

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.

### DIM SUM WITH THE JUDICIARY

On Sunday, May 6, 2007, the Asian American Bar Association and its sister affiliate, the Asian American Bar Foundation, hosted an afternoon of dim sum in honor of Asian Pacific American Heritage Month and our local judiciary. Approximately 60 AABA members, friends, and judges were present to enjoy a 17-course dim sum menu at Fung's Kitchen in southwest Houston. Patricia Lin, Chair of the AABF Board of Trustees, also enlightened the audience with an entertaining slide show on dim sum origins, traditions, and recipes.



*Quan Vu, Emily Kuo, Monica Huang, and Judy Liu*



*Judges Patronella, Bradshaw-Hull, Hellums, and Gee*



*Trang Tran, Judge Rondon, and Alex Chae*



*AABA members and judges enjoying dim sum*

All proceeds from this inaugural event benefit the charitable endeavors of the AABF. Many thanks to our Chrysanthemum Sponsors Fulbright & Jaworski L.L.P.; Gardere Wynne Sewell LLP; Jason Luong and Smyser Kaplan & Veselka L.L.P.; and Vinson & Elkins LLP. Jasmine Sponsors were Bracewell & Giuliani LLP and Mayer, Brown, Rowe & Maw LLP. Special thanks to Catherine Than and the AABF Board of Trustees for organizing this incredibly successful and festive affair, and thanks also to the judges who attended:

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## APIS ANNUAL RETREAT

On Saturday, May 19, 2007, the Asian Pacific Interest Section (APIS) of the State Bar of Texas met in Dallas, Texas for its 11th Annual Retreat, entitled *Policy, Progress, and Empowerment*. After an informal networking lunch at Grand Lux Cafe, APIS members, sponsors, and guests convened at the Westin Galleria Hotel for a CLE panel on privacy and security for corporate clients; a debate on policy and constitutional issues related to birthright citizenship; an interactive question-and-answer session on ethical challenges facing lawyers; and a keynote address by Karen K. Narasaki, President and Executive Director of the Asian American Justice Center in Washington, D.C. APIS also presented the 2007 Justice David Wellington Chew Award to Kathleen Wu, a real estate and finance partner in the Dallas office of Andrews Kurth LLP.



*APIS 2006-2007 Council: Wesley Young, Toni Nguyen, Al Li, Emily Kuo, Patsy Yung, Lisa Tsai, and Albert Lin (not pictured: Caren Hanson, Daniel Hu, Lola Lin, Andrea Tran, Charlene Tsang-Kao, and Russell Wong)*



*Corporate Counsel Reception at the home of SMU Professor Nguyen*

Following the speaking programs, APIS held a wine tasting and corporate counsel reception at the Highland Park home of SMU Dedman School of Law Professor Xuan-Thao Nguyen, featuring Professor Nguyen's outstanding and extensive collection of art and sculptures by Vietnamese artists.

AABA members in attendance at the APIS Retreat included Mark Gilbreth, Natasha Jabbar (who also moderated the birthright citizenship debate), Emily Kuo, and Mark Lee.

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MAGAZINE

Please join us as  
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## UPCOMING CLE/CORPORATE COUNSEL PROGRAM...

### *Can We Talk?*

**Ethical Considerations for In-House Lawyers Regarding  
Conflicts of Interest and the Attorney-Client Privilege**

**June 2007**

**Gardere Wynne Sewell LLP**

**11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.**

**\*\* 1.0 HOUR MCLE ETHICS CREDIT PENDING \*\***

Lunch will be provided

**Organized and sponsored by the AABA and Major, Lindsey & Africa**

**More details to follow**

## **ABA National Conference for the Minority Lawyer:**

*A Unique Program for Litigators, Business Lawyers, In-House Counsel,  
Solo Practitioners, and Government Lawyers*

**June 28-29, 2007**

**The Seaport Hotel ~ Boston, Massachusetts**



The AABA is pleased to co-sponsor the 2007 National Conference for the Minority Lawyer, a unique two-day conference that brings together minority lawyers from racial/ethnic groups, all practice settings, at all levels of experience, from all over the country. The conference showcases the talents and expertise of minority lawyers as practitioners, judges, and academics, and provides a lively but comfortable environment where minority lawyers can network while learning from and sharing with each other. Cutting-edge, substantive CLE programs will also be presented, as well as discussions designed to explore the hottest topics related to diversity within the legal profession.

