

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 CO-SPONSORS CHINESE TRANSLATIONS OF HBA HANDBOOKS ON CONSUMER, ELDER, AND FAMILY LAW



From left to right: Trang Tran, Phillina Lai, Andy C. Lai, Emily T. Kuo, and Jason Lai (Director of Consular Division, Taipei Economic and Cultural Office (TECO) in Houston).

On Saturday, October 28, 2006, at the Chinese Culture Center, the Law Offices of Lai & Associates, P.C. announced the release of updated Chinese translations of three Houston Bar Association (HBA) handbooks. This translation project was co-sponsored by the AABA and makes available to the Chinese-speaking populace the HBA's handbooks on Consumer Law, Elder Law, and Family Law. A crowd of approximately 200 attended the event, including various civic leaders, and free copies of the handbooks were distributed. The AABA is proud to support this continuing endeavor to educate the Asian American community concerning their legal rights. For more information, contact Andy C. Lai at lailaw@lailawus.com or visit www.hba.org (Korean and Vietnamese translations of some of the handbooks are also available on-line).

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AABA MENTOR APPRECIATION LUNCH

On October 14, 2006, AABA mentors and mentees gathered for lunch at Vietopia to celebrate another successful year of the AABA's mentorship program. The program pairs up AABA attorneys with law students and young attorneys to help them take that important first step towards the establishment of a lasting, successful career in the law. Special thanks to Jane Nguyen Vuong, the AABA Chair of Mentorship, for all of her hard work this year in organizing this program; to Joseph Yao, AABA Director, for providing an informational and inspiring speech to the attendees on professional development; and to the AABA members who served as mentors, for generously sharing their time and experience.



AABA HALLOWEEN PARTY

On October 27, 2006, AABA members gathered in costume to get an early start on Halloween. Spotted at the party were such luminaries as Charlie Brown, the sushi chef from Azuma, Orange Guy, and a sharp-dressed man in a red fedora and blue boa who bore an uncanny resemblance to a certain AABA officer. Special thanks to AABA Gala Co-Chair Jason Luong for hosting the party!



SPECIAL MEETING OF AABA MEMBERSHIP

November 15, 2006 at 12:00 Noon
Fulbright & Jaworski L.L.P., 1301 McKinney, Houston, Texas 77010
Crooker Conference Room (51st Floor)
Attendance in Person or By Telephone Permitted

Call-In Information: (713) 651-8300 or (888) 833-7152 / Participant Code: 13633

The purpose of this meeting is to consider and vote on the proposed Amended and Restated Bylaws of the AABA. In order to secure the required quorum for this meeting, it is extremely important that voting members (AABA members who are licensed attorneys in good standing) make every effort to attend in person or by telephone.

For more information and to RSVP, please contact Warren Huang, AABA Secretary, at (713) 651-3633 or whuang@fulbright.com.



cordially invites you to its

2nd Annual AABA
Corporate Counsel
Dinner

with special guest speaker,
Alan K. Tse
General Counsel of
LGE MobileComm U.S.A., Inc.

Thursday, Nov. 16, 2006
6:00 p.m.

PAPPAS BROS. STEAKHOUSE
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Outside counsel AABA member ticket: \$120

Space is limited so RSVP today to
Jennifer Phan at
Jennifer.Phan@shell.com
713 241.2208



NATIONAL ASIAN PACIFIC AMERICAN
BAR ASSOCIATION

18th Annual NAPABA Convention

Jointly with the
National Asian Pacific American Law Student Association

Philadelphia 2006

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www.napaba.org

Don't miss the largest gathering of Asian Pacific
American lawyers in the country!

**Online registration ended at 5:00 P.M.,
Eastern, Friday, October 27! After this
date, only on-site registration will be
available.**

**Call 215-569-8300 for reservations at the
Sofitel Hotel (120 South 17th St.), and make
sure to mention NAPABA for the special
room rate of \$170/night, although there
are very few rooms left. Additionally,
hotel rooms in the Philadelphia area are
becoming very scarce at any price.**

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Questions? Call the NAPABA Office at
202-775-9555.

Registration Fees:

Attorney Member - \$550

Attorney Non-member - \$650

Judges/Public Interest/Small Firm Member (<10) -
\$380

Judges/Public Interest/Small Firm Non-Member (<10)-
\$480

Student Member - \$100

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Convention registration includes admission to all CLE
panels, breakfast and lunch events, Welcome Reception,
Trailblazers Reception, Karaoke Night, and Installation
Banquet.

Enter to WIN a New Mercedes-Benz R-350
Suggested donation per ticket: \$50

You can help NABAPA Law Foundation build our community's next generation of legal professionals through education, public service, leadership development, and law student scholarships.



Drawing will be held at NAPABA's Annual Convention as follows:
Gala Dinner
November 11, 2006
7:00pm-9:30pm
Park Hyatt
145 Chancellor Court, Philadelphia, PA

Winners need NOT be registered for the Convention and need NOT be present to win!

Visit

www.napaba.org/napaba/showpage.asp?code=convention

Click on the 2006 NAPABA Law Foundation Raffle link for details and rules of the contest.

Vehicle donated by **Mercedes-Benz, USA, LLC.**

*No purchase, contribution or payment of any kind is necessary to enter or win this sweepstakes.

Contribute to the very important mission of the NAPABA Law Foundation and win a Mercedes Benz in the process!!

