

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 2008 ANNUAL MEETING & INSTALLATION BANQUET



From L to R: Hon. Jay Karahan, Helene Dang, Emily Kuo, Raj Sharma, Catherine Than, and Hon. Charles Bacarisse

Eunice Song, Lynn Chuang Kramer, and Audrey Chang



Hon. Sharolyn Wood administering the oath of office

The AABA's 2008 Officers and Committee Chairs

On January 16, 2008, the AABA held the annual meeting of its general membership and installation banquet at Café Le Jadeite. Following the meeting, the Honorable Sharolyn Wood administered the oath of office to the AABA's incoming officers for 2008. Those officers are: Catherine Than (President), Warren Huang (President-Elect), Judy Y. Liu (V.P. of Membership), Joyce Kao Soliman (V.P. of Programs), Jason Luong (V.P. of Development), Lynn Chuang Kramer (V.P. of Community Relations), Steve C. Bae (Treasurer), and Julie Pi Evans (Secretary). The AABA regrets that Daniel Albert, who was sworn in as Treasurer, submitted his resignation in late-January to pursue a clerkship at the United States Tax Court in Washington, D.C. The AABA wishes Daniel the best of luck! Steve C. Bae – the AABA's treasurer for 2006 and 2007 – has been appointed to serve the remainder of Daniel's term.

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AABA LUNAR NEW YEAR DIM SUM CELEBRATION

*Welcome the New Year with
friends and family!*



FUNG'S KITCHEN SEAFOOD RESTAURANT

7320 Southwest Freeway

**FEBRUARY 23, 2008
11:30 A.M.**

**\$10 for AABA Members, \$15 for
Non-Members, and \$5 for Children
3 Years and Up**

Please RSVP to David Chang
(dchang@mayerbrown.com) or online at
www.aabahouston.com

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AABA MENTORSHIP PROGRAM KICKOFF RECEPTION



AKA SUSHI
FEBRUARY 26, 2008
6:00 P.M. – 7:30 P.M.

**Free for Mentors & Mentees /
\$5 for Other Attendees**

**Please RSVP to Eunice Song (esong@gardere.com)
or Audrey Chang (achang@gardere.com)**



The AABA is in the process of organizing its mentorship program for 2008. The program has been a huge success the past few years and provided invaluable assistance to Asian American law students as they take their first steps toward a long and successful legal career. If you are interested in participating in the program as either a mentor or a mentee, please complete the application forms attached at the end of the newsletter.

For more information on the mentorship program, please contact either of our Mentorship and Law School Relations Committee Chairs – Eunice Song (esong@gardere.com) or Audrey Chang (achang@gardere.com).

COMMUNITY NEWS & EVENTS

February 2, 2008, 6:30 P.M. / 2008 Chinese New Year Performance: Houston Chinese New Year Multi-Art Performance Day / University of Houston, Cullen Hall

For more information, please call (713) 826-9818.

February 9, 2008, 10:00 A.M.-4:00 P.M. / Chinese Community Center: Lunar New Year Festival / Chinese Community Center (9800 Town Park)

Admission and parking is free. There will be dragon and lion dances, Asian food specialties, an Asian heritage tour, and fun for the family. For more information, please visit www.ccchouston.org.

February 13, 2008, 11:30 A.M.-1:15 P.M. / Asian Chamber of Commerce: February Monthly Luncheon / Westin Oaks Hotel, 21st Floor, The Roof Top

The Asian Chamber of Commerce of Houston will be holding their monthly luncheon, with guest speaker Monica Gil (VP of Communications and Public Affairs for the Nielson Company). Admission is \$30 for members and \$35 for non-members. For more information, please visit www.asianchamber-hou.org.

February 22, 2008 / Texas Women Lawyers' Annual CLE: "Excellence in Law! Excellence in Life!" / University of Texas, Thompson Conference Center, Austin, Texas

This power-packed day of CLE and networking will explore these questions: (1) how do you chart the course that's right for you; (2) what are our mentoring and retention pathways forward; (3) how do we seize the day for our marketing efforts; and (4) what is the impact of our careers and work in the legislative and non-profit arenas? For more information and to register, please visit www.powersfrost.com (Events Tab).

February 24, 2008, 3:00 P.M.-7:00 P.M. / Viet Hoa Center (8300 W. Sam Houston Parkway South @ Beechnut), Houston, Texas

There will be lion and dragon dances and firecrackers! Admission is free. For more information, please contact Viet Hoa Center.

