

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.

## CAREER NIGHT 2008



On April 21, 2008, the AABA held its annual Career Night for local law students at the South Texas College of Law. AABA Mentorship and Law School Relations Committee Co-Chairs Audrey Chang and Eunice Song moderated panel discussions on choosing a career path and workplace etiquette. Special thanks to Audrey and Eunice for organizing this informative event as well as our panelists – Honorable John Coselli (125th Judicial District Court), Daniel Hu (U.S. Attorney's Office), Robert Sohns (Lone Star Legal Aid), Patricia Lin (Chevron), Quan Vu (Mayer Brown), Stephen Elison (Gardere) and Jill Buja (Gardere) – for sharing their knowledge and experience! Additional special thanks to South Texas College of Law's Asian Pacific American Law Student Association for hosting and their help organizing the event!

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## AABA FAMILY DAY

On April 19, 2008, AABA members and their families gathered at Meyerland Park on a beautiful spring day for the organization's annual Family Day. Some members played softball while others chased the next generation of AABA members around the playground. Special thanks to AABA Social Committee Co-Chair Kay-Linh Pham for organizing this wonderful event!





## 2008 COMMITTEE CHAIRS

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## AABA FAMILY DAY (con't)



# Amadeus, Amadeus, Amadeus

Young Professional Mixer

Friday, May 9th 2008

Mozart: Violin Concerto No. 4  
Schumann Symphony No. 3, Rhenish

8:00 pm



Featuring  
Cho Liang Lin  
Taiwanese American  
Violinist

Admission: \$10

Evening or Professional Attire

Jones Hall - 615 Louisiana Street, Houston, TX

*After the concert, join other young professionals for drinks and hors d'oeuvres*

*Tickets are to be picked up at Jones Hall the day of the event.*

*Call (713) 439-9265 for reservations or visit:*

*<http://www.asiasociety.org/visit/texas/registration.html>*

*Reservations are required and space is limited.*

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AABA CLE SEMINAR SERIES:

**RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN THE GRIEVANCE  
PROCEDURE AND HOW THEY WILL AFFECT YOUR  
LAW PRACTICE**

**Featured Speaker:**

***Robert S. Bennett (Bennett Law Firm)***



**May 2008**

**Date and time to be announced soon**

**Registration: 11:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.**

**Program and Q&A Session: 12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.**

**Porter & Hedges L.L.P.**

**1000 Main Street, Suite 36th Floor**

**Free for AABA Members / \$20 for Non-Members**

**Lunch Will Be Provided, Courtesy of Porter & Hedges L.L.P.**

**RSVP Online at [www.aabahouston.com](http://www.aabahouston.com)**

Come learn about some of the common problems facing attorneys that may result in professional misconduct, and hear an overview of the new attorney grievance procedure in Texas. For over twenty years, Mr. Bennett's law firm has represented attorneys and judges in administrative and grievance matters involving professional misconduct. \*\* Approved for 1.0 hour MCLE Ethics credit \*\*

Visitor parking in the Reliant Energy Plaza parking garage (subject to space availability) will be validated.



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



Lock in your reservation early! For room reservations, call (888) 627-7056 and indicate you are attending NAPABA's Annual Convention. Be sure to call by October 21, 2008 to receive our group rate of \$179+tax.

To book online go to:

<http://www.starwoodmeeting.com/StarGroupsWeb/booking/reservation?id=0803122121&key=E7397>

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## **OPPORTUNITIES**

### **Transactional Attorney Position in Shanghai, China**

A large, international law firm is seeking Partner-level candidates to join their growing Shanghai office. A portable book of business related to China, as well as Mandarin language skills, are preferred, but not required. A demonstrated ability to develop business, however, is a must. The ideal candidate will have a strong transactional background, including experience with M&A and real estate work, and will be willing to live in Shanghai for 3-5 years and be an essential part of growing the firm's practice in Shanghai. This firm is consistently ranked as one of the best firms internationally, and is also ranked at the top for its corporate and Asia practice groups. Interested candidates should contact Helen Kim at [hkim@lucasgroup.com](mailto:hkim@lucasgroup.com) or 404.260.7151.

# OPPORTUNITIES (con't)

## The University of Texas M. D. Anderson Cancer Center Senior Legal Officer - Intellectual Property Section

Description of Position: The mission of The University of Texas M. D. Anderson Cancer Center is to eliminate cancer in Texas, the nation, and the world through outstanding programs that integrate patient care, research, and prevention, and through education for undergraduate and graduate students, trainees, professionals, employees, and the public. The Senior Legal Officer will provide legal counsel, assistance, analysis, and guidance on intellectual property law and legal issues involving patents, copyrights, trademarks, and trade secrets, and on intellectual property-related business and transactional matters involving M. D. Anderson, with a particular emphasis on transactions and legal issues concerning the patentability, development, and commercialization of M. D. Anderson inventions and technology. The Senior Legal Officer will serve as a dedicated resource to the Office of Technology Commercialization.

Education and Experience: J.D. degree and seven (7) years as an attorney in a law firm and/or corporate/business legal department with significant patent and technology licensing experience and a background in intellectual property law. Preferred: undergraduate degree in science or engineering fields; member of the Patent Bar. Interested candidates should contact Emily Kuo at [etkuo@mdanderson.org](mailto:etkuo@mdanderson.org) or (713) 745-9692. Please visit [http://www.mdanderson.org/about\\_mda/careers/](http://www.mdanderson.org/about_mda/careers/) for more information.

