

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.

## 2009 AABA/HVLP/OCA GREATER HOUSTON CHAPTER/CATHOLIC CHARITIES NATURALIZATION AND CITIZENSHIP CLINIC

On November 14, 2009, the AABA, Houston Volunteer Lawyers Program, OCA Greater Houston Chapter, and Catholic Charities held their inaugural Naturalization and Citizenship Clinic at MetroBank Community Center. Volunteers provided pro bono assistance to over 35 individuals, helping them complete applications for naturalization and providing general immigration advice. Special thanks to MetroBank, all of our co-sponsors, and all of our hardworking volunteers for spending a Saturday providing this much-needed service to the Asian-American community!



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# 2009 NATURALIZATION AND CITIZENSHIP CLINIC (cont'd)



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## AABA ELECTION UPDATE

The nomination period closed on November 30, 2009. Below is a list of the nominees for the officer and elected board member positions:

President Elect: Audrey Chang

VP of Community Relations: David N. Chang

VP of Development: Juvie Cruz

VP of Membership: David Hsu and Lam Nguyen

VP of Programs: Helene Dang

Secretary: Alice Huang

Treasurer: Julie Pi Evans

2010-2011 Board of Director: Judy Liu

To correct a misstatement in the November 2009 Newsletter, ballots, personal statements for the candidates, and voting instructions will be distributed on December 7, 2009. Voting will begin immediately thereafter and continue through December 14, 2009. We anticipate announcing the results of the election no later than December 18, 2009.

**ONLY AABA GENERAL MEMBERS IN GOOD STANDING (AABA MEMBERS WHO ARE LICENSED ATTORNEYS) ARE ELIGIBLE TO VOTE.**

Feel free to contact President Warren Huang (713-651-3633 / [whuang@fulbright.com](mailto:whuang@fulbright.com)) or President-Elect Joyce Kao Soliman (713-226-6685 / [jsoliman@porterhedges.com](mailto:jsoliman@porterhedges.com)) with any questions regarding the election process.

## FIFTH ANNUAL CORPORATE COUNSEL DINNER

On November 4, 2009, the AABA held its Fifth Annual Corporate Counsel Dinner at Pappas Bros. Steakhouse. The guest speaker was Edwin J. Buckingham, III, Senior Executive Vice President and Region General Counsel of Solvay North America, LLC. With over 50 attendees, both in-house and outside counsel enjoyed an evening of fine food and the opportunity to get to know each other better.

Special thanks to Mr. Buckingham as well as the event sponsors, Exxon Mobil Corporation and Gardere Wynne Sewell LLP, in-kind donor, Porch Swing Desserts, and the Corporate Counsel Co-Chairs, David Chang, Jenny Hyun and Eunice Song!



# AABA HOLIDAY PARTY AND TOY DRIVE



Come join the AABA in celebrating the holidays at its  
Annual Holiday Party!

**Saturday, December 12, 2009**

**11 a.m. - 2 p.m.**

**Kim Son Restaurant  
10603 Bellaire Blvd.**

Lunch will be served

(Please note that this is the Kim Son at Bellaire & Beltway 8)

All attendees are encouraged to bring an unwrapped gift for a child as part of the AABA's traditional toy drive benefiting Catholic Charities.

Admission is free for AABA members, and \$20 for non-AABA members. Admission is free for all children.

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

***We hope to see you there!***

# OPPORTUNITIES

## Chief Intellectual Property Counsel Texas A&M University System

The Texas A&M University System is taking applications for Chief Intellectual Property Counsel.