Approximately 400 attorneys are expected to attend. This distinctive conference will combine real world advice on improving your techniques – such as prospering while promoting diversity, and marketing yourself in your current environment – with timely updates on current legal issues – such as securities law, negotiations and settlements, employment law, mediation strategies, and new developments in e-discovery. Other highlights of the program include a discussion of affirmative action in law firms between Professors Richard Sander and David Wilkins, and an examination with Professor Charles J. Ogletree, Jr. of the issues of race that are likely to face the Roberts Court in the coming years. For more information on the conference, or to register, please contact Toyin Alaka at [alakat@staff.abanet.org](mailto:alakat@staff.abanet.org) or 312.988.5564, or visit [www.abanet.org/buslaw/meetings/2007/minoritylawyer](http://www.abanet.org/buslaw/meetings/2007/minoritylawyer).

# ASIAN AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION OF HOUSTON 2007 GALA & SILENT AUCTION

Friday, September 14, 2007  
InterContinental Houston Hotel ↻ 2222 West Loop South

**Keynote Speaker:**  
**Tommy M. Shi, Esq.**  
Corporate Development and Transformation Officer, Mercedes-Benz USA

**AABA Impact Award Recipient:**  
**The Honorable Hannah Chow**  
Former Judge, Harris County Criminal Court at Law No. 5

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Ten tickets to the Gala, VIP seating, and reserved table with underwriter placard  
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Full page color advertisement in the printed Gala program  
Special mention and prominent logo display during the Gala dinner and speaking program  
Complimentary valet parking at the Gala  
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Underwriter recognition in all 2007-2008 AABA monthly newsletters  
*Recognition as an Underwriter of the AABA 2007 Corporate Counsel Dinner*  
*Four tickets to attend the AABA 2007 Corporate Counsel Dinner*

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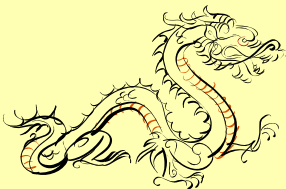
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Two tickets to the VIP Reception preceding the Gala  
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Complimentary valet parking at the Gala  
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Ten tickets to the Gala and a reserved table  
Full page color advertisement in the printed Gala program  
Special mention during the Gala speaking program

## **Bronze Dragon Underwriter - \$1,500**

6 tickets to the Gala  
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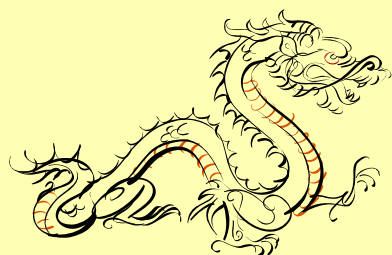
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*Questions? Please contact us at [aaba.gala@gmail.com](mailto:aaba.gala@gmail.com) or 713.226.6685.*

*Thank you for your interest and support.*

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## CORPORATE COUNSEL BULLETIN

### **Texas Minority Counsel Program ~ Houston Save the Date Reception**

**June 7, 2007 ~ 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.**

#### **Vinson & Elkins Conference Rooms 26 C and D ~ 1001 Fannin**

Vinson & Elkins LLP, Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld LLP, and Winstead PC invite you to join us for the State Bar of Texas's Minority Counsel Program (TMCP) Annual Save the Date Reception. The TMCP is one of the nation's premier networking events for corporate and outside counsel and is scheduled for September 6-7, 2007, at the Hilton Austin Hotel. Attendees will have the opportunity to interview and retain qualified minority and women attorneys as outside counsel for future litigation and transactional matters, while also earning valuable CLE credit and enjoying networking events including a golf tournament and clinic, spa events, and a casino party. Harriet Myers will also present a keynote address on September 6th. Houston attorneys can learn more about the networking opportunities available at TMCP at the Save the Date Reception on June 7th. To RSVP, visit [www.velaw.com/mcso/onlinereg/tmcp\\_hoursvp.asp](http://www.velaw.com/mcso/onlinereg/tmcp_hoursvp.asp) or call 713.758.2292.

### **6th Annual Corporate Counsel Forum**

**June 22, 2007**

#### **Harry B. Gonzalez Convention Center ~ San Antonio, Texas**

The 6th Annual Corporate Counsel Forum, co-sponsored by the LDM Group, Haynes and Boone, and the Business Law and Corporate Counsel Sections of the State Bar of Texas, will be held during the 2007 Annual Meeting of the State Bar in San Antonio. The Forum's distinguished panelists include General Counsel of Fortune 500 companies, partners/shareholders of national law firms, and media consultants. General Counsel panelists will share their insights into dealing with multi-faceted issues and politically sensitive matters surrounding them. 3.5 hours of MCLE Ethics credit will be available. To view the program agenda or to register, visit the State Bar website at [www.texasbar.com](http://www.texasbar.com).

