

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 ANNUAL MEETING & KICKOFF DINNER



On Tuesday, January 27, 2009, the Asian American Bar Association of Houston held its Annual Meeting and Kickoff Dinner at Café Le Jadeite on West Gray. New and returning members gathered to learn about and provide input on the AABA's programs for the year, and the AABA's leadership and members had the opportunity to introduce themselves. A delicious dinner followed. Special thanks to AABA President-Elect Joyce Kao Soliman and Treasurer Juvie Cruz for their help in organizing this wonderful event!

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# AABA LUNAR NEW YEAR DIM SUM CELEBRATION

*Welcome the New Year with  
friends and family!*



**FUNG'S KITCHEN**  
**7320 Southwest Freeway**

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2009**  
**11:00 A.M.–1:00 P.M.**

**\$10 per person for AABA Members and Their Adult  
Guests / \$20 per person for Non-Members and Their  
Adult Guests / Free for All Children!**

**Please RSVP to AABA VP of Membership Audrey  
Chang ([changa@gtlaw.com](mailto:changa@gtlaw.com)) or online at  
[www.aabahouston.com](http://www.aabahouston.com)**

## 2009 COMMITTEE CHAIRS

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## AABA BREAKFAST CLE

### *Basic Training for Lawyers*

*Whether you're an attorney interested in doing pro bono work, a new attorney starting your own practice, or your family and friends need your help, the AABA's first CLE of 2009 is designed to help all of you! Join us as our faculty teaches you how to assist in basic, common family and immigration matters.*

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**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2009**

### **FAMILY LAW 101**

**Tyrone Lin**

**Houston Volunteer Lawyers Program**

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**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2009**

### **IMMIGRATION LAW 101**

**Daniel H. Chen**

**Nguyen, Jazrawi & Chen, PLLC**

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**Both seminars will be held at Porter & Hedges LLP  
(Reliant Energy Plaza, 1000 Main Street, 36th Floor)**

**7:30 AM–8:00 AM: Registration / Breakfast**

**8:00 AM–9:00 AM: Seminar**

**Both sessions are free for AABA Members /  
\$10 per session for Non-Members**

**Attendees will qualify for 1.0 hour of CLE credit  
for each session**

**RSVP to AABA VP of Membership Judy Liu  
([judy.liu@centerpointenergy.com](mailto:judy.liu@centerpointenergy.com)) or online at  
[www.aabahouston.com](http://www.aabahouston.com)**

**Special thanks to Porter & Hedges LLP for hosting these  
CLEs and providing breakfast!**

## 2009 AABA MENTORSHIP PROGRAM

The AABA is currently organizing its annual mentorship program. If you're interested in participating as a mentor or as a mentee, please review the eligibility requirements and complete the application form attached to the newsletter by February 18, 2009.

The Mentorship Program Kickoff Event has been tentatively scheduled for late February or early March.  
More details to follow soon!

If you have any questions, please contact AABA Mentorship Law School Relations Committee Co-Chairs David S. Hsu ([david@davidhsulaw.com](mailto:david@davidhsulaw.com)) or William Ramey ([wramey@winstead.com](mailto:wramey@winstead.com)) for more information.

## 2009 AABA COMMITTEE CHAIRS

The AABA would like to express its appreciation for these individuals' commitment and willingness to serve, and we look forward to their enthusiasm and many enjoyable and enriching events this year!