Primary duties for this position include:

- Provide counsel to System members on a wide range of intellectual property matters, including patent prosecution and infringement, copyright and trademark issues, patent portfolio management, antitrust issues, and settlement agreements.
- In coordination with the System's Office of Technology Commercialization and System members, assist in managing all System intellectual property.
- Lead legal counsel on business and commercial matters, including, but not limited to, transactional work and large commercial deals, counseling on transactional matters and day-to-day operational issues.
- Advise on compliance topics, including antitrust, governance and compliance issues.
- Assist the Attorney General of Texas with trial preparation and make court appearances as second chair counsel.
- Provide legal advice and counsel to System clients in judicial and administrative hearings that are not handled by the Attorney General of Texas.
- Participate in Office of General Counsel proactive legal counsel, i.e., workshops, briefing papers, newsletters, etc.

**Hiring Salary:** \$9,840 - \$14,761 per month

**Education/License Required:** B.A./B.S. plus an earned LLB or JD degree from an accredited law school. Member in good standing of the State Bar of Texas, or will seek a Texas law license through reciprocity or by sitting for the Texas Bar examination within 12 months of hire date.

**Experience/Skills Required:** Ten years as a licensed attorney. Effective written and oral communication skills and ability to manage a broad range of complex legal issues. Ability to multi-task and work cooperatively with others.

*For additional information about this position and how to apply, please go to*

<https://jobs.system.tamus.edu/applicants/jsp/shared/frameset/Frameset.jsp?time=12594757826>

# OPPORTUNITIES (Cont'd)

## Assistant General Counsel III Texas A&M University System

The Texas A&M University System is taking applications for Assistant General Counsel III.

Primary duties for this position include:

- **Institutional Compliance/Governance:** Provide legal advice and counsel to System administrators, faculty and staff in areas of institutional compliance and governance. This includes, but is not limited to, providing advice and counsel regarding federal, state, local and other compliance requirements which involves, but is not limited to, research, grants, financial student aid, athletics, export controls, immigration, environmental, health, and safety.
- Participate in and respond to internal and government-led investigations regarding compliance and enforcement matters.
- Interpret and provide counsel and guidance on new and emerging legal and regulatory issues at the federal and state levels and assist in the review, interpretation and drafting of System policies, regulations and guidance.
- Assist in drafting and preparing responses to proposed legislation and counseling on legislation passed into law.
- Draft requests for Attorney General Opinions, open records decisions and related amicus briefs.
- Develop well-researched internal legal memorandums and opinions.
- **Business Law & Intellectual Property:** Provide advice and counsel on various business law matters and intellectual property, which includes, but is not limited to, reviewing and drafting contracts, purchasing agreements, sponsored research agreements, affiliation agreements, memorandums of understanding, and negotiating and drafting agreements involving partnerships or investments in or from private entities.
- Work with the Office of Technology Commercialization in regards to intellectual property associated with patentable inventions and assist in managing and providing counsel regarding trademarks and copyrights.
- **Judicial & Administrative Hearings:** Provide legal advice and counsel to System clients in judicial and administrative hearings that are not handled by The Attorney General of Texas.
- **Client Communication:** Participate in Office of General Counsel proactive legal counsel, i.e. workshops, briefing papers, videos, newsletters, etc.

**Hiring Salary:** \$6,469 - \$8,333 per month

**Education/License Required:** B.A./B.S. plus an earned LLB or JD degree from an accredited law school. Member in good standing of the State Bar of Texas, or will seek a Texas law license through reciprocity or by sitting for the Texas Bar examination within 12 months of hire date.

**Experience/Skills Required:** Seven years as a licensed attorney. Effective written and oral communication skills and ability to manage a range of complex legal issues. Ability to multi-task and work cooperatively with others.

*For additional information about this position and how to apply, please go to*  
<https://jobs.system.tamus.edu/applicants/jsp/shared/frameset/Frameset.jsp?time=1259476500010>

## OPPORTUNITIES (Cont'd)

### U.S. Department of Justice Attorney-Advisor, Civil Rights Division, Disability Rights Section (GS-12 to 15)

**Closing Date: November 30, 2009**

**Salary Range:** Current salary and years of specialized experience will determine the appropriate salary level within the GS-12 to 15 range (\$73,100 through \$153,200 per annum).

