

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 HOSTS CLE ON GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE



On May 22, 2008, the AABA held its second CLE program of the year entitled "Recent Developments in the Grievance Procedure and How They Will Affect Your Law Practice." Robert Bennett of the Bennett Law Firm shared important (and eye-opening) information on the new grievance procedure in Texas with AABA members and other guests. Special thanks to Bob Bennett for taking the time to speak, AABA Vice President of Programs Joyce Soliman for organizing this program, and Porter & Hedges L.L.P. for hosting and providing lunch to attendees.

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AABA YOUNG PROFESSIONAL MIXER

On May 9th, AABA members joined 135 young professionals from other organizations, including Asia Society Young Professionals, Japan America Society - Young Professionals Group and World Affairs Council of Houston, to enjoy an evening of Mozart and Schumann with the Houston Symphony and internationally acclaimed Taiwanese-American violinist, Cho-Liang Lin. After the concert, members and other young professionals mixed and mingled with members of the orchestra during a private post-concert reception.



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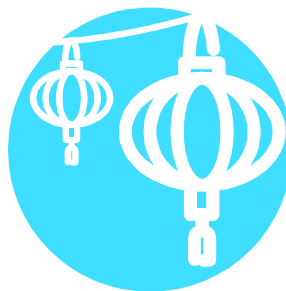
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FOR THE 2008
AABA GALA**



**SEPTEMBER 26, 2008
HILTON AMERICAS
HOTEL**



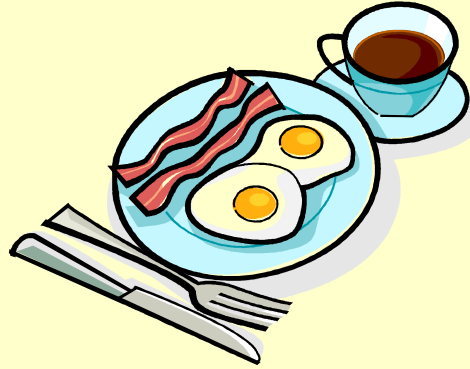
**KEYNOTE SPEAKER:
ELLEN SUMMER
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RISE AND SHINE!

Interested in going in-house?

Want to learn how to better serve your corporate clients?



Join us for the AABA's inaugural

BREAKFAST WITH THE GENERAL COUNSEL

featuring guest speaker

Scott E. Rozzell

General Counsel and Executive Vice President of CenterPoint Energy

Wednesday, June 18, 2008

7:30 a.m. Registration and Networking

8:00-9:00 a.m. Breakfast and Presentation

**InterContinental Hotel Houston
2222 West Loop South**

AABA members \$10, non-members \$25

**RSVP online at www.aabahouston.com
or with Judy Liu (judy.liu@centerpointenergy.com) by June 13, 2008**

BAKING WITH THE AABA



Learn quick and easy recipes to make summertime favorites –
Lemon Chiffon Cake, Crème Brulee and Chocolate Lava Cakes.

Baking with Art
Saturday, June 28, 2008
10:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

\$5 for AABA members and \$15 for non- members
Class size is limited, rsvp online at www.aabahouston.com

Call for nominations of the Impact Award

**Nominations are now being taken for the 2008
Impact Award to be given at this year's AABA
Gala.**

**Please submit any nominations to AABA
President, Catherine Than at
cthan@bickerstaff.com by June 6, 2008.**

**"Building on Our Legacy: 20 Years of NAPABA"
2008 NAPABA Convention
November 20, 21 and 22, 2008**



For more information please visit:
www.napaba.org/napaba/showpage.asp?code=convention

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

The AABA has volunteered to man the phones for the Houston Bar Association's Legal Lines Program on July 16, 2008 from 4:45 P.M. to 7:00 P.M. at the HBA's offices at 1001 Fannin, Suite 1300. For those of you who may not be familiar with the program, attorney volunteers answer telephone inquiries from the general public regarding a variety of legal issues. Attorneys with expertise in particular areas are available to assist volunteers, and volunteers are not expected to take on representation of any of the callers. We strongly encourage everyone to help with this worthy project. Please contact AABA VP of Community Relations Lynn Chuang Kramer (lkramer@munsch.com) to volunteer or for more information.