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an invitation from AABA and **yellow**<sup>™</sup>  
MAGAZINE

# Lunar New Year Party

Presented by  
**Yellow Magazine**

Please Join Your Hosts:

**AABA**  
Asian American Bar Association  
**Hope Initiative**  
**NAAAP**  
National Asian American  
Association Professionals  
**Chinese American**  
Citizens Alliance

**Thursday, February 5**  
**7:00-9:00pm**  
Lion Dance at 8:00pm



**Momentum BMW Southwest**

10002 Southwest Freeway  
Houston, TX 77074  
800-714-2479

**Meet Yellow Magazine Models**  
*plus Miss Vietnam*  
**and Miss Chinese New Year**

Lion Dance provided by Lee's Golden Dragon

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*The Council on Legal Education Opportunity  
and  
The Southwest Region 40th Anniversary Reception Committee  
Cordially Invite You To*

*A Reception and Awards Program  
Commemorating the 40th Anniversary of CLEO*

*Thursday Evening, The Twenty-Sixth of February  
Two Thousand and Nine*

*at*

*The West Lake Club  
(Located on the BV Campus)  
570 Westlake Park Boulevard, Seventh Floor  
Houston, Texas 77079*

*6:30pm - 8:30pm*

*Response Card Enclosed*

*RSVP by February 6, 2009*

*Cash Bar*



*CLEO Legacy Diversity Awardes  
(Southwest Region)*

Hon. Edward Prado  
U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit (Texas)

Prof. Margaret Montoya  
University of New Mexico School of Law

Hon. Wallace Jefferson  
The Supreme Court of Texas

Gordon Quan, Esq.  
Quan, Burdette & Perez, P.C.

Carolyn Aiman, Esq.  
Shell Oil Company

Greg Luna, Esq.  
CITGO Petroleum Corporation

Professor Stephen K. Huber  
University of Houston Law Center

## About CLEO

In 1968, the *Council on Legal Education Opportunity* (CLEO) was founded as a non-profit project of the *American Bar Association (ABA) Fund for Justice and Education* to expand opportunities for minority and low-income students to attend law school. In 1998, Congress passed the Higher Education Amendments Act, creating the *Thurgood Marshall Legal Educational Opportunity Program*, which provides funding for many of the programs administered by CLEO.

Over the past 40 years, more than 7,000 students have participated in CLEO's pre-law and law school academic support programs, successfully matriculated through law school, passed the bar exam and joined the legal profession. CLEO alumni are represented in every area of the legal profession—private law firms and corporations, law schools, federal and state judiciaries, state legislatures and Congress.

The influence of CLEO alumni in the legal profession, in particular and throughout the country in general, is an indication of the important role CLEO has played in helping to provide a voice to underrepresented groups.

The CLEO Council is comprised of representatives from national bar associations and law school professional organizations including: the *American Bar Association*, *Hispanic National Bar Association*, *Law School Admission Council*, *National Asian Pacific American Bar Association*, *National Bar Association*, *National Native American Bar Association*, *Association of American Law Schools* and the *Society of American Law Teachers*. In addition, more than 140 ABA-accredited law schools are members of the *CLEO Consortium on Diversity in Legal Education*.



**CLEO 40th Anniversary Southwest Region Reception & Awards Program**  
**The WestLake Club (Located on the BP Campus)**  
**Thursday, February 26, 2009, 6:30pm – 8:30pm**  
**Please RSVP by Friday, February 6, 2009**

We encourage you to RSVP electronically by sending an email to: [CLEOeventRSVP@staff.abanet.org](mailto:CLEOeventRSVP@staff.abanet.org), including your name and contact info, along with the name of the guest (if applicable) who will be accompanying you to the reception. Additionally, donations will be accepted onsite at the event.

Full Name \_\_\_\_\_

CLEO Alumnus/Class of \_\_\_\_\_  Other \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

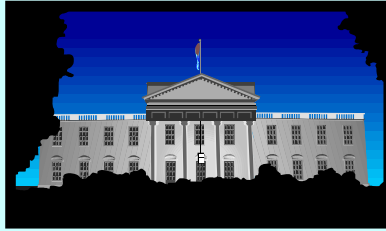
Employer/Position \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: Business ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Other ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

Name of one guest accompanying you to reception \_\_\_\_\_

**Council on Legal Education Opportunity**  
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[www.cleodiversitynetwork.org](http://www.cleodiversitynetwork.org) [www.cleoscholars.org](http://www.cleoscholars.org)

## WANT TO SERVE IN THE OBAMA ADMINISTRATION?



Join NAPABA and the Asian American Justice Center for a phone briefing about appointments in the Obama Administration. This call will focus on appointments for lawyers that do not require Senate confirmation. The briefing will not cover appointments of Judges or United States Attorneys.