## Get to Know an AABA Member!



**Jenn Foringer**  
**Sutherland Asbill & Brennan**  
**LLP**

**If I weren't an attorney, I would be...** one of Angelina Jolie's adopted children.

**My favorite (or fantasy) vacation is...** anywhere tropical where I can relax on a beach. And Italy.

**The best dessert (or other food) in the world is...** bubblegum and apple pie, but not together.

**In my spare time, I enjoy...** boxing, reading, and watching "24."

**In my iPod (or other mp3 device) you will find...** anything but country or Celine Dion.

**Most AABA members probably don't know that I...** am not Asian. Just kidding. People may not know that I used to work for Independent Counsel Ken Starr during the Monica Lewinsky investigation. I'd tell you stories, but, of course, then I'd have to kill you.

**The best restaurants in Houston are...** The Fish and Vic & Anthony's.

**The sports teams I root for are...** the Astros, the Spurs, the Hoyas, and Steve Nash.

**If I won the lottery, I would...** hire a personal massage therapist, chef, and assistant, buy my husband a Lamborghini, and get a bunch of puppies. And then start some charities.

**I recommend reading...** Dostoevsky's *Crime and Punishment*, Dan Brown's *Angels and Demons*, and the instructions to your grill. Safety first!

**You forgot to ask me about...** my fish. He is a Chinese fighting fish named Maximus, but my friends call him Fluffy. And yes, he's still alive.

## COMMUNITY NEWS

### **A Night at the Opera with Asako Tamura ~ June 4, 2007**

The Japanese Association of Greater Houston (JAGH) invites Japanese artist Asako Tamura, an internationally acclaimed lyric coloratura soprano, for her debut Houston performance at Zilkha Hall in the Hobby Center for the Performing Arts, 800 Bagby Street. The concert is scheduled for 7:00 p.m. on Monday, June 4th and benefits Asia Society Texas in its efforts to establish the new Asia House in Houston. Houston's Asia House, designed by renowned Japanese architect Yoshio Tanaguchi, will be a permanent facility for local Asian American communities and their neighbors to forge common understandings. Ms. Tamura will perform a selection of Asian songs, with Kana Mimaki accompanying on the piano. Adult tickets are \$30 at the door. For tickets or for more information on the event, please visit [www.jagh.org](http://www.jagh.org) or [www.thehobbycenter.org](http://www.thehobbycenter.org), or e-mail [yogi\\_ueno@msn.com](mailto:yogi_ueno@msn.com).

### **APA Heritage Month Artist Reception ~ June 6, 2007**

Join the Asian Pacific American Heritage Association (APAHA) and The Art Institute of Houston as they exhibit works of local visual artists that celebrate the culture and contributions of Houston's Asian Pacific Americans. This artist reception will be held from 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. at The Art Institute of Houston, 1900 Yorktown. For more information, contact APAHA Executive Director Jerome Vielman at [jerome@apaha.org](mailto:jerome@apaha.org) or 713.784.1112.

### **Asian Chamber of Commerce China Trade & Education Mission ~ Informational Meeting on June 6, 2007**

The Asian Chamber of Commerce is planning a Trade & Education Mission Trip to China from September 15 - 26, 2007. Two separate groups will visit Hong Kong, Shanghai, Shenzhen, Nantong, Guangzhou, Haimen, Tianjin, and Beijing for a varied schedule of business to business meetings, sightseeing, and cultural events. The ACC will hold a meeting on Wednesday, June 6th at 6:00 p.m. with travel agent Nancy Li to discuss the details of the trip. The meeting will be held in the conference room of Quan, Burdette & Perez, P.C., on the 9th floor of 5177 Richmond Avenue. A deposit of \$1000 per person is due by June 15, 2007.

### **HOPE Clinic Open House ~ June 8, 2007**

The Board of Directors of the Asian American Health Coalition's HOPE Clinic cordially invites you to an Open House honoring Chinese Baptist Church, the Chinese Community Center, Houston Endowment, Inc., and other supporters and partners. The Open House will be held from 3:00 - 7:00 p.m. at the clinic's new location at 7001 Corporate, Suite 120. Presentations will be made at 5:00 p.m. To RSVP, e-mail [bjgor@houston.rr.com](mailto:bjgor@houston.rr.com) or call 713.773.2901.