**Duty Location:** The positions are located in Washington, D.C. Relocation expenses are not authorized. Final selection for this position will be subject to budgetary funding constraints.

The Civil Rights Division, U.S. Department of Justice, is seeking an experienced attorney to serve in the Disability Rights Section in Washington, D.C.

The [Disability Rights Section](#) implements the Americans with Disabilities Act which prohibits discrimination on the basis of disability in employment, transportation, public services, and places of public accommodation. The Section is responsible for developing the regulations that implement the ADA requirements that prohibit discrimination in the operation of state and local governments and places of public accommodation and require new construction and alterations to comply with federal standards for accessible design. The Section is also responsible for investigating alleged violations of the ADA, initiating enforcement litigation, providing extensive technical assistance to covered entities and to the public, certifying State and local accessibility codes that are equivalent to the ADA standards, and providing ADA policy guidance. The Section also coordinates the government-wide implementation of Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973.

The attorney-advisor selected for this position will be assigned to the unit in the Disability Rights Section that is responsible for developing and publishing regulations under Titles II and III of the ADA, including accessibility guidelines developed by the U.S. Architectural and Transportation Barriers Compliance Board (Access Board); responding to requests from state and local governments to certify that submitted accessibility codes are equivalent to the ADA Standards for Accessible Design; providing technical assistance to private sector organizations that develop model accessibility codes and standards and to members of the public; and providing legal or policy guidance and disability rights training to other federal agencies. This position will not include litigation responsibility.

Applicants must possess a J.D. degree, be an active member of the bar in good standing (any jurisdiction), and have a minimum of one year of post-J.D. legal experience. Applicants should possess knowledge of the laws outlined above, have strong interpersonal, organizational, writing, and oral communication skills. Occasional travel may be required.

*For additional information about this position and how to apply, please go to*

<http://www.justice.gov/oarm/jobs/attorney-advisor-drs-2009.htm>



## OPPORTUNITIES (Cont'd)

**U.S. Department of Justice  
Special Counsel for Fair Lending (GS-15)  
Civil Rights Division, Disability Rights Section**

**Closing Date: December 1, 2009**

**Salary Range:** Current salary and years of specialized experience will determine the appropriate salary level within the GS-15 range (\$120,830 through \$153,200 per annum).

**Duty Location:** The position is located in Washington, D.C. Relocation expenses are not authorized. Final selection for this position will be subject to budgetary funding constraints.

The [Civil Rights Division](#), U.S. Department of Justice, is seeking an experienced attorney for the position of Special Counsel for Fair Lending in the Office of the Assistant Attorney General (OAAG) in Washington, D.C. The OAAG is the office that establishes policy and provides executive direction and control over the enforcement actions within the Division.

The attorney hired under this announcement will work directly with leadership from the OAAG and the [Housing and Civil Enforcement Section](#). This section handles the Department's fair lending enforcement responsibilities under the Fair Housing Act (FHA) and the Equal Credit Opportunity Act (ECOA). The Section also has enforcement responsibilities relating to housing discrimination under the Fair Housing Act, and under Title II of the 1964 Civil Rights Act, the Religious Land Use and Institutionalized Persons Act and the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act.

The incumbent of this position will be responsible for duties such as, but not limited to: (1) oversee and coordinate litigation regarding the Division's active and complex fair lending program; (2) work with section management to develop and establish policy, strategies and priorities for the program; (3) personally handle some of the Division's most difficult and complex cases, when necessary; (4) coordinate with other federal agencies to develop strategies for effective and efficient data sharing and case referrals; and (5) conduct outreach and training presentations.

Applicants must possess a J.D. degree, be an active member of the bar in good standing (any jurisdiction), and have a minimum of five years of post-J.D. legal experience, including at least two years of experience related to fair lending issues. Applicants must have strong interpersonal, organizational, advocacy, writing and oral communication skills, as well as significant experience investigating, negotiating settlements and conducting litigation of federal court cases. In addition, applicants must have demonstrated supervisory and leadership skills. Travel will be required.

