

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.

2006 ALL-STAR MULTI-BAR MIXER DECO

February 16, 2006



On February, 16, 2006, a mixer for members of various local bar associations was held at Deco. There was a great turnout from the following participating groups: the AABA, State Bar of Texas Asian Pacific Interest Section (APIS), Hispanic Bar Association (HisBa), Houston Lawyers Association (HLA), Houston Young Lawyers Association (HYLA) Minority Affairs Committee, Mexican-American Bar Association (MABAH), and South Asian American Bar Association (SAABA). Special thanks to Deco and Gilbreth Roebuck for sponsoring the refreshments. Additional photos from the event are posted at www.aabahouston.com.



**You are cordially invited to attend the
2006 Asian American Bar Association
Career Night**



**South Texas College of Law
Emelie Slohm Conference Room
March 30, 2006**

6:30 – 7:00 P.M. Welcome Reception & Mentorship Program Kick-Off

Hosted by the State Bar of Texas Asian Pacific Interest Section (APIS)
Food and Beverages Provided

7:00 – 8:00 P.M. Panel Discussion: “Opening Doors & Creating Opportunities in the Legal Profession”

Moderator: Anton Montano, *Associate – Littler Mendelson, P.C.*

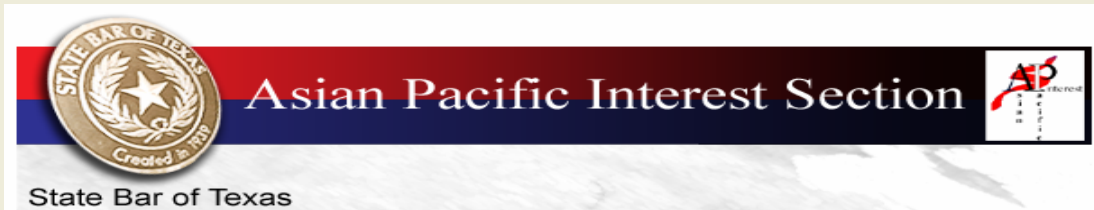
Panelists: Alex C. Chae, *Partner – Gardere, Wynne & Sewell, L.L.P.*
Richard F. Phillips, *Chief Patent Counsel – ExxonMobil Chemical Company*
Gordon Quan, *Partner – Quan, Burdette & Perez, P.C.*
Hon. Jay Karahan, *Judge – Harris County Criminal Court at Law No. 8*
Jontae Chatman, *Shareholder – Chatman & Griffith, PLLC*

8:00 – 8:30 P.M. Break-Out Session: “Perspectives from the Different Areas of Legal Practice”

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Please RSVP with Anton Montano at amontano@littler.com or 713.951.9400.



TOGETHER IN A NEW DECADE:

**CELEBRATING THE 10TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE
ASIAN PACIFIC INTEREST SECTION OF THE TEXAS STATE BAR**

CLE Panels:

Business Developments in the Pacific Rim

Tort Reform

Developments in Intellectual Property Law

Government Participation by APAs –
Developments in Politics and the Judiciary

*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):

\$35	APIS Members
\$45	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

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

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:

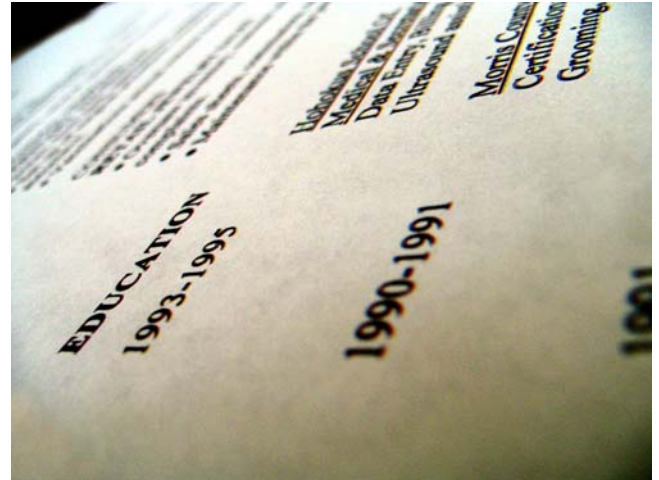
Jason Luong at jluong@skv.com or
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AABA Mentorship Program