Ginger Lew, a team leader on an agency review team for the Obama-Biden Transition, and Mark Perriello, a Director in the White House Office of Presidential Personnel, will discuss the appointments process and answer your questions.

### **WHEN:**

Friday, February 6 at 9:00 AM PST / noon EST

### **CALL IN NUMBER:**

1-888-387-8686, access code 4144229

### **OR ATTEND LIVE:**

Join us at the NAPABA office, 1612 K Street NW, Suite 1400, Washington D.C.  
You must RSVP to Mariko Tsuji at [mtsuji@napaba.org](mailto:mtsuji@napaba.org) because space is limited.

### **Q&A FORMAT:**

Questions may be submitted before the call and in real time during the call by emailing [napaba.national@gmail.com](mailto:napaba.national@gmail.com). A facilitator will present all questions to the speakers.

Ginger Lew was most recently a member of the Obama-Biden Transition Team as co-leader for Small Business Administration Review. She continues to advise the Administration as a member of the Economic Review Team working on TARP and the Stimulus Package. She is currently CEO of the Three Oaks Investments, and is a venture partner with Amplifier Venture Partners. Under the Clinton Administration, Ms. Lew served as Deputy Administrator and COO of the Small Business Administration. She served as the General Counsel at the Department of Commerce where she supervised 375 lawyers. She was unanimously confirmed by the US Senate for both positions. She has practiced law for more than 20 years as a partner in a Washington DC law firm, and as Chief Counsel for the Department of Energy. She is a graduate of Boalt Hall School of Law and UCLA.

Mark Perriello is Director of Priority Placement in the White House Office of Presidential Personnel. Mr. Perriello previously served as Director of Strategy and Planning at the Gay and Lesbian Victory Fund & Leadership Institute, as a Senior Associate at Scott+Yandura, and as Associate Director for the PAC at the Human Rights Campaign. He is a graduate of Rhodes College in Memphis, Tennessee with a B.A. in Religious Studies.



## The ABA Young Lawyers Division is Accepting Appointment Applications for the 2009-2010 Bar Year

Apply by February 15 at <http://www.abanet.org/yld/appointments>

- Would you like to get more involved?
- Are you looking for a way to connect with and help other members and the public?
- Do you have valuable skills and perspectives that could benefit the ABA YLD and the profession?

If your answer is yes to any of these questions, consider applying for a leadership position on our boards, teams, committees, as liaisons, and more.

### About the Division:

The Young Lawyers Division, composed of approximately 153,500 members, is the home for young lawyers. The Division is committed to assuring that the legal profession reflects the society it serves and to providing the tools and opportunities that young lawyers need to succeed, both professionally and personally.

### Deadline for Applications and Recommendation Letters is February 15, 2009

### Questions:

Contact Kelly-Ann Clarke, YLD Chair-Elect, at [clarke.kellyann@gmail.com](mailto:clarke.kellyann@gmail.com), 409-797-3234 or Marty Raulli, YLD Marketing Associate at [raullim@staff.abanet.org](mailto:raullim@staff.abanet.org), 312-988-5716.

Visit the YLD website for more information:  
<http://www.abanet.org/yld/appointments/>

## OPPORTUNITIES

### Trusts & Estates Associate

Graves Dougherty Hearon & Moody, P.C., a full service, mid-sized downtown Austin, Texas law firm, seeks an associate with one to four years of Trusts & Estate experience to join this busy practice group. Target candidates will have excellent law school and employment credentials.