*For additional information about this position and how to apply, please go to*

<http://www.justice.gov/oarm/jobs/specialcounsellendinghce2009.htm>

# OPPORTUNITIES (Cont'd)

## U.S. Department of Justice Chief, Educational Opportunities Section (ES-0905)

**Closing Date: December 7, 2009**

**Salary Range:** \$117,787 - \$177,000 Per Annum. Senior Executive Service (SES) pay is determined within the pay range, commensurate with experience, superior leadership qualifications, and/or other competencies consistent with the Civil Rights Division's mission.

**Duty Location:** Washington, D.C. (one vacancy)

The [Civil Rights Division](#) is seeking a managing attorney to lead the [Educational Opportunities Section](#) in enforcing federal statutes that prohibit discrimination in public elementary and secondary schools and public colleges and universities. The Section's enforcement responsibilities include:

- Title IV of the Civil Rights Act of 1964;
- The Equal Educational Opportunities Act of 1974;
- Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act, upon receiving a proper referral from the U.S. Department of Education, Office for Civil Rights;
- Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964; and,
- Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972.

The successful candidate will:

- Lead directly and through subordinate supervisors, approximately 20 attorneys, civil rights analysts and support employees.
- Supervise the preparation of cases, including investigation, records analysis, drafting and filing of complaint, pre-trial discovery, writing of trial briefs, and trial.
- Direct and review investigations that arise from complaints regarding violations of applicable federal statutes.
- Consults and advises the Assistant Attorney General for Civil Rights and other Department of Justice officials regarding discrimination issues in public elementary and secondary schools and public colleges and universities.
- Confer with U.S. Attorneys in matters related to alleged discrimination in educational institutions.
- Resolve cases through settlement agreements, consent decrees, or litigation; and prepare recommendations for or against appeal and may brief or assist in the argument of the case on appeal.

Qualification Requirements:

Applicants must demonstrate that they meet each of the Executive Core Qualifications (ECQs) in addition to the technical/professional qualifications relevant to this position as these items will be used to access the relative standing of each applicant. All candidates must provide a supplemental statement that demonstrates strong possession of all of the technical/professional requirements as outlined below, and a narrative that separately addresses successful performance and creative leadership in prior managerial positions for each of the five Executive Core Qualifications (ECQs).

***For additional information about this position and how to apply, please go to***  
<http://www.justice.gov/oarm/jobs/vacanneoschief-09final.htm>

## OPPORTUNITIES (Cont'd)

### Intellectual Property Legal Assistant

A Northwest manufacturing company is seeking an Intellectual Property Legal Assistant with a minimum of 2+ years of experience working with patents/infringement. Candidates must be bilingual (Chinese/Mandarin). Salary range is between \$40,000-\$45,000, plus benefits. Qualified applicants, please submit your resume to: [imcglown@lumenlegal.com](mailto:imcglown@lumenlegal.com)

## SIDEBAR

**James C. Ho**, the Solicitor General of Texas, received the 2009 Presidential Award for outstanding service by the National Asian Pacific American Bar Association at its annual convention in Boston.

**Catherine Than**, 2008 AABA President, has been named to the partnership at Bickerstaff Heath Delgado Acosta LLP.

AABA President **Warren Huang** has been selected as one of the "Best Lawyers Under 40" for 2009 by the National Asian Pacific American Bar Association. Warren will be featured in an upcoming article in Diversity & The Bar, a prominent magazine published by the Minority Corporate Counsel Association.

