

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 & HVLP LAW DAY

On Saturday, October 13, 2007, the AABA and the Houston Volunteer Lawyers Program (HVLP) held an inaugural Law Day program at the MetroBank Community Center in Dynasty Plaza. AABA members and other local Asian American attorneys taught free classes to community members in Vietnamese and Mandarin Chinese on immigration law, small business law, family law, and estate planning. Over 80 attendees took advantage of the opportunity to learn more about their legal rights and to ask questions in their native languages regarding common myths and misconceptions about the law. HVLP and Boat People SOS representatives were also present to offer free services to qualified attendees seeking formal legal representation.



Vietnamese estate planning faculty Kevin Pham



Vietnamese small business law faculty Minh Tran



Mandarin Chinese-speaking attendees



Chinese immigration law faculty Kate Cheng

The AABA is indebted to Warren Huang, Vice President of Community Relations, for coordinating the entire day-long event; and would also like to extend special thanks to the many organizations and individuals who helped to make this program a fantastic success: MetroBank; the Law Day faculty of Michael Cao, Kate Cheng, Bryan Ho, Diana Hsiung, An Nguyen, Kevin Pham, Tom Tong, Minh Tran, and An Phong Vo; local Vietnamese and Chinese media and churches for their assistance in publicizing the event; and the many AABA and community volunteers who donated their Saturday to make sure that everything ran smoothly.

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15th Annual Thomas Tang Moot Court Competition Southwest Regional in Houston, Texas

The Southwest Regional of the Thomas Tang National Moot Court Competition took place from October 19-20, 2007 at South Texas College of Law. Teams from Loyola University, South Texas College of Law, Southern Methodist University, and Southern University competed vigorously throughout the two-day competition, with the ultimate victory being unanimously awarded to SMU team Alana Kalantzakis and William Richmond, who triumphed over their fellow SMU classmates Lindsay Griffin and Robert Luyties. Richmond also took home the best oralist prize, while Griffin and Luyties received the best brief award. Both teams will advance to the national competition in November at the NAPABA Annual Convention in Las Vegas.



Southwest Regional Competition law student teams



Tournament Co-Directors Joseph Tung and John Tang



Final round teams and judges

This event was generously underwritten by Andrews Kurth LLP, Strasburger, the Asian American Bar Foundation, Jason Luong, and Smyser Kaplan & Veselka, L.L.P. AABA members John Tang, Catherine Than, and Joseph Tung served as directors of the regional tournament, with the invaluable assistance of South Texas APALSA. Over 42 attorneys and law students volunteered their time to judge, bailiff, and otherwise assist with the tournament. Special thanks also to the final round judges: U.S. District Judge Sim Lake, who served as chief justice; Fourteenth Court of Appeals Justice Wanda McKee Fowler; and 127th Harris County District Judge Sharolyn Wood.

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HALLOWEEN COSTUME PARTY

On Friday, October 26th, various ghosts, goblins, and other creatures gathered at the home of AABA President Emily Kuo for the AABA's annual Halloween Costume Party. AABA members' alter egos enjoyed Asian appetizers, red velvet cupcakes, candy, and seasonal brews and vied for best costume prizes. The law students swept the night, with third place going to Jennifer "Pocahontas" Fung; second place going to Gene "Mr. Chiquita" Wu; and first prize awarded to buccaneer couple Paulina Harris-Diaz and Isaac Diaz. Other celebrity sightings included Harry Potter, the King of Hearts, Cleopatra, and the Men in Black.



The Men in Black
kick back



Greek goddess
Julie Pi Evans,
Fruit of the Loom
Gene Wu, and
Gladiator
Chris Evans



Costume Contest
Winners!

Many thanks to Anderson Lee, Audrey Chang, Judy Liu, and Gene Wu for their help in organizing this fun event, and thanks to Emily Kuo for hosting the party!

THIRD ANNUAL
AABA CORPORATE COUNSEL DINNER

with special guest speaker

D. C. TOEDT III

Founder, Pactix Corporation

Former Vice President, General Counsel, and Secretary, BindView Corporation
Co-Author, *GC Rules: Over 350 Things I Wish I'd Known My First Year as General Counsel*



Thursday, November 8, 2007

6:30 p.m.