Graves, Dougherty is a dynamic firm with a strong commitment to community involvement, diversity and pro bono work. The firm offers competitive compensation complimented by an excellent benefits package.

Interested candidates should send a cover letter, resume and transcript in confidence to James Cornell, P. O. Box 98, Austin, Texas 78767-0098 or via e-mail to [resumes@gdhm.com](mailto:resumes@gdhm.com). Graves Dougherty Hearon & Moody, P.C. is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

Please visit [www.gdhm.com](http://www.gdhm.com) to learn more about Graves Dougherty Hearon & Moody, P.C.

# OPPORTUNITIES (Con't)

## Internship with AGZI LCT Law Firm in Hanoi, Vietnam

AGZI LCT Law Firm is looking for a corporate associate for its office located in Hanoi, Vietnam. The commitment is for three to six months, with the possibility of an extension. Housing will be provided by the Firm in Hanoi and salary is negotiable. AGZI LCT Law Firm has offices in Hanoi and Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam. The Firm's practice areas include banking and finance, competition, corporate and commercial, employment, intellectual property, investment, mergers and acquisitions, real estate and tax.

Please submit resumes or questions to Dr. Le Net, Managing Partner, at [net.le@agzilct.com](mailto:net.le@agzilct.com).

## VABAW Hong Duc Clerkship Program

The Vietnamese American Bar Association of Washington ("VABAW") is accepting applications from 1L, 2L, 3L and LLM law students for a clerkship with an international or Vietnam-based law firm for a maximum of three summer months. The clerkship recipient has the unique opportunity to learn about the local cultures and customs firsthand while living in Vietnam and to learn about international and comparative law. The Clerkship will award up to \$5,000 with approximately \$2,000 applied to a round-trip airfare ticket to Vietnam and a maximum of \$1,000 for each month of the Clerkship paid directly to the Clerkship recipient for living expenses.

The 2009 participating law firms are Baker & McKenzie; Duane Morris LLP; Fraser Law Company; Lovells; Mayer Brown JSM; Tilleke & Gibbins; and VILAF-Hong Duc.

Applicants will be evaluated by the VABAW Selection Committee based upon the following criteria: (1) overall academic background; (2) community service involvement; (3) professional interests; (4) communication skills; (5) personal statement; (6) references; (7) writing abilities; (8) resume; (9) connection to Washington state; (10) connection to or interest in the Vietnamese-American community; and (11) interview (for out-of-state applicants, VABAW will arrange for a telephonic or video interview). The decisions of VABAW are final.

Applications are available at [www.vabaw.com/foundation.aspx](http://www.vabaw.com/foundation.aspx). All application materials must be received by **February 2, 2009 at 5:00 p.m. PST**. Application materials may be submitted in one of two ways: (1) by hard copy (*postal or express mail only; no courier or personal deliveries will be accepted*) to Thuy Nguyen-Leeper, 1015 Third Avenue, Floor 12, Seattle, WA 98104; or (2) by legible PDF copy via e-mail to [thuy.nguyenleeper@expeditors.com](mailto:thuy.nguyenleeper@expeditors.com).

If you have any questions, please visit [www.vabaw.com/foundation.aspx](http://www.vabaw.com/foundation.aspx) or contact Thuy Nguyen-Leeper, VAPAW Hong Duc Clerkship Committee Chair, at [Thuy.NguyenLeeper@expeditors.com](mailto:Thuy.NguyenLeeper@expeditors.com).

## Document Review in New York, New York

A prestigious international law firm is seeking Document Review Attorneys fluent in Thai (please note that a language test will be required). Interested candidates must possess a J.D. and be admitted to practice by at least one U.S. Bar. The project is expected to last an indefinite period of time and requires reviewers to commit to a 40 hour work week with the potential for overtime hours. The position offers a competitive hourly wage. Interested candidates are encouraged to apply immediately!

Interested candidates should contact Amber Davidson via e-mail at [amber\\_davidson@kellylawregistry.com](mailto:amber_davidson@kellylawregistry.com) or by calling (212) 949-5325.