***Congratulations James, Catherine, and Warren on these outstanding achievements!***

## MANY THANKS TO OUR 2009-2010 MAJOR UNDERWRITERS!

### PLATINUM UNDERWRITERS

**EXXON MOBIL CORPORATION  
GARDERE WYNNE SEWELL LLP**

### GOLD UNDERWRITERS

**BRACEWELL & GIULIANI LLP  
THE LANIER LAW FIRM**

**FULBRIGHT & JAWORSKI L.L.P.  
LOCKE LORD BISSELL & LIDDELL LLP**

# PROJECT BLUEPRINT

a blueprint for diversity in volunteer leadership

Project Blueprint is committed to ensuring that the board leadership of our nonprofit sector reflects the rich ethnic diversity of our Houston Community. Since its inception in 1988, Project Blueprint has prepared the next generation of emerging leaders from Houston's multi-cultural communities to fill key roles on boards and board committees. More than 650 well-trained leaders are providing the skills, resources and diverse perspectives needed to assist nonprofit organizations in improving performance and increasing their impact in the community.

## APPLICATION PROCESS

Applicants for Project Blueprint are recruited community wide. The goal is to identify an ethnically diverse pool of individuals who have the potential to assume leadership roles in the nonprofit sector.

Candidates for the Project Blueprint program may self-submit, or may be recommended by colleagues or coworkers. Project Blueprint alumni are encouraged to recommend applicants, as are corporations and nonprofit organizations.

The program fee is \$600.00 and is due after March 30, 2009, the applicant is notified of their acceptance into the program. The fee covers costs related to the program, including a two-day offsite retreat that is designed to foster camaraderie and team spirit among the participants. Participants are encouraged to seek corporate sponsorship where appropriate.

Classes convene in early spring and conclude with a recognition ceremony honoring the new Project Blueprint graduates.

## SELECTION CRITERIA

Class members are chosen based on criteria that include: professional experience, community involvement and leadership potential. Each class is demographically diverse in terms of age, gender, ethnicity, and professional occupation.

A Project Blueprint Volunteer Selection Committee reviews candidate applications, conducts personal interviews with the top applicants and selects the participants.

## PROGRAM COMPONENTS

Experts in all areas of nonprofit governance lead the participants through a comprehensive curriculum covering an array of topics related to board governance, crisis communication, legal and financial issues and fundraising.

Following graduation, Project Blueprint alumni are offered volunteer placement opportunities either with United Way or other nonprofit organizations.

### Project Blueprint participants enjoy these benefits:

- > **Leadership Training:** A series of workshop sessions that provides concentrated study of issues related to nonprofit leadership and management;
- > **Teambuilding:** A two-day retreat designed to build camaraderie among program participants and develop the skills that are essential to effective team interaction and functioning;
- > **Volunteer Placement:** Following completion of the program, Project Blueprint graduates are provided with placement opportunities in area nonprofits to exercise their new skills;
- > **Project Blueprint Alumni:** Graduates are important ambassadors for the program and support the annual recruitment and selection process. They have opportunities to increase their networks and to further develop their leadership skills through a variety of workshops and Project Blueprint events.

## Learn more about PROJECT BLUEPRINT

For more information, contact Karen B. White, Leadership Development Manager at 713-685-2711 or [kwhite@unitedwayhouston.org](mailto:kwhite@unitedwayhouston.org) OR complete and fax the following form to Project Blueprint Leadership Development Manager at 1-866-826-1068.

- My organization would like volunteer referrals for our board and committees.
- I would like to receive an application for participation in the next Project Blueprint class.
- I would like to nominate a candidate for the Project Blueprint program.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Organization \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip+4 \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Fax \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Thank you!

Project Blueprint  
United Way of Greater Houston  
P.O. Box 3247  
Houston, TX 77253-3247

Project Blueprint is a program of the United Way of Greater Houston.  
[www.unitedwayhouston.org](http://www.unitedwayhouston.org)



Project Blueprint  
United Way of Greater Houston  
P.O. Box 3247  
Houston, Texas 77253-3247



## How will PROJECT BLUEPRINT benefit you?

### As a Participant...

- > Strengthens your leadership and management skills
- > Provides valuable networking opportunities
- > Enhances your status as a member of a distinguished group of community leaders

### As a Nonprofit Organization...

- > Reduces time consuming tasks of locating, recruiting, and training board volunteers
- > Serves as a new source of leaders who know and care about the community
- > Offers representation that reflects the cultural diversity of the Community.

