

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.

August was a busy month for the AABA as the organization shifted its planning for the 2006 Gala and Silent Auction into high gear and hosted three events: The Employment Law & FLSA Seminar; the AABA and AWA Joint Happy Hour; and a lunch for the AABA's own Gordon Quan, celebrating his selection as this year's recipient of the AABA Impact Award.

EMPLOYMENT & FLSA SEMINAR – AUGUST 29, 2006

On August 29, 2006, at the Chinese Community Center, the AABA and Pemberton Legal Research co-hosted "The Employment Law & FLSA Seminar: What Small Business Owners Need to Know About Wage & Hour Issues." The two-hour workshop focused on critical workplace obligations for employers and included a presentation by a representative of the U.S. Department of Labor's Wage & Hour Division followed by a panel discussion of wage and hour experts. The panelists included: Michelle Cash of Pemberton Legal Search (Moderator); David Quan of the Law Office of David J. Quan P.C., Trang Q. Tran of the Tran Law Firm LLP, Nancy Bush of Munsch Hadt Kopf & Harr, and Michael J. Muskat of Muskat, Martinez & Mahoney LLP. Special thanks to Pemberton Legal Research and our speaker and panelists for contributing to the success of this event!



AABA AND AWA HAPPY HOUR – AUGUST 30, 2006

On August 30, 2006, the AABA and Association of Women Attorneys (AWA) co-hosted a happy hour at Zake Sushi Lounge, with complimentary hors d'oeuvres generously provided by Encore Bank.



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CELEBRATORY LUNCH FOR GORDON QUAN – AUGUST 11, 2006

On August 11, 2006, a group of AABA friends and colleagues treated AABA member Gordon Quan to lunch at the Post Oak Grill to celebrate his selection as this year's recipient of the AABA Impact Award. The award will formally be presented to Gordon at the 2006 Gala and Silent Auction.



TEACH FOR AMERICA SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE – JULY 15, 2006

On July 15, 2006, the AABA held a school supply drive to benefit Teach for America. Special thanks to AABA Gala Co-Chair Jason Luong for organizing the event and hosting everyone at his house. The AABA filled and donated five boxes of supplies to Teach for America, which benefited a local 7th-grade classroom.



The Asian American Bar Association (AABA) of Houston
&
VN Teamwork / Hiep Luc

Present Their

ANNUAL IMMIGRATION SEMINAR



**Sunday, September 10, 2006
2:00 p.m.**

**VN Teamwork / Hiep Luc
11210 Bellaire Blvd., Suite 118**

This annual immigration seminar will focus on immigration issues facing the Vietnamese community and general public. Following the presentation, the speakers will answer questions presented by the audience. Speaker panelists include attorneys:

Tony Vu Dinh, HT Nguyen, Simon Nguyen, and Tina Nguyen

Refreshments will be provided
Admission is **FREE**

For more information, please contact **Lynn Chuang Kramer** at 713.222.4020
or by e-mail at lkramer@munsch.com

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and Its Underwriters & Sponsors**

Cordially Invite You to Attend the AABA's

**2006 Gala & Silent Auction
Friday, September 29, 2006**



**Benefiting the Asian American Bar Foundation
A 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation**

**InterContinental Houston Hotel
2222 West Loop South**

Featuring

Keynote Speaker

Catherine Lamboley

**Senior Vice-President, General Counsel &
Corporate Secretary
Shell Oil Company**

2006 AABA Impact Award Recipient

Gordon Quan

**Former City Council Member, Mayor Pro Tem &
Founding Member of
Quan, Burdette & Perez, P.C.**



**6:30 p.m. Reception/7:30 p.m. Dinner
\$60 Members/\$75 Non-members/\$30 Students**

**Please Reserve Your Seats with Judy Liu at
Judy.Liu@CenterPointEnergy.com**

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**2006 ASIAN AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION OF HOUSTON GALA &
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Gold Dragon Underwriter – \$3,000

- (1) Ten tickets to the Gala and Banquet Dinner.
- (2) Full page advertisement in the Gala Program given to all attendees.
- (3) Recognition as a Gold Dragon Underwriter on the AABA website.
- (4) Name on placard on the reserved table.
- (5) Recognition as a Gold Dragon Underwriter during the ceremony with a prominent logo display.

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Be an underwriter for both the 2006 Gala & Silent Auction and the AABA's Annual Corporate Counsel Dinner

- (1) All the benefits of a Gold Dragon Underwriter
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Please make payment to "AABA Houston" and return sponsorship forms to
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Responsibilities: J.C. Penney Corporation, Inc. is seeking an experienced antitrust and regulatory lawyer to join its legal department at its Plano, Texas headquarters. The successful candidate will advise on antitrust and other regulatory compliance issues affecting the company's retail business, including advertising and promotion, and product safety, warranties, and labeling.

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http://jcpenney.recruitmax.com/ENG/careerportal/Job_Profile.cfm?szOrderID=2966&szReturntoSearch=1&szWordsToHighlight=

COMMUNITY NEWS

September 13, 2006 – The Asian American Chamber of Commerce will be holding its monthly luncheon at the Westin Galleria, 5060 West Alabama, from 11:30 a.m. until 1:15 p.m. Admission is \$35 for members and \$40 for non-members. For more information, visit www.asianchamber-hou.org.

September 29 and 30, 2006 – The National Conference of Vietnamese American Attorneys (NCVAA) will hold its inaugural event in Silicon Valley on September 29 and 30, 2006. This conference will bring together, for the first time, Vietnamese American attorneys from all over the United States to discuss legal and community issues affecting Vietnamese Americans. The event will be held at the New San Jose City Hall in San Jose, California. For more information about the conference or sponsorship opportunities, contact: Minh Hoang at mthoang@duanemorris.com or (415) 957-3000; Jacqui Duong at jacqueline.duong@cco.co.scl.ca.us or (408) 299-5922; or Tita Nguyen at tita.nguyen@doj.ca.gov or (213) 897-2060.

October 21 and 22, 2006 – The 27th Annual Asian American Festival (“TexAsia! Deep in the Heart of Asian Art”) will be held on October 21 and 22, 2006, from 12:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. at Hermann Park. For more information about the festival or sponsorship opportunities, contact: Glenda Joe, Director at gjoe@houston.rr.com or (713) 861-2670.

SIDEBAR

The AABA’s very own Chair of Mentorship, Jane Nguyen, and Vice-President of Networking, Daniel Chen, have become founding partners of Nguyen Jazrawi & Chen, PLLC. Their practice will focus primarily on immigration law. For more information, visit: www.njclaw.com.

NEW MEMBERS

The AABA would like to welcome the following new members!

Jennifer Fung
South Texas College of Law

Kenneth Liu
University of Houston Law Center

Kristine Nguyen
*Abraham Lincoln School of Law and
Sirius Solutions*

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

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.

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