If you are interested in serving as a
mentor, please complete and send the
form below to:

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

2006 AABA Resume Book



The AABA Resume Book is almost ready for publication! If you are a law student and would like to submit your resume, please send your one-page resume to Anton Montano, Chair of Law School Relations, at amontano@littler.com. If you are an attorney and would like to request a copy of the Resume Book, please contact Andrea Tran at atran@gilbrethroebuck.com.

Corporate Counsel Section Bulletin

MCCA CLE EXPO

The Minority Corporate Counsel Association (MCCA) is hosting a two-day CLE EXPO in Chicago on March 16-17th. The event features CLE programs concentrating on Intellectual Property Law, Litigation and Corporate Law. Only reservations will be taken for In-House Counsel. Register online at www.mcca.com.

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.

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

COMMUNITY

Third Thursday Networking Mixer / NAAAP-Houston / March 16, 2006 / Want to meet other young professionals in the Houston area? Come out to NAAAP-Houston's monthly Third Thursday networking mixer at the city's newest hotspot, Sage 400!

Habitat for Humanity Volunteer Project / NAAAP-Houston / April 1, 2006 / NAAAP-Houston is teaming with Houston Habitat for Humanity and Oprah Winfrey's Angel Network to build homes for families displaced by Hurricanes Katrina and Rita. RSVP online at www.naaaphouston.org to volunteer.

APA Katrina Legal Project / The APA Legal Clinic and Community Legal Education will take place in New Orleans/Plaquemines Parish during the first week in April: Saturday, April 1 through Tuesday, April 4. The project is spearheaded by three national APA organizations: the Asian American Justice Center, the Japanese American Citizens League, and the National Asian Pacific American Bar Association, in conjunction with many local community organizations and New Orleans Legal Assistance. Our goal is to bring linguistically accessible legal assistance to the limited-English-proficient, low-income APA populations impacted by Hurricane Katrina. For more information, please contact Jiny Kim, NAPABA Policy Director at policy@napaba.org or 202.775.9555.

2006 Asian/Pacific American Heritage Festival / APAHA / April 29, 2006, 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!

SIDEBAR

The American Bar Association Commission on Racial and Ethnic Diversity in the Profession presented the 2006 Spirit of Excellence Award to AABA Board Member Harry Gee, Jr.

Congratulations to the following AABA members who have been selected as 2006 *Texas Super Lawyers Rising Stars*: Lynn Chuang Kramer, Warren Huang, Joyce Kao Soliman, Hoang Quan Vu, and Hsiao-Cheng Wu.

AABA Board Member John S. Tsai will be presenting "Securities Law and Corporate Governance Update" at the 28th Annual Corporate Counsel Institute presented by the University of Texas in Houston on April 6, 2006.

OPPORTUNITIES

ASIAN/PACIFIC AMERICAN HERITAGE ASSOCIATION – HARRK RECOVERY OUTREACH COORDINATOR

APAHA seeks a Recovery Outreach (RO) Coordinator to implement coordination and information sharing initiatives among the Houston Asian Relief From Rita/Katrina collaborative (HARRK), disaster relief agencies, and APA Evacuees in Houston, Texas. The Coordinator will utilize the current coalition network of HARRK to effectively communicate resources and actionable information to community-based and faith-based organizations (CBOs & FBOs). The Coordinator will also focus on efforts to communicate, monitor, and achieve the implementation of local, state, and federal policy recommendations from the HARRK Report, *Thousands in the Gap: Exposing the Needs of the Underserved Asian/Pacific American Community* (access to the Report through the web at www.apaha.org). The RO Coordinator will represent APAHA in outside activities, including community meetings and board meetings, and will represent the organization at speaking engagements. The RO Coordinator will report to the Executive Director.