MORTON'S STEAKHOUSE

1001 McKinney Street

All In-House Counsel will be hosted by the AABA
Outside Counsel Cost (must be members of the AABA): \$125 per person

Space is limited, so rsvp today at www.aabahouston.com
or to Jason Luong at jluong@skv.com or 713.221.2306

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The Asian American Bar Association of Houston presents:

Runaway Jury:
Practice Tips on Picking the Right Jury for Your Client

Wednesday, November 14, 2007

7:30 a.m. – Registration and Breakfast

8:00 - 9:00 a.m. – Program and Q&A Session

Vinson & Elkins L.L.P. Courtroom

First City Tower, 1001 Fannin Street, 24th Floor

Featured Speakers:

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FREE for AABA members / \$20 for non-members (breakfast will be provided)

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19TH ANNUAL CONVENTION

ASIAN PACIFIC AMERICANS: A SMART BET

**LAS VEGAS, NEVADA
NOVEMBER 15-18, 2007**



SIGN UP TODAY!

The National Asian Pacific American Bar Association (NAPABA) will soon be holding its 19th Annual Convention in exciting Las Vegas, Nevada. Convention registration includes admission to two full days of CLE panels as well as to all breakfast and lunch events, the NAPABA Welcome Reception, Trailblazers Awards Reception, Late Night Karaoke with Bud, NAPABA Installation Banquet, and more. **The AABA of Houston will also be receiving the first ever AFFILIATE OF THE YEAR award at the NAPABA Convention!** Additional special events include a golf tournament at Badlands Golf Club (for the first 72 to sign up); a tennis round robin tournament; a Texas Hold 'Em poker tournament (for the first 64 to sign up); and tickets to Las Vegas shows *Le Rêve* and Cirque du Soleil's *Love*. Registration prices are as follows:

	<u>Members</u>	<u>Non-Members</u>
Attorneys:	\$575	\$675
Judges/Public Interest/Government/ Small Firm (<10) Attorneys:	\$375	\$475
Students	\$100	\$200

For more information and to register on-line, please visit www.napaba.org and click on "Convention."

For room reservations at the JW Marriott Las Vegas Resort & Spa, call 800.297.5056 and indicate that you are attending NAPABA's Annual Convention to receive the group rate of \$189. Overflow accommodations are available at Suncoast Hotel & Casino, 9090 Alta Drive in Las Vegas, by contacting 866.636.7111 (reservation ID NAT1115).

For information on becoming a 2007 Convention Sponsor, please contact NAPABA President-Elect Helen B. Kim at hkim@bakerlaw.com, or contact NAPABA Executive Director Les Jin at ed@napaba.org or 202.775.9555. We look forward to seeing you in Las Vegas!

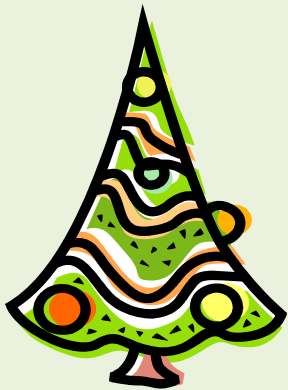
AABA OF HOUSTON RECEPTION AT NAPABA LAS VEGAS CONVENTION

4:00 p.m. ~ Saturday, November 17, 2007
Addison's Lounge ~ JW Marriott Las Vegas Resort & Spa at Summerlin

We are thrilled to announce the AABA's selection as the first ever NAPABA Affiliate of the Year! The award will be presented to the AABA at the NAPABA Convention on Friday, November 16th during the luncheon program. Please join us the following afternoon for a special, informal reception celebrating our award. All friends of the AABA (members and non-members) are welcome to attend!

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Contact Emily Kuo at etkuo@yahoo.com for more information.



Save the Date for the AABA Holiday Party! Saturday, December 8th at Noon

Come join us for a festive finale to another successful year for the AABA. Open to AABA members and their significant others and families only.

**Details to follow by Evite,
so be sure to check your inboxes!**

OPPORTUNITIES

AABA 2008 OFFICER AND DIRECTOR ELECTIONS ~ Call for Nominations!