March 26-28, 2008 / Minority Corporate Counsel Association: 2008 CLE Expo / Marriott Downtown Hotel, Chicago, Illinois

The MCCA's goal in presenting the conference is to build bridges of opportunity by bringing together the best and the brightest, with a special emphasis on talented minority and women attorneys who will share their expertise on their substantive legal practice areas. For more information and to register, please visit www.mcca.com.

June 26-27, 2008 / 2008 National Conference for the Minority Lawyer / San Jose, California

The conference will offer attendees a combination of practical training sessions and cutting-edge, substantive CLE programs designed specifically for minority business lawyers, litigators, and government lawyers. The 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. In addition, the conference is designed to foster personal interaction with other lawyers of color, including networking receptions, luncheons, and opportunities to share with, and learn from, the experiences of all in attendance. For more information, please visit www.abanet.org.

OPPORTUNITIES

Position: Business & Finance/Transactional Associate (HO)

Location: Houston, TX

Company: Morgan, Lewis & Bockius LLP

Description: Morgan Lewis, an international law firm with more than 1,400 attorneys, is looking to hire a junior- to mid-level business & finance/transactional associate to join our dynamic, growing practice in the Houston office.

Qualifications: Interested candidates should have strong academic credentials and excellent writing skills.

Contact: Apply for this position by clicking on this link:

https://lawcruitweb.micronapps.com/lc_application.asp?lawfirm=MORGAN&lawfirm_id=106. Please submit resume, writing sample, and law school transcripts using the online application system link above. This link will only work with a MS Windows computer. All others are invited to apply by forwarding their cover materials to the attention of Jennifer Kraemer, Legal Recruiting Manager for the Houston office. All inquiries will be kept confidential. Equal Opportunity Employer. MFDV



Position: Litigation Associates (HO)

Location: Houston, TX

Company: Morgan, Lewis & Bockius LLP

Description: Morgan Lewis, an international law firm with more than 1,400 attorneys, is looking to hire junior- to mid-level litigation associates to join our dynamic, growing litigation practice in the Houston office.

Qualifications: Interested candidates should have strong academic credentials and excellent writing skills.

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Position: Business & Corporate/Commercial Litigation Associate (HO)

Location: Houston, TX

Company: Morgan, Lewis & Bockius LLP

Description: Morgan Lewis, an international law firm with more than 1,400 attorneys, is looking to hire a junior- to mid-level litigation associate, specifically with experience in commercial litigation matters, to join our dynamic, growing litigation practice in the Houston office.

Qualifications: Interested candidates should have strong academic credentials and excellent writing skills.

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OPPORTUNITIES (Continued)

Position: Intellectual Property Litigation Associate (HO)
Location: Houston, TX
Company: Morgan, Lewis & Bockius LLP

Description: Morgan Lewis, an international law firm with more than 1,400 attorneys, is looking to hire a junior- to mid-level litigation associate, specifically with experience in intellectual property litigation matters, to join our dynamic, growing litigation practice in the Houston office.

Qualifications: Interested candidates should have strong academic credentials and excellent writing skills.

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Position: Products Liability Litigation Associate (HO)
Location: Houston, TX
Company: Morgan, Lewis & Bockius LLP

Description: Morgan Lewis, an international law firm with more than 1,400 attorneys, is looking to hire a junior- to mid-level litigation associate, specifically with experience in products liability or toxic tort matters, to join our dynamic, growing litigation practice in the Houston office.

Qualifications: Interested candidates should have strong academic credentials and excellent writing skills.

Contact: Apply for this position by clicking on this link:

https://lawcruitweb.micronapps.com/lc_application.asp?lawfirm=MORGAN&lawfirm_id=106. Please submit resume, writing sample, and law school transcripts using the online application system link above. This link will only work with a MS Windows computer. All others are invited to apply by forwarding their cover materials to the attention of Jennifer Kraemer, Legal Recruiting Manager for the Houston office. All inquiries will be kept confidential. Equal Opportunity Employer. MFDV

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SIDEBAR

AABA Board Member Honorable Theresa Chang is running for re-election as Harris County District Clerk. There will be a campaign kick-off event hosted by County Commissioner Steve Radack on February 8, 2008, at Ocean Palace (11215 Bellaire), from 6:30 P.M. to 8:30 P.M. Theresa also encourages AABA members to vote her "Well Qualified" in the Houston Bar Association's Bar Qualification Poll.

If you would like more information about or would like to lend your support to Theresa's campaign, please write to: Theresa Chang for District Clerk, 3100 Timmons Lane, Suite 555, Houston, Texas 77027 or e-mail Theresa at TheresaChangDC@aol.com.