The RO Coordinator is a part-time position. Salary is competitive and commensurate with experience. Applications are due March 10, 2006, but will be accepted until the position is filled. Please e-mail a cover letter, resume, and short writing sample (2 pages maximum) to: jerome@apaha.org. Please contact Jerome Vielman, Executive Director, APAHA, 6220 Westpark, Suite 245B, Houston, Texas 77057, Phone: 713.784.1112, Fax: 832.201.8228, for more information.

DOW CHEMICAL – INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY COUNSEL

General Description: This position is for an attorney for the Intellectual Property Section of the Legal Department in Freeport or Houston, Texas. Typical responsibilities include: patent application drafting and prosecution, counseling business and research clients, and drafting and negotiating licenses and other agreements. Some travel required.

Position Requirements: Technical undergraduate degree required. Discipline in Chemical engineering, chemistry, or biology preferred. Must be a member of a State Bar or become a member within 18 months. Member of the Texas or Michigan State Bar preferred. Minimum of two years experience in chemical or petrochemical industry required. Must register to practice before the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office. Minimum of 3 years legal experience required. 5-10 years work experience preferred. Minimum of 3 years intellectual property experience required. Must be knowledgeable of patent preparations and prosecutions. Must have knowledge of agreements – licenses, joint development and other agreements of significant business and legal complexity. To apply on-line, go to: <http://dow.taleo.net/servlets/careersection>.

FEDEX KINKO'S – STAFF ATTORNEY, REAL ESTATE (DALLAS, TEXAS)

General Description: Effectively handle the legal needs of the real estate function for the Company through active participation in the real estate process and use of real estate background and experience in the legal field.

Position Requirements: Educational requirements: Juris doctorate degree/ Experience requirements: 6-8 years significant and progressively responsible legal experience in the real estate field; 3-4 years law firm experience coupled with 2+ years corporate legal environment. To learn more about the position, and to apply on-line, go to: http://www.kinkos.com/about_us/careers/careers_search.php.

QUEST DIAGNOSTICS – COMPLIANCE (HOUSTON, TEXAS)

General Description: This position will be responsible, at the direction of the Business Unit Compliance Officer, for various duties associated with training, contract administration, compliance investigation, communication with business unit employees, others in the company, and non-company agencies and individuals.

Position Requirements: At least 5 years experience in healthcare, preferably in a clinical laboratory setting. Bachelor's degree from an accredited college in business administration, life science, or related. Understanding of contract administration in healthcare. Experience with MS Word, Excel, Powerpoint, and Access. Strong interpersonal and communication skills. To apply on-line, go to: <http://www.questdiagnostics.com/cgi-bin/details.pl>.

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
Law Office of Jane D. Nguyen, PLLC
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Houston, TX 77057
Email: jnguyen@jdnlegal.com
Telephone: 713.780.4982 / Fax: 713.893.4981

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.

AABA members will be featured in the 2006 Pictorial Directory if you join before June 30, 2006. For questions regarding the Directory, contact Andrea Tran at 713.400.1100 or atran@GilbrethRoebuck.com.

Please send all other inquiries about AABA membership to Emily Kuo at Emily.Kuo@Nabors.com or membership@aabahouston.com.

We welcome the following new and renewing members:

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2006 Membership Application**

- \$0 Law Students • Retired Attorneys
- \$25 Attorneys with less than 3 years in practice • In-House Counsel • Auxiliary Members*
- \$50 Attorneys with 3 to 8 years in practice • Judges • Government Attorneys
- \$75 Attorneys 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
- External Affairs/Community Service Corporate Counsel Law School Relations/Mentorship

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

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

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