The AABA will soon be conducting elections for its 2008 Officers and 2008-2009 Elected Director. We encourage all qualified members to consider joining or continuing in the leadership of our bar organization. The following positions will be open and subject to vote by the AABA membership:

- President-Elect
- Vice President of Membership
- Vice President of Programs
- Vice President of Community Relations
- Vice President of Development
- Treasurer
- Secretary
- 2008-2009 Elected Director

Any current AABA attorney member in good standing may be nominated or nominate another attorney member for one of the positions listed above, the one exception being that all nominees for President-Elect must have served at least one previous term as an Officer of the AABA. Please send nominations in writing to AABA President Emily Kuo **by November 30, 2007** by e-mailing etkuo@yahoo.com or faxing **713.794.5025**. Feel free to contact Emily also or AABA President-Elect Catherine Than at ctha@delgadoacosta.com with any questions regarding the election process or Officer responsibilities.

OPPORTUNITIES (continued)

United States Attorney's Office Assistant United States Attorney Southern District of Texas • Announcement Number 07-SDTX-10 (Houston Civil)

Responsibilities and Opportunity Offered: The United States Attorney's Office for the Southern District of Texas seeks an experienced attorney to serve as an Assistant United States Attorney in the Civil Division of its Houston office. The incumbent will be responsible for a wide range of both affirmative and defensive litigation on behalf of the United States. Occasional travel may be required.

Required Qualifications: Applicants must possess a J.D. degree from an accredited law school and must be duly licensed and authorized to practice as an attorney under the laws of any state or territory of the United States or of the District of Columbia. Active bar membership (any jurisdiction) is required. Additionally, applicants must have at least three years of full-time experience as a licensed attorney.

Preferred Qualifications: Hiring preferences include at least five years of civil litigation experience, including the handling of some or all of the following types of cases: employment litigation, torts, immigration, and bankruptcy. Other desirable qualifications include first-chair federal trial experience, strong academics, outstanding organizational skills, superior legal writing and research ability, and a demonstrated commitment to professionalism, ethics, civility, and public service.

Salary Information: Pay for Assistant United States Attorneys is administratively determined, based in part on the number of years of professional attorney experience. The range of basic pay is \$41,643 to \$110,217, plus locality pay. The total starting salary for this position, however, will not exceed \$100,000 per year, including locality pay. Relocation expenses will not be authorized.

Application Process and Deadline Date: This position is open until filled. The initial cutoff date for receipt of applications is **November 7, 2007**. To apply, submit in hard copy only a resume, cover letter, and writing sample (20 pages maximum) to:

Mitch Neurock
Executive Assistant United States Attorney for Professional Development
United States Attorney's Office
P.O. Box 61129
Houston, Texas 77208-1129

No telephone calls or e-mails, please.

Internet Sites: This and other attorney vacancy announcements may be found at:
<http://www.usdoj.gov/oarm/attvacancies.html>.

NAPABA Law Foundation Mercedes-Benz Sweepstakes

Would you like a chance to win a \$50,000 Mercedes R-Class, while at the same time contributing to a worthy cause? The Law Foundation of the National Asian Pacific American Bar Association (NAPABA), the national umbrella organization of which the AABA of Houston is a local affiliate, is holding a sweepstakes drawing for a brand new 2007 Mercedes-Benz R350. Here is a summary of the details:

- A maximum of **only 6000** sweepstakes tickets will be distributed (and the total number of tickets sold may end up being considerably less than even this number)
- The drawing will be held at the NAPABA Annual Convention on November 17, 2007, and **you do not need to be present to win**
- The cost of each ticket is tax deductible to the extent permitted by law
- The suggested donation per ticket is \$50

All proceeds go to support the mission of the NAPABA Law Foundation to serve and educate Asian Pacific American communities. Please contact AABA President and NAPABA Vice-President-Elect for Membership Emily Kuo at etkuo@yahoo.com or 713.745.9692 with any questions or to purchase sweepstakes tickets. Feel free to spread the word to your friends and family as well!