Congratulations to AABA Secretary Julie Pi Evans and her husband Peter on the birth of their son, Benjamin Jin Evans (7 lbs., 8 oz., 19.5 in.), on January 16, 2008!



Congratulations to AABA member Jenny Phan and her husband James on the birth of their son, Aiden James Wu (5 lbs., 13 oz., 19.25 in.), on January 21, 2008!



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.

Get to Know an AABA Member!



DAT TRAN of AGL Resources

If I weren't an attorney, I would be...working at Pizza Hut.

My favorite (or fantasy) vacation is...touring all of Europe.

The best dessert (or other food) in the world is...not a big dessert fan but a well made ga luc lac (Vietnamese chicken dish) – yum.

In my spare time, I enjoy...playing golf.

In my iPod (or other mp3 device), you will find...80's and 90's one-hit wonders.

Most AABA members probably don't know that I...held a state high school record in the high-jump.

The best restaurant in Houston is...Mark's.

My favorite place in Houston is...the Asian shopping district, southwest.

The sports team(s) I root for is/are...all the Houston and UConn teams.

If I won the lottery, I would...buy a Pizza Hut (my kids love it).

I recommend reading...the J.R.R. Tolkein trilogy (Lord of the Rings).

You forgot to ask me about...my wonderful family: wife, Nancy, and three kids, Maggie (5), Simon (2), and newborn Samuel. Did I mention they love Pizza Hut pizza?



It's that time of year again . . . Renew your AABA membership!

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!

The AABA welcomes the following new members!

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South Texas College of Law

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Attorney at Law

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Tony Kuo
South Texas College of Law

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South Texas College of Law

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Mentee Application – AABA 2008 Mentorship Program

The goal of the Mentorship Program is to assist law students and new attorneys better define their legal career path through the sharing of an experienced attorney's wisdom, experiences and knowledge about the practice of law. In order to maximize the benefits of this program, Mentees and Mentors will be matched as closely as possible according to their areas of interest and practice, respectively. *Mentees and Mentors are encouraged to schedule a meeting once per month to 6 weeks and to remain in contact with each other on a regular basis throughout the year.*

Eligibility: Law students and attorneys with up to 1 year of legal experience are eligible to apply to be a Mentee.

Please note: Matches will be subject to availability. If you would like to participate in this program, please complete the form below.

The deadline to apply is February 15, 2008.

Name _____

Employer (for Attorneys) _____

Business Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone # _____

Email _____ State Bar Number (Attorneys) _____

Law School _____

Year of Graduation or Current Law School Year _____

Year(s) in Practice (for Attorneys) _____

Practice Area(s) of Interest _____

Your Goals & Expectations from the Mentorship Program _____

Please mail/fax/email a current Resume and a completed Form to:

Audrey Chang
Gardere Wynne Sewell LLP
1000 Louisiana, Suite 3400, Houston, Texas 77002
Email: achang@gardere.com Tel: (713) 276-5711 Fax: (713) 276-6711

Mentor Application – AABA 2008 Mentorship Program

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Eligibility: Attorneys with 2 or more years of legal experience are eligible to apply to be a Mentor.

If you would like to participate in this program, please complete the form below.

The deadline to apply is February 15, 2008.

Name _____

Employer _____

Employer Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone # _____

Email _____ State Bar Number _____

Law School _____

Year of Graduation _____

Year(s) in Practice _____

Practice Area(s) _____

Your Goals & Expectations from the Mentorship Program _____

Please mail/fax/email a completed Form to:

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Asian American Bar Association of Houston
2008 Membership Application/Renewal

- Law Student • Retired Attorney
Attorney with less than 3 years in practice • In-House or Non-Profit Counsel • Solo Practitioner • Auxiliary Member*
Attorney with 3 to 8 years in practice • Judge • Government Attorney
Attorney with 8+ years in practice

Bar Number and Jurisdiction

Last Name First Name

Employer

Address

City State ZIP

Office # Home #

Fax # E-Mail

Area(s) of Practice

Law School and Graduation Year Language(s)

(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

Please give us any comments or programming suggestions you might have:

Please indicate any committees on which you would be interested in serving:

- Gala Programs Social/Networking Community Relations/Pro Bono
Corporate Counsel Mentorship/Law School Relations

Make checks payable to AABA and submit application and fee to:

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Attn: Membership
P.O. Box 1554
Houston, TX 77251

Send any inquiries concerning AABA membership to
membership@aabahouston.com,
or contact Judy Y. Liu at 713.207.5465.

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