### **Asian Chamber of Commerce Scholarship Awards Luncheon ~ June 13, 2007**

The ACC cordially invites you to its June Scholarship Awards Luncheon on Wednesday, June 13th from 11:30 a.m. - 1:15 p.m. at the Westin Galleria Hotel, 5060 West Alabama. HCC and ACC scholarship awards will be presented, and a keynote address given by Dr. Mary S. Spangler, the new Chancellor of Houston Community College. Tickets are \$30 for ACC members; \$35 for non-members; and \$40 for walk-ins. All proceeds from the event will benefit the Asian Chamber of Commerce Scholarship Foundation. Reservations may be made on-line at [www.asianchamber-hou.org](http://www.asianchamber-hou.org) or by calling 713.782.7222.

### **Asian Chamber of Commerce Breakfast Mixer ~ June 21, 2007**

Join the ACC for another breakfast mixer, to be held from 7:30 - 9:00 a.m. at the Hilton Garden Inn, West Belt, 6855 West Sam Houston Parkway South. RSVP on-line at [www.asianchamber-hou.org](http://www.asianchamber-hou.org).



# OPPORTUNITIES

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## **Commercial / Patent Attorney – Houston**

Small legal department of an energy services company seeks a junior lawyer with a Mechanical Engineering degree to manage a modest patent portfolio and handle some transactional matters. Patent and Trademark Office licensure **not** required. Please send resume to [info@pemberntonlegal.com](mailto:info@pemberntonlegal.com).

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Dynamic energy company seeks a regional general counsel for its Louisiana operations. The lawyer in this position will handle legal matters relating to energy project development, M&A, regulatory matters, and litigation management. Send submissions to [info@pemberntonlegal.com](mailto:info@pemberntonlegal.com).

## **Energy Trading / Marketing Attorney – Houston**

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## **Energy Compliance – Houston (2 Positions)**

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## **NAPABA Litigation Committee Co-Chairs**

The National Asian Pacific American Bar Association (NAPABA) is pleased to announce openings for two co-chairs for the NAPABA Litigation Committee. This newly-created committee is a practice-oriented committee for attorneys, judges, law students, and law professors interested in litigation practice. The committee will afford its members the opportunity to network with other litigators, share practice tips and information, and put on educational panels at NAPABA's conventions and regional conferences. Ideally, co-chairs should have a minimum of five years of litigation experience, be actively involved in a litigation practice in some capacity, and have demonstrated organizational skills and commitment to the missions of NAPABA or one of its affiliates. Interested applicants should submit their resumes and a brief e-mail statement to NAPABA President, Phil Shinn, stating their qualifications, reasons why they should be appointed, and proposed plans for Litigation Committee structure and programs. Please submit all material by e-mail to [pshinn@thornton-taylor.com](mailto:pshinn@thornton-taylor.com). Final day for applications is Wednesday, June 6, 2007.

## The AABA welcomes the following new and renewing members!

**Chia-Ching Cheng**

**Miranda-Lin Gong**  
*Vinson & Elkins LLP*

**Patricia Lin**  
*Chevron U.S.A. Inc.*

**Joanna Miller**  
*Fahl & Takeuchi, P.C.*

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### **AABA 2007 MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY**

This summer, the AABA will be publishing its 2007 AABA pictorial directory. As a paid member of the AABA, benefits include a *complimentary* listing in the directory and a *complimentary* directory. The 2007 pictorial directory will **not be sold** to our members or to the general public. The directory will be provided free of charge only to paid attorney members and to in-house counsel who request a copy. If you wish to be included in the directory, please contact **Cathy Sun** at [csun@yetterwarden.com](mailto:csun@yetterwarden.com) by **June 15, 2007**. You can obtain a directory form from Cathy that will request the following information:

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If you are not yet a member of the AABA and would like to join or renew, please submit the attached membership form or contact AABA Vice President of Membership Judy Liu at [judy.liu@centerpointenergy.com](mailto:judy.liu@centerpointenergy.com).

**If you would like to publicize job opportunities, community news, or personal SIDEBAR news, please contact AABA Secretary Julie Pi Evans at [juliepievans@gmail.com](mailto:juliepievans@gmail.com)**



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