COMMUNITY NEWS

Meet the Author: Dr. Susan Shirk, Author of *China: Fragile Superpower* ~ November 8, 2007

Once a sleeping giant, China today is the world's fastest growing economy – the leading manufacturer of cell phones, laptop computers, and digital cameras – a dramatic turnaround that alarms many Westerners. But in *China: Fragile Superpower*, Susan L. Shirk opens up the black box of Chinese politics and finds that the real danger lies elsewhere – not in China's astonishing growth, but in the deep insecurity of its leaders. Ms. Shirk is director of the University of California system-wide Institute on Global Conflict and Cooperation and professor of political science in the Graduate School of International Relations and Pacific Studies at the University of California, San Diego. She is also a former Deputy Assistant Secretary of State responsible for China. As part of the 2007-2008 BP Speakers Series, this author event is scheduled for 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. at the Houston Club, 811 Rusk Avenue. The cost is \$30 for Asia Society members, \$35 for non-members, and \$300 for a preferred table. For more information, please visit www.asiasociety.org or call 713.439.0265.

University of Houston Asian Alumni Association Scholarship Dinner ~ November 10, 2007

Honorary Co-Chairs Martha Wong and John Truong invite you to attend the UHAAA's Annual Dinner, which will be held in the Great Hall in the UH Athletics Alumni Center, 3100 Cullen Boulevard. The UHAAA was established to promote the welfare of the University of Houston, to reunite Asian alumni and friends for social and professional networking, and to organize scholarships and fundraising events such as this for the benefit of Asian students. The reception begins at 6:00 p.m., followed at 7:00 p.m. by a Pacific Rim buffet dinner, the program and entertainment, featuring Asian music, martial arts, a fashion show, and raffle drawings, and many other fun activities. The cost is \$25 per person, and dress is business casual or Asian chic attire. For more information and to reserve tickets, please visit www.mycougarconnection.com/Chapter.asp, or contact Rachelle Dismukes at 713.743.0828.

Taiwan & the U.S.: Partners in Security, Prosperity and Democracy ~ November 13, 2007

Taiwan's development into one of Asia's "little dragons" has served as a model for economic and social stability in the region. But progress has not always been smooth, and Taiwan faces many challenges. Taiwan's bid to enter the United Nations under its own name and proposed legislative changes have generated criticism from the United States as well as from China. Relations with China remain tentative at best, in spite of their expanding commercial ties and significant Taiwanese investment in the mainland. How will Taiwan navigate in an increasingly entwined world? How can America and Taiwan work together to promote regional prosperity and stability? Hear from Dr. Joseph Wu, representative of the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Washington, D.C., who will speak in the Monarch Room of the Westin Galleria Hotel, 5060 West Alabama. Registration begins at 11:30 a.m., and the program will take place from noon - 1:30 p.m. The cost is \$35 for members of the Houston World Affairs Council and \$45 for non-members. Please visit www.wachouston.org/0/88837/0/1170D1192/?modpage=EventDetails&fid=1&ec=106 for more information and to register for this event.

University of Houston Immigration Clinic Arrival Awards ~ November 13, 2007

The University of Houston Law Center presents the 5th Anniversary of the Arrival Awards, which will be presented in the Crystal Ballroom of the Rice Hotel, 909 Texas Avenue. This event will recognize and celebrate immigrant successes and achievements, while also raising critical support for the Immigration Clinic at the UH Law Center. The cocktail reception begins at 6:30 p.m., followed by the dinner and program at 7:30 p.m. Honorees for the evening will be Sam Abraham, president of Abrahams Oriental Rugs; Leeshan Birney, founder and principal of Stone Mountain Properties; and Leopoldo "Polo" Becerra, restaurateur, Polo's Signature/Post Oak Grill. Please visit www.law.uh.edu/news/evites/fall2007/alumni_Nov13.html for more information on the Awards, or contact the Office of External Affairs at 713.743.2201.