## Executive Director of National Asian Pacific American Bar Association

Description of Position: NAPABA seeks an experienced individual to serve as its Executive Director in Washington, D.C. to coordinate and to direct the overall operation of the organization. The Executive Director will report to the Board of Governors and supervise four full-time staff, along with additional interns and volunteers. The Executive Director will have the following general responsibilities: (1) Management and administration (supervise NAPABA office staff, provide member services, assess key needs of the organization such as facilities and technology infrastructure to promote highest level of efficiency, assist NAPABA President-Elect with annual national convention planning, assist NAPABA Vice President for Membership with recruitment, assist NAPABA Treasurer with budget development); (2) programs and policy (assist NAPABA Board and Committee Chairs to execute, coordinate, and develop and coordinate NAPABA programs and policy, serve as NAPABA's liaison with other bar associations (e.g., other minority bar associations, the ABA), other Asian Pacific American organizations, and the media, assist with legislative and other policy efforts, and (3) fundraising (to develop, coordinate, and execute development efforts, maintain donor relationship and sponsorship records, assist NAPABA Vice President for Finance and Development with sponsor relations and work with the NAPABA Law Foundation (NAPABA's charitable and educational affiliate).

Requirements: Outstanding leadership, communication, management, and administrative skills; ability to work effectively and cooperatively with NAPABA Board, committees, members, and the APA community; demonstrated knowledge of and commitment to legal issues affecting the APA community; experience in non-profit fundraising; experience in media/public relations; computer proficiency, including word processing, database usage, and spreadsheets; some travel required (e.g., attendance at NAPABA Board meetings, annual conventions, and regional conferences); J.D. strongly preferred, but not required.

Contact: Position is available on June 1, 2008 and salary is commensurate with experience. The application deadline remains open until the position is filled. Please send a statement of interest, resume, and the names, addresses, and telephone numbers of three work-related references (including at least one from a current or recent supervisor) to: NAPABA Executive Director Search Committee, c/o Nimesh M. Patel, Esq.; Thelen Reid Brown Raysman & Steiner L.L.P., 701 Eighth Street, N.W.; Washington, D.C. 20001. Applications also may be sent by fax to (202) 654-3354 or by e-mail to [npatel@thelen.com](mailto:npatel@thelen.com). No telephone inquiries, please.

## COMMUNITY NEWS & EVENTS

**May 14, 2008: May Monthly Luncheon / The Asian Chamber of Commerce / Westin Galleria Plaza Room, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor / 5060 West Alabama / 11:30 A.M. – 1:15 P.M.**

Keynote speaker: Dr. Renu Khator, Chancellor/President, University of Houston. The cost is \$30 for members and \$35 for non-members. RSVP at <http://asianchamber-hou.org/events.php>.

**May 15, 2008: Groundbreaking Ceremonies for Asia Society Texas Center / Asia Society of Texas / 1370 Southmore, Houston, TX 77004 / 10:00 A.M. to 11:00 A.M.**

Houston Mayor Bill White and other local and national dignitaries will help break ground for the future home of Asia Society Texas Center, designed by Yoshio Taniguchi and strategically located in Houston's Museum District. A temporary, proportional mock-up of the two-story entry corner of the building has been erected on the site and will remain in place until construction begins in mid-summer. Completion of the build-out is expected in 2010. To RSVP, please call 713-439-0265.

**May 17, 2008: Radiohead Concert / MTV Exit Campaign & Boat People SOS / Cynthia Woods Mitchell Pavilion / 2005 Lake Robbins Drive The Woodlands, Texas 77380 / 6:00 P.M.**

BPSOS has agreed to help MTV EXIT Campaign to recruit 5 passionate volunteers to engage the audience and make people aware of human trafficking, at the same time, to distribute 3000 MTV EXIT booklets at Radiohead concert in Houston on May 17th at the Cynthia Woods Mitchell Pavilion. You will receive passes to be at the venue and watch the show! Please contact An Phong Vo at [anphong.vo@bpsos.org](mailto:anphong.vo@bpsos.org).

**May 22, 2008: Asian/Pacific American Heritage Association Anniversary Gala / Westin Oaks Galleria Grand Ballroom / 5011 Westheimer Rd. 77056 / 6:00 P.M.**

2008 Gala Chairpersons Yuki Rogers & Sean Carter, the Honorary Steering Committee, and the Board of Directors of the Asian/Pacific American Heritage Association cordially invite you to join us at APAHA's Sixteenth Anniversary Gala on May 22 at the Westin Oaks as we celebrate "Our Heritage, Our Strength" by honoring:

President George H.W. Bush Achievement in Education Award : Dr. Renu Khator, Chancellor of the University of Houston System & President of the University of Houston

President George H.W. Bush Achievement in the Arts Award : Mr. Ashok Rao, CEO of Excalibur Pictures & Producer of "Before the Rains" and "The Whisperers"

APA Achievement in the Culinary Arts Award: Mr. Martin Yan, Master Chef, celebrated author, and legendary host of "Yan Can Cook."

The 2008 Gala features an exciting "Red Carpet Bollywood" theme, with live entertainment by Music Masala; highlighted by a Guest of Honor appearance by Linus Roache, Golden Globe nominee and award-winning star of □Law & Order□ and □Before the Rains.□Houston's own celebrity Deborah Duncan (KHOU 11) serve as Mistress of Ceremonies. Please join APAHA at the 2008 Gala by becoming a sponsor or purchasing tickets at <http://gala08.eventbrite.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).**



