAR SPONSORED BY METLIFE & GORDON QUAN

On June 8, 2006, at Quan, Burdette & Perez, P.C., the AABA held its first annual financial seminar for its members. Guests enjoyed food, beverages, and a presentation by Alice Chen and Amit Jain of MetLife entitled "Financial Planning for Attorneys and Professionals." Special thanks to MetLife and Gordon Quan for sponsoring this event.



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SPECIAL THANKS AND FAREWELL TO OUTGOING AABA PRESIDENT-ELECT KRISTY P. TON

On June 24, 2006, the AABA held a dim sum luncheon to celebrate AABA President-Elect Kristy P. Ton's recent announcement that she will be joining Corning as in-house counsel and to bemoan the fact that her new job will require her imminent departure to Tokyo, Japan, where she will be headquartered. The AABA extends its best wishes and deepest appreciation to our good friend and colleague for her years of dedicated service to the organization. We'll miss you!

Following the lunch, AABA members attended a performance of Night Court at the Hobby Center to witness the diverse talents of AABA members Hon. Jay Karahan, Debra Baker, and Patricia Lin.



**Please Join the Asian American Bar Association
as We Support the
TEACH FOR AMERICA “Fill the Box”
School Supply Drive**



**Saturday, July 15, 2006
1:00 – 4:00 PM
At the Home of Jason Luong
5506 Navarro Street, Houston, Texas 77056**

We will collect and assemble the following supplies per box:

1 Box 64 Crayons	1 Pack Dry Erase Markers	1 Adult Size Pair of Scissors
2 Boxes Kleenex	1 Pack Vis a Vis Markers	1 Box File Folders
2 Packs Wide Ruled Notebook Paper	1 Pack Copying Paper	1 Glue Stick
2 Boxes of Pencils	1 Pack Multicolored Cardstock	1 Pack of Stickers
1 Pack of Crayola Washable Markers	2 Packs Construction Paper	1 Ruler
1 Pack of Colored Pencils	2 Packs Index Cards	2 Rolls of Scotch Tape

The AABA also will make a monetary contribution to be used for purchasing supplies.

If you would like to donate supplies or volunteer to assemble boxes, please contact Jason Luong at 713.221.2306 or jluong@skv.com.

AABF KICKOFF EVENT & AABA MIXER

WEDNESDAY JULY, 26, 2006

Details to Be Announced

The Asian American Bar Foundation of Houston (AABF) is pleased to announce that it has secured 501(c)(3) status from the Internal Revenue Service. To celebrate the establishment of Houston's newest charitable foundation, the AABF will be awarding a law student scholarship and an Asian American legal access grant at the AABA's annual gala on Friday, September 29, 2006. The scholarship and the grant will be awarded respectively to the student and the organization that best embodies the AABF's mission to promote Asian American participation in the local bench and bar and to provide legal benefits and services to the Asian American community of the greater Houston area. Applications will be available at the AABF Kick-Off Event, sponsored by the AABA, and will be posted on the AABA's website.

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**

2nd Annual AABA Impact Award Recipient

Gordon Quan

For sponsorship opportunities, please contact
Jason Luong at jluong@skv.com or
Judy Liu at Judy.Liu@Centerpointenergy.com

SIDEBAR

On June 16, 2006, at the State Bar Convention in Austin, Texas, the Asian Pacific Interest Section (APIS) of the State Bar of Texas held its annual meeting, where it elected a new slate of Officers and Council members for the 2006-2007 term. AABA Officers Andrea Tran and Emily Kuo were voted in as Chair-Elect and Vice-Chair of the Section, respectively. AABA Director Lola Lin was elected to the APIS Council. Other AABA members who are continuing their terms on the APIS Council are Michael Chu, Daniel Hu, Charlene Tsang-Kao, and Russell Wong. Congratulations to all!

OPPORTUNITIES

SOUTHWEST AIRLINES – ATTORNEY III, LITIGATION (DALLAS, TEXAS)

Summary of Essential Job Functions: Represents company in connection with litigation and contested administrative matters proceedings; coordinates with outside counsel. Assists all departments in review of legal matters, including personnel, employee relations, and customer relations, as requested to do so. Must be able to meet any physical ability requirements listed in this description. May perform other job duties as directed by employee's leaders.

Qualifications and Requirements: Education: Bachelors and law degrees required. Top graduate of accredited law school. Experience: Three to four years' experience as a licensed practicing attorney in litigation, preferably in a major law firm. Must be able to comply with company attendance standards as described in established guidelines. Must be able to work well with others as part of a team. Must possess strong PC skills with knowledge of word processing application. Ability to use a computer keyboard with sufficient speed to meet demands of job. Must have good people skills and be able to work effectively with all levels of SWA employees. Ability to work well with others as part of a team. Proven ability to perform under pressure. Must have judgment sufficient to handle and resolve issues related to sensitive and confidential legal matters. Must possess strong organizational skills. Must have effective written and verbal communications skills and ability to interface effectively with all levels of management. Well-groomed appearance necessary. Other qualifications: Ability to work overtime as required. Ability to stand, bend, and sit for extended periods of time. Must maintain a well-groomed appearance. Must have authorization to work in the United States as defined by the Immigration Reform Act of 1986.

To apply on-line, go to: <http://www.southwest.com/careers/5237gc.html>.

AABA MENTORSHIP PROGRAM

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

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

COMMUNITY NEWS

July 12, 2006: The Asian Chamber of Commerce of Houston will be holding its monthly luncheon at the Westin Galleria Hotel, 5060 West Alabama, Houston, Texas 77056 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. Admission fee: \$35 (Members) / \$40 (Non-Members). To register for the lunch, visit: www.asianchamber-hou.org.

August 17-20, 2006: The NAAAP will be hosting its 20th Annual National Convention at the Renaissance Seattle Hotel in Seattle, Washington. The convention is open to both the general public and NAAAP members. The theme of this year's convention is "Making Waves." The program will spotlight Asian American leaders who continue to make positive waves within their communities through leadership, innovation, and community service. There will be over 18 workshops/seminars/panel discussions, as well as keynote speakers, a National Diversity Career Fair (featuring 50+ corporate sponsors), entertainment events, and city tours and activities. To register for the convention or to find out more information, visit: www.naaapconvention.org.

October 11-13, 2006: The Corporate Counsel Women of Color will be holding its Second Annual Career Strategies Conference in New York City, NY. For more information, visit: www.ccwomenofcolor.org.

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.

We welcome the following new and renewing members:

Joseph Acayan
Givens & Johnston, PLLC

Stephanie Chi
University of Houston Law Center

Samantha Do
PreCash, Inc.



**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

Last Name _____ **First Name** _____

Employer _____

Address _____

Office # _____ **Home #** _____

Fax # _____ **E-Mail** _____

Area(s) of Practice _____

Law School _____ **Language(s)** _____

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

- Gala Fundraising Membership Programs Social/Networking Media Relations
- 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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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.

Name _____

Employer _____

Employer Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone # _____

Email _____ State Bar Number _____

Law School _____

Year of Graduation _____

Year(s) in Practice _____

Practice Area(s) of Interest _____

Your Goals & Expectations from the Mentorship Program _____

Please mail/fax completed forms to:

**Jane Nguyen Vuong
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