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1. My donation is \$ _____
2. Payment can be made by check payable to:
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3. Name:
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For payment by VISA/MasterCard, please complete the following:

1. Name as it appears on credit card:
2. Credit Card Acct #:
3. Expiration Date:
3. Signature: _____ Date: _____

Subject to availability, raffle tickets will be available with NAPABA representatives at the Convention. They are also available from NAPABA and NLF Board members. Visit the NAPABA website at www.napaba.org for a list of the members.

Thank you for your generous support. Donations are tax deductible to the extent provided by law.

OPPORTUNITIES

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Summary: The incumbent will be responsible for working with the business development, sales and marketing teams as a legal subject matter expert on electronic evidence discovery and records retention matters, including advising corporate counsel at client companies who are procuring or have procured our software to establish an internal eDiscovery capability. Secondly, the incumbent will work with outside law firms on joint client projects, conduct speaking engagements, write contributed articles and white papers and develop business through contacts within the legal and corporate community.

Essential Functions: Partner with the Sales and Business Development teams on specific and mature Enterprise eDiscovery software opportunities on a pre and post sales basis. Monitor and conduct legal research for new legislation, case law and government regulations, which may impact and affect positioning of company software and services. Serve as a strategic consultant to the company's Sales, Marketing and Professional Services Division on matters of electronic discovery, records retention and compliance. Lecture and draft white papers and contributed articles on electronic evidence discovery matters, SOX and other compliance issues. Develop eDiscovery and Records Retention Processes and Policies as an enterprise product services offering. Develop and Produce Training Classes and Materials For Corporate Counsel.

Essential Requirements: J.D. degree from a top-ranking, ABA accredited school. Min. 3 to 5 years experience in a law firm or software/technology industry corporate counsel. Law firm partner level business development experience. Min. 3 years experience handling matters of electronic evidence discovery and computer forensics through litigation management. Good knowledge of electronic evidence discovery field. Superior writing, communication and group presentation skills. Outstanding work ethic, strong interpersonal skills and a results-oriented, innovative style. Demonstrated ability to prioritize and manage a variety of projects simultaneously. Proficiency in MS Office (including Excel Spreadsheets and Word) and Westlaw or Lexis.

Desired Knowledge/Skills/Abilities: Strong proficiency in computer software/information technology.

For more information, please contact John Patzakis at john.patzakis@guidancesoftware.com.

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Responsibilities: Oversees the delivery of legal services related to the labor and employment affairs of the Company. Manages, plans, directs the activities of, and provides guidance to, labor and employment law department personnel. Ensures that management of the designated client groups have responsive consideration of legal issues related to labor and employment matters. Applies legal knowledge and skills and negotiating tactics to different situations on behalf of designated client groups. Advises management on strategic and complex employment decisions. Provides training to employees on employment issues, including harassment and discrimination. Appears at mediation and arbitration on behalf of the company. Provides advice regarding disputes or potential disputes, which have not risen to litigation. Prepares monthly activity reports regarding the department's activities. Prepares annual departmental budget and monitors actual expenditures in light of established budgets throughout the year.

Qualifications: Bachelor's degree from four-year college or university required. Law degree required from accredited law school. Must be licensed to practice law in Texas or in another state that has reciprocal licensing arrangements with Texas. Minimum ten years of experience in legal practice with another major public corporation or a law firm is required, 12-15 years legal practice experience preferred. Previous management experience preferred. Excellent communication skills (verbal and written) are required. Litigation experience is desirable.

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AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION ANNOUNCEMENT

The American Bar Association is looking for Asian American representatives to serve on Spring 2007, Fall 2007, and Spring 2008 ABA law school site visit teams. The ABA is specifically looking for: (1) senior university administrators; and (2) attorneys/judges. Candidates should have 20-years plus experience out of law school and leadership positions in their practice. If interested, please send contact information and a resume to Frank Wu, Dean of Wayne State University School of Law, at frankhwu@wayne.edu. For more information, please contact Christine Epres, Policy Director, National Asian Pacific American Bar Association, at policy@napaba.org.

COMMUNITY NEWS

November 1, 2006: A special appreciation dinner for the AABA's own Gordon Quan will be held at Kim Son in Saigon Plaza, 10306 Bellaire Boulevard, starting at 5:30 p.m. There will be dinner, roasts and toasts, a live auction, and multicultural entertainment. Individual seats are \$25. Dress is black and red attire. For more information, call 713.782.7222 or contact faye@asianchamber-hou.org. Net proceeds will help fund one of Gordon's important projects: Housing for the Homeless.

November 2, 2006: The Asian Chamber of Commerce and the Organization of Chinese Americans will be holding a joint mixer at Yao's Restaurant and Bar, 9755 Westheimer, at 6:30 p.m.

November 3, 2006: Kenneth Liao, the Director General of the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office will be speaking at Thurgood Marshall School of Law.

November 8, 2006: The Asian Chamber of Commerce will be holding its monthly luncheon at the Westin Galleria Hotel, 5060 West Alabama, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. The registration fee is \$35 for members and \$40 for non-members. Registration at the door is an additional \$5. For more information, visit www.asianchamber-hou.org.

NEW AND RENEWING MEMBERS

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

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Pemberton Legal Search

James Lee, Jr.
Clark, DePew & Tracey, Ltd., LLP

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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.

- \$0 Law Student • Retired Attorney
 \$25 Attorney with less than 3 years in practice • In-House Counsel • Solo Practitioner • Auxiliary Member*
 \$50 Attorney with 3 to 8 years in practice • Judge • Government Attorney
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Attn: Membership
P.O. Box 1554
Houston, TX 77251

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membership@aabahouston.com,
or contact Emily Kuo at (281) 775-4869.

*Auxiliary membership is open to attorneys who neither reside nor practice in the Greater Houston area.