### As a Corporation...

- > Strengthens your company's community image and provides another avenue for community relations
- > Provides leadership and management training for your employees
- > Enhances your employees' ability to manage the cultural diversity that exists in the workplace

### For More Information:

phone: 713-685-2711  
web site: [www.unitedwayhouston.org](http://www.unitedwayhouston.org)

## PROJECT BLUEPRINT

a blueprint for diversity in volunteer leadership

You must be the change you want to see in the world.

Mahatma Gandhi



**Applications must be received at United Way no later than 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, December 15, 2009.**

An electronic version of the application can be downloaded from the United Way website:  
[www.unitedwayhouston.org](http://www.unitedwayhouston.org) (Project Blueprint).



## Call for Nominations - SBOT Minority Director

Nominations are now being accepted for Minority Director for the State Bar of Texas Board of Directors. Four appointed positions were created on the Board in order to increase minority participation as well as to provide representation from varying professional, geographic, and social environments. **Two of the four positions** will become vacant in 2010. The State Bar is committed to diversity and seeking leaders from the minority community. Thus, we ask you to take an active role in recruiting potential candidates for these Board positions. It is only through your outreach that we can be assured a large, diversified pool of candidates.

Nominees will be screened by an *ad hoc* committee comprised of members from the State Bar Board of Directors, Women in the Profession Committee, and the Racial Diversity in the Profession Committee. The *Ad Hoc* Committee will submit to the president of the State Bar four **nominations for the two vacant positions**. The Board of Directors will ratify the presidential appointments of the minority director at the April 16, 2010 State Bar Board meeting. The new Board member will serve a three-year term.

Section 1.04 of State Bar Board Policy specifies the criteria for selection of minority directors as follows:

- A. Any minority lawyer in good standing with the State Bar is eligible to be nominated as a Minority Director, provided such lawyer has never served, or is not currently serving as a Minority Director or as an elected Director. To the fullest extent possible, the nominating committee shall only nominate persons to be Minority Directors who demonstrate the sensitivity and knowledge gained from experience in the profession and the community necessary to represent the interests of minority lawyers.
- B. A minority means a member of the State Bar who is female, African-American, Hispanic American, Native American, or Asian American.
- C. The nominating committee shall be guided, but not limited, by the following criteria in selecting its nominees for Minority Director: the minority population of the area in which the candidate resides and practices; the degree of minority representation already on the Board from a particular geographic area; demonstration of leadership ability; involvement in civic or political activities within the minority community; participation in minority bar associations; participation in local bar, State Bar and American Bar Association committees and activities; year of licensure; number and content of recommendation letters; and ethnicity and gender.

**Nomination packages need to be postmarked by 5:00 p.m., December 15, 2009.** Self-nominations will not be accepted. Persons interested in being nominated for the position should submit the following:

- a nomination letter
- resume including information on bar participation, civic and political activities, ethnicity, gender, place of residence, and
- letters of recommendation.

**Submit the information requested to:**

Lisa Tatum, Chair  
*Ad Hoc* Committee to Select Minority Directors  
c/o State Bar of Texas  
1414 Colorado Street, Ste. 300  
Austin, TX 78701-1627

Please note that applying to be a minority director does not preclude an applicant from running from a geographic area. Petitions for the elected positions must be received at the State Bar headquarters by 5:00p.m. on March 1, 2010, in order to be considered.