## COMMUNITY NEWS & EVENTS



### **My Life As a Lawyer – Developing the Pipeline – February 12, 2009**

6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. at Thurgood Marshall School of Law, Texas Southern University. Admission is free. There will be a resume drop for students. 2009 CCWC Scholarships are available (thousands of \$\$\$ were awarded to law students in 2008). A networking reception with students will follow the program. Faculty Speakers and Mentors present will be:

\*Carolyn Benton Aiman (Senior Counsel, Shell Oil Company)

\*Crystal Ashby (Vice President, Gov't & Public Affairs, R&M, BP America Inc.)

\*Johnine Barnes (Partner, Baker & Hostetler LLP)

\*Cynthia Bivins (Senior Counsel, Shell Oil Company)

\*Debra Martin Chase (CEO & President, Martin Chase Productions)

\*Angela Birch Cox (Attorney-at-Law and former legal executive, The Coca-Cola Company)

\*Georgina D. Crawley (Vice President & Associate General Counsel, College Board Corporation)

\*Sheri Crosby (Associate, Taber Estes Thorne & Carr PLLC)

\*Dennis Duffy (Partner, Baker Botts)

\*Andrea H. Evans (Founding Partner, The Law Firm of Andrea Hence Evans, LLC)

\*DeMonica D. Gladney (Counsel, Exxon Mobil Corporation)

\*Caren Lock Hanson (Regional Vice President & Associate General Counsel, Government Relations, TIAA-CREF)

\*Courtney Harris (Assistant Attorney General - Child Support Division, Attorney General of Texas)

\*Pauline E. Higgins (Senior Vice President, General Counsel and Corp. Secretary, Metropolitan Transit Authority of Harris County)

\*Iris Jones (Chief Business Development & Marketing Officer, Chadbourne & Parke LLP)

\*Dianna R. Jones (Sr. Counsel, Mergers & Acquisitions, Wood Group Management Services)

## COMMUNITY NEWS & EVENTS (Con't)

**February 11, 2009, 11:30 A.M.-1:15 P.M. / Asian Chamber of Commerce: February Monthly Luncheon / Houston Westchase Marriott, 2900 Briarpark (south of Westheimer)**

The Asian Chamber of Commerce of Houston will be holding their monthly luncheon, with guest speaker Albert Vacek, Attorney. Admission is \$30 for members and \$35 for non-members. For more information, please visit [www.asianchamber-hou.org](http://www.asianchamber-hou.org).

**February 18, 2009 / HBA: Gender Fairness Networking Luncheon, Weil, Gotshal & Manges, 700 Louisiana, Suite 1600**

The guest speaker for this luncheon will be Mary Crane, a nationally recognized speaker and trainer who helps bridge the gaps in today's workplaces. Crane has appeared on 60 Minutes and authored or appeared in many publications. The luncheon is free to HBA members but registration is limited and will fill up fast. Send RSVP to Tara Shockley at [taras@hba.org](mailto:taras@hba.org).

**March 19-20, 2009 / MCCA: 8th Annual CLE Expo, Chicago Marriott Downtown, Chicago Illinois**

MCCA's goal in hosting the 8th Annual CLE Expo is to build bridges of opportunity by bringing together the best and brightest, with a special emphasis on talented minority and women attorneys who will share their expertise on their substantive legal practice areas. It is an outstanding business development and networking event for all lawyers. For more information, please visit [www.mcca.com](http://www.mcca.com).

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An AABA member is still seeking bone marrow donors to help a friend. For more information, please visit: <http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=49735991409> or contact AABA President Warren Huang ([whuang@fulbright.com](mailto:whuang@fulbright.com)).