Trio con Brio Copenhagen Concert ~ November 13, 2007

Asia Society Texas is proud to collaborate with Houston Friends of Music to present Trio con Brio Copenhagen. Comprised of the Korean sisters Soo-Jin Hong and Soo-Kyung Hong and the Danish pianist Jens Elvekjaer, this stellar trio has been the recipient of numerous prizes, including the 2005 Kalichstein-Laredo-Robinson International Trio Award, which carried with it appearances on twenty major concert stages across the United States, including New York City's Carnegie Hall. This performance will be held at 8:00 p.m. in Stude Concert Hall at the Rice University Shepherd School of Music (Entrance 8 or 18 from University or Rice Boulevard). Asia Society members receive 10% off the single ticket prices of \$42, \$51, or \$61. For tickets and more information, please visit www.rice.edu/friends or call 713.348.5400.

COMMUNITY NEWS (continued)

Power Tools for Nonprofits ~ November 14, 2007

Since 1993, CenterPoint Energy has collaborated with the University of Houston Educational Technology and University Outreach to present the Power Tools for Nonprofits Conference. One of the most renowned conferences in Southeast Texas, Power Tools provides the high quality professional training to help nonprofit organizations attain the skills and education they need to work efficiently and effectively. The conference will be held in the Reliant Center from 7:30 a.m. - 4:15 p.m. and will feature seminars on financial and legal matters, human resources, marketing, public relations, operations, professional development, and more. For more details on the conference, please visit www.uh.edu/academics/dce/prog/np.html, or contact Beverly McLendon at 713.743.1181.

Asian Chamber of Commerce Monthly Luncheon ~ November 14, 2007

The Asian Chamber of Commerce cordially invites you to its November monthly luncheon, which will be held from 11:30 a.m. - 1:15 p.m. on the 21st floor roof of the Westin Oaks Hotel, 5011 Westheimer Road. A keynote address will be presented by Elisea Frishberg, co-founder of Biz Radio Network, who will discuss business opportunities "BEHIND THE FAME." 2007-2008 ACC membership directories will also be distributed at the luncheon. Admission is \$30 for ACC members, \$35 for non-members, and \$40 for walk-ins. Reservations may be made on-line at www.asianchamber-hou.org or by calling the Chamber office at 713.782.7222.

Pakistan's Cloudy Future ~ November 15, 2007

Relations between Pakistan and the United States have fluctuated widely in recent years. Faced with a political transition more dramatic than anything since President Musharraf took power in 1999, many in Pakistan are uncertain of what the future holds. Can the U.S. count on this country's support in its pursuit of the Taliban and al-Qaeda? Hear from Daniel Markey, senior fellow for India, Pakistan, and South Asia at the Council on Foreign Relations, whose areas of expertise are security and governance in South Asia, international conflict, theories of international relations, and U.S. foreign policy. He previously also held the South Asia portfolio on the Policy Planning Staff at the U.S. Department of State. Mr. Markey will speak in the Ballroom of the Junior League, 1811 Briar Oaks Lane. Registration begins at 6:00 p.m., and the program will take place from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. This event is free for members of the Houston World Affairs Council and \$20 for non-members. Please visit www.wachouston.org/0/88837/0/1170D1192/?modpage=EventDetails&fid=1&ec=107 for more information and to register.

Growing Apart: Oil, Politics, and Economic Change in Indonesia and Nigeria ~ November 28, 2007

Indonesian and Nigerian politics paralleled each other to a remarkable degree before oil money came into play. Both were populous, ethnically diverse countries with abundant natural resources and histories of political turbulence and authoritarian rule. But despite these likenesses, the two countries have seen dramatic differences in economic performance over recent decades: Indonesia grew rapidly and was able to improve national standards of living, while Nigeria stagnated and experienced deepening poverty. Author and Johns Hopkins associate professor Peter Lewis, who will speak on November 28th in the Ballroom of the Junior League, 1811 Briar Oaks Lane, suggests that the explanation for this divergence is found in each country's way of confronting policy reform and developing institutions for economic growth. Based on the author's detailed study of forty years of economic change, *Growing Apart* offers conclusions about the policy decisions, governmental institutions, and political foundations needed for long-term economic growth. Registration begins at 6:00 p.m., and the program will take place from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. This event is free for members of the Houston World Affairs Council and \$20 for non-members. For more information, and to register, please visit www.wachouston.org/0/88837/0/1170D1192/?modpage=EventDetails&fid=1&ec=108.