## COMMUNITY NEWS & EVENTS

### **December 2, 2009 / Asian Houston Network Community Leadership Awards Luncheon, The Junior League, Houston, Texas**

Asian Houston Network and event chairs, Hon. Theresa Chang and Dr. Peter Chang, cordially invite you to the 2009 Community Leadership Awards Luncheon. Join us as we honor Donna Fujimoto Cole and Elsie Huang on Wednesday, December 2, 2009 (11:30 a.m. reception, 12:00 p.m. luncheon) at The Junior League, 1811 Briar Oaks Lane. Sponsorship levels and ticket prices are:

Platinum - \$5,000  
Gold - \$2,500  
Silver - \$1,500  
Bronze - \$750  
Patron Ticket: \$150  
Individual Ticket: \$50

Please R.S.V.P. by November 20. For questions, contact [info@asiahouston.org](mailto:info@asiahouston.org) or 281.575.7722. You may mail your check to Asia Houston Network, P.O. Box 130676, Houston, Texas 77219.

### **Dec. 4, 2009 / HBA: Civil Court Guardian Ad Litem Institute; Houston, Texas**

The HBA's Civil Court Guardian Ad Litem Institute will be held on Friday, December 4, 2009 from 1:30 - 4:15 p.m. at the Harris County Jury Assembly Room, 1019 Congress, with 2.5 hours MCLE, including 2.0 hours ethics credit. For the registration form and schedule, please go to [http://www.hba.org/folder-CLE/pdfs/GAL\\_inst2009.pdf](http://www.hba.org/folder-CLE/pdfs/GAL_inst2009.pdf).

### **Dec. 5, 2009 / Asia Society: An Evening of Classical Indian Music; Houston, Texas**

Join Asia Society for an evening concert of classical Indian music with local Houston-based artists David and Chandra Courtney. Mr. and Mrs. Courtney will not only perform but explain the Indian raga to those who are unfamiliar with the North Indian classical tradition. Dec. 5, 2009 from 4:30 to 6:00 p.m. at the Rothko Chapel, 1409 Sul Ross Street, Houston, Texas. Admission is free. Please RSVP to Aliya at [AliyaS@asiasoc.org](mailto:AliyaS@asiasoc.org) or by calling 713-439-0051, x 19.

### **Dec. 10, 2009 / HMSDC Seminar: The Ever Changing HR Legal Environment; Houston, Texas**

The Houston Minority Supplier Development Council invites you to a complimentary seminar entitled "The Ever Changing HR Legal Environment." Thursday, Dec. 10, 2009 from 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. at 4801 Woodway, Ste. 205E, Houston, Texas. To RSVP, please send an e-mail to Terry Williams at [terry.williams@hmbc.org](mailto:terry.williams@hmbc.org).

**If you would like to publicize job opportunities, community news, or personal SIDEBAR news, please contact AABA President-Elect, Joyce Kao Soliman, at [jsoliman@porterhedges.com](mailto:jsoliman@porterhedges.com).**

# Get to Know an AABA Member!



**Polin Chieu**

***Winstead PC***

**If I weren't an attorney, I would be . . .** Playing on the PGA Tour

**My favorite (or fantasy) vacation is . . .** a long trip to Europe

**The best dessert (or other food) in the world is . . .** Cheeseburger

**In my spare time, I enjoy . . .** Playing golf, watching movies, relaxing

**In my iPod (or other mp3 device) you will find . . .** Yeah yeah yeahs

**My favorite movie is . . .** Rushmore

**The best restaurant in Houston is . . .** My aunt's house, best Taiwanese food in Houston

**My favorite place in Houston is . . .** Chinatown, there are so good many places to eat

**The sports team(s) I root for is/are . . .** Rockets and Longhorns

**If I won the lottery, I would . . .** retire and travel

**I recommend reading . . .** The AABA newsletter. You can learn about upcoming AABA events. *[Eds. Note: Thanks for the plug, Polin!]*

**Most AABA members probably don't know that I . . .** still have my Rockets Clutch City t-shirt from the first championship

**You forgot to ask me about . . .** what my handicap is. Too high to make it on the PGA Tour...

## THE AABA WELCOMES THE FOLLOWING NEW AND RENEWING MEMBERS!

**Bobby Bui**  
*KPMG LLP*

**Charles Lee**  
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