With the support of VN Teamwork and Lan Nguyen, Houston Volunteer Lawyers Program has initiated a monthly Asian Clinic at the offices of VN Teamwork. The first clinic took place on May 28, 2008 and was a great success. 40 clients were seen and 33 clients are requesting Estate Planning documents. If you would be interested in providing Estate Planning assistance to one of these applicants, please contact Tyrone Lin Tyrone.Lin@hvlp.org by July 12, 2008

The University of Texas at Austin School of Nursing is conducting two studies which are funded by National Institutes of Health (NIH) and National Institute of Nursing Research (NINR). The first study is "A Multiethnic Internet Study on Menopausal Symptoms", and the second one is "Ethnic Specific Midlife Women's Attitudes toward Physical Activity". These two studies are Internet studies, and Asian-American middle-aged women (40-60 years old) are needed to participate and make the data more complete. For more information please visit: <http://moms.nur.utexas.edu/MOMS/> and <http://mapa.nur.utexas.edu> or e-mail Chia-Chun Li at chiachunli@mail.utexas.edu In this study, each participant will be reimbursed with a Target gift certificate of 10 dollars per Internet survey.

OPPORTUNITIES

Weingarten Realty

Associate Counsel - Litigation / Construction Contracts – Houston, TX

Description of the Position: The Litigation / Construction Contracts Attorney will be responsible for: (i) managing the litigation docket, (ii) managing the preparation and execution of construction and professional service contracts, and (iii) serving as a trusted legal advisor to the business personnel. The approximate split is 75% managing litigation and 25% managing the construction and professional service contracts.

Essential Responsibilities: Litigation: Serves as legal advisor on litigation matters; Accurately identifies and assesses risks and determines and effectuates appropriate course of action in order to maximize recovery and minimize legal exposure of the company; Maintains accurate and current litigation database of all litigation matters; Engages, manages, directs and monitors performance of outside counsel along with monitoring and controlling litigation expenditures
Construction Contracts: Serves as legal advisor on issues related to design, engineering, consulting and construction contracts; Maintains accurate contract tracking system to monitor status of all contract requests; Works with the construction department to ensure consistency of approach with established company guidelines regarding contract terms; Directly develops agreements and contracts where practical; Engages, manages, directs and monitors performance of outside counsel along with monitoring and controlling legal expenditures.

Requirements: J.D. with a license to practice law in Texas. Minimum of 5 years of relevant and current experience in litigation. Experience with construction contracts is a definite plus but will train.

Interested candidates should contact Leanne Wells at 800.688.8865, ext. 6987, by June 9, 2008.

SIDEBAR

The AABA would like to congratulate Hoang Quan Vu (current Chair of the Board of the AABA) on his receipt of the 2008 Legal Diversity Award from the Texas Diversity Council.

The AABA would like to congratulate South Texas College of Law student Angela Ban (current AABA student member) for winning a Fulbright scholarship. Angela Ban will explore ways to use Taiwanese law to help preserve Taiwanese folk art, and she will study under the supervision of the curator of the Museum of Religion in Taipei, according to a STCL press release. The Fulbright Program is a scholarship and grant program sponsored by the U.S. Department of State that seeks to increase understanding between the United States and other nations. Ban, a first-generation American who grew up in Houston, also plans to take intensive language classes to improve her Chinese, the release notes. She'll be in Taiwan from August 2008 until June 2009.

COMMUNITY NEWS & EVENTS

June 8, 2008: 15th Annual Asia Society/MFAH Lecture on Asian Art: "The Many Faces of the Hindu Goddess Parvati" / Museum of Fine Arts, Houston, Brown Auditorium Theater, 1001 Bissonnet / 2:00 - 3:00 pm / Admission is free and open to the public.