Chinese Community Center Gala ~ November 29, 2007

The Chinese Community Center and its Board of Directors and Gala Committee request the pleasure of your company at the 2007 Gala, *Honoring Our Past, Embracing Our Future*, which will be held at 6:00 p.m. at the InterContinental Houston Hotel, 2222 West Loop South. KPRC Channel 2 Anchor Jerome Gray will preside as Master of Ceremonies over the black tie dinner and program featuring live music from Mariachi Imperial de America, an exclusive and limited live auction, and keynote address by Marvin Odum, executive vice president of Shell Oil Company. The CCC will also honor Dr. Carolyn Farb for her three decades of volunteerism; the world-renowned Flying Tigers for their World War II heroism; CenterPoint Energy for its continuing community support; Thomas Au; and Helen Chang. Please visit www.ccchouston.org/ccg-gala-2007.htm for more information and to RSVP, or contact Rebecca Maitland at 713.271.6100, ext. 102.

CORPORATE COUNSEL BULLETIN

Inventive Means to Conduct Compliance Training

November 6, 2007 ~ 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

The HESS Club ~ 5430 Westheimer Road

You must conduct compliance training. We all know that. But it's boring. Your clients do not want to sit through it, and you worry that the message isn't being received. Your business people say the training is too vague and not in their language. You struggle to secure participation. We have solutions! Sponsored by Sutherland Asbill & Brennan LLP, this luncheon is presented by the Association of Corporate Counsel, Houston Chapter, and has been approved for 1.0 hour of MCLE credit. The cost is \$20 for ACC members and \$25 for non-members. To RSVP, please contact Kathleen Yarborough at kathleen@amchouston.com or 713.839.0808.

ACC Holiday Party

November 29, 2007 ~ 6:00 p.m.

Smith & Wollensky ~ 4007 Westheimer Road

Start your holiday season off with your friends and colleagues at the Association of Corporate Counsel! This year's annual ACC Holiday Party is sponsored by IE Discovery. To RSVP, please contact Kathleen Yarborough at kathleen@amchouston.com or 713.839.0808.

Get to Know an AABA Member!



Indranil Chowdhury
Chowdhury & Georgakis, P.C.

If I weren't an attorney, I would be... an educator, high school teacher, college professor, or law school professor.

My favorite (or fantasy) vacations are... hiking mountains around Shimla, India; Palace on Wheels train journey in India; and pilgrimages to Hindu and Buddhist temples in India, Southeast Asia, and China.

In my spare time, I enjoy... doing all kinds of fun things with my wife Santana and two beautiful daughters, Deepanjali and Shoumili!

In my iPod (or other mp3 device), you will find... the complete works of John Lennon and songs from Bollywood movie hits.

Most AABA members probably don't know that I... am an avid builder of model airplanes, cars, spacecraft, and other scale models.

The best restaurant in Houston is... Kim Son in Fountains.

My favorite place in Houston is... the observation deck of Chase Tower in downtown Houston. Wow, what a view!

The sports teams I root for are... the Green Bay Packers and Houston Rockets.

If I won the lottery, I would... save money for my daughters' college costs and create scholarship foundations at UT Austin and Georgetown Law School.

I recommend reading... *The Adventures of Winnie-the-Pooh* – I have been reading these books to my five year old daughter Deepanjali for the last three months; and I have almost memorized them!

You forgot to ask me about... who is my hero and role model in life?... my father.

The AABA welcomes the following new and renewing members!

Wen "Jessica" Chen

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The AABA is accepting membership applications and renewals for 2008! You may apply for membership on-line at www.aabahouston.com or by completing and submitting the attached form and dues. Members of the AABA receive significant discounts to all AABA events, as well as invitations to exclusive members-only seminars and programs such as the annual Corporate Counsel Dinner and inclusion in the printed Attorney Profiles Directory. Become an AABA member today, and gain access to all of the networking, career enhancement, mentorship, and volunteer opportunities and resources that the AABA has to offer!

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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.



Asian American Bar Association of Houston
2008 Membership Application/Renewal

- Law Student • Retired Attorney
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(Next Two Questions for Attorneys Only:)

Would you like your business contact information published in the 2008 AABA Directory? Yes No

Would you like your business contact information published in the AABA On-Line Directory? Yes No

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