Presented by Dr. Pratapaditya Pal, General Editor, Marg Publications, Mumbai Focusing on the statue of the Goddess Parvati created in the 11th century during the rule of the famous Chola dynasty in the South Indian state of Tamil Nadu, recently acquired by the museum, the lecture will discuss the many roles that the deity plays in Hindu mythology and temple art. Parvati, the daughter of the mountain Himalaya and the spouse of the god Shiva, is at once a nurturing mother and an avenging goddess. She is represented in Chola art in a wide variety of forms. Her multiple personalities will be explored through art, mythology and poetry and illustrated with slides.

June 11, 2008: June Monthly Luncheon / The Asian Chamber of Commerce / Westin Oaks 3rd Floor 5011 Westheimer / 11:30AM-1:15 PM / Registration Fee: Members: \$30.00 Non-Members: \$40.00

The keynote speaker for this event is Karen Narasaki. Karen Narasaki is a nationally renowned civil rights leader and human rights activist. She is the president and executive director of the Asian American Justice Center (AAJC). The AAJC is a Washington, D.C.-based, nonprofit civil rights organization whose mission is to advance the human and civil rights of Asian Pacific Americans through advocacy, public policy, public education and litigation.

June 12, 2008: The National Association of Asian American Professional of Houston (NAAAP)/ June Mixer / 702 W Dallas St Houston, TX 77019 (713) 654-8040 www.702houston.com / 6:30 PM to 9:00 PM

Come join the NAAP for their June Mixer at 702 Restaurant & Bar.

June 17, 2008: World Affairs Council of Houston / South Southeast An Illustrated Lecture Steve McCurry Photographer / Junior League The Ballroom 1811 Briar Oaks Lane / 6:00 p.m. / Members: FREE Non-members: \$20

Steve McCurry is recognized as one of today's finest image-makers. His photographs, including the haunting picture of an Afghan girl, have become modern icons, capturing the essence of human struggle and joy. His career was launched when, disguised in native garb, he crossed the Pakistan border into rebel-controlled Afghanistan just before the Russian invasion. When he emerged, he had rolls of film sewn into his clothes and images that would be published around the world as among the first to show the conflict there.

June 18, 2008: Indo-American Chamber of Commerce of Greater Houston / "Is It Time To Look At Career Options?" / Roof, Westin Oaks Hotel 5011 Westheimer 77056 / 6:30 P.M. / Free of charge.

This panel discussion is presented by The Indo-American Chamber of Commerce of Greater Houston together with The Prudential Insurance Company of America, Houston Minority Business Council and Leadership Houston. RSVP to iaccgh01@aol.com by June 15, 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.

National Conference of *Vietnamese* American Attorneys

Friday, August 15, 2008
Welcoming Reception Sponsored by
Pillsbury Winthrop Shaw Pittman, LLP
(San Francisco, CA)

Saturday, August 16, 2008
All day conference at
Golden Gate University School of Law

and
Closing Gala &
VABANC's 10th Anniversary Scholarship Dinner
at Yank Sing Restaurant
(San Francisco, CA)

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We currently have special registration rates with packages starting at \$275
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MEMBER SPOTLIGHT



Laila Hemani
Senior Counsel

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1. If I weren't an attorney, I would be . . .a doctor
2. My favorite (or fantasy) vacation is . . .Paris...walking, going to museums, the food, the wine...can't beat it....
3. The best dessert (or other food) in the world is . . .a warm chocolate croissant from Paul's in Paris
4. In my spare time, I enjoy . . ."trying" to golf and spending time with Friends
5. In my iPod (or other mp3 device) you will find . . .a variety of music from R&B to Rock to Country to Classical.
6. Most AABA members probably don't know that I . . .work with Mark Lee
7. The best restaurant in Houston is . . .Mark's
8. My favorite place in Houston is . . . the Arboretum
9. The sports team(s) I root for is/are . . .any Houston team that is winning....I am a fair weather fan....
10. If I won the lottery, I would . . .Travel and do charity work...
11. I recommend reading . . .World Without End by Ken Follett
12. You forgot to ask me about . . .work...well maybe you didn't forget.



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

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P.O. Box 1554
Houston, TX 77251

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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.