### AUSTIN ASIAN AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION AND STATE BAR OF TEXAS ASIAN PACIFIC ISLANDER SECTION'S CORPORATE COUNSEL DINNER AND 2009 APIS ANNUAL CONFERENCE AND RETREAT

March 27-28, 2009

State Bar of Texas APIS Annual Conference  
and Retreat  
Austin, Texas

March 28, 2009

Corporate Counsel Cocktail Hour and Dinner  
University of Texas Golf Club  
Austin, Texas

For more information on the APIS Conference & Retreat events, please contact Lisa Tsai, APIS Chair, at [lsai@diamondmccarthy.com](mailto:lsai@diamondmccarthy.com) or (512) 617-5202.

For more information on the Corporate Counsel Dinner, please contact Al Li, AAABA President, at [albertli\\_pc@yahoo.com](mailto:albertli_pc@yahoo.com) or (512) 533-1817.

## 2009 Law School Summer Boot Camp for Students of Color

### Dates:

Early Application: Completed by April 1;

Late Application: after May 7;

Applications Accepted till May 24

Having more lawyers of color is essential to the well-being of the nation and of communities of color. In fact, a recent National Jurist Article, a journal for law students, talked about the disappearing black and Latino law student. This is particularly problematic. The power in this country is held by those who control the money and the law. The decreasing number of black and Mexican-American attorney is in fact a decrease in power. The JD Project (<http://thejdproject.org>) is committed to reversing that trend. One of our projects is to assure that entering law students of color do well in law school, particularly their first year. This is important so that they can maximize their career options and be prepared to give back to their community with legal knowledge, skills and support.

Everyone admitted to law school has demonstrated similar intelligence, commitment and effort. What distinguishes "A" students is study skills and habits, access to legal information, analytical and test-taking skills. All these are skills and abilities that can be learned and improved. In our more than 35 years of experience of helping students-of-color succeed, we have seen the impact that intense preparation can have on a student's ability to excel. In a competitive environment, like law school, where grades are given based on how a person performs compared to the other students in the class, it is essential that entering law students-of-color be appropriately prepared.

The 2009 Summer Boot Camp (<http://www.thejdproject.org/Excelling/BootCamp/index.htm>) is an online distance learning program designed to provide that intense preparation. The Boot Camp teaches students to study effectively for law school, introduces students to the writing, thinking and test-taking skills needed to excel on law school exams, and builds a network of academic support that crosses school boundaries. The participants will work on the study skills, strategies and techniques they will need to achieve their goals as law students.

This is a 150 hour online program which costs \$750 including \$150 materials fee. Other programs, like BarBri cost \$2000 for a 40 hour program.

Admission is on a rolling basis till the program is filled and is open to any black, Latino, Asian, or Native American person who is planning to go to law school in the fall 2009.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact Ms. Brenda Randall, Volunteer Administrator, [admin@thejdproject.org](mailto:admin@thejdproject.org).

The Pre-Law Students-of-Color Network  
<http://thejdproject.org/moodle/index.php>

2009 Law School Boot Camp  
<http://thejdproject.org/Excelling/BootCamp/index.htm>

## Get to Know an AABA Member!



**Juvie Cruz**  
***Daw & Ray LLP***

***2009 AABA Treasurer***

**If I weren't an attorney, I would be . . .** an Event Planner or a Marketing Director.

**My favorite (or fantasy) vacation is...** taking a month off and traveling either to Argentina, Brazil or Italy.

**The best dessert (or other food) in the world is . . .** cookie dough ice cream.

**In my spare time, I enjoy . . .** reading, traveling, catching up with family and friends in Canada, and working out.

**In my iPod (or other mp3 device) you will find...** uh, I don't have either!

**My favorite movies are . . .** The Never Ending Story, 300, and Pretty Woman to name a few.

**The best restaurant in Houston is . . .** Benjy's. However, since I am new to the area, I am open to other suggestions.

**My favorite place in Houston is . . .** (to be decided).

**The sports team(s) I root for is/are . . .** the Detroit Pistons.

**If I won the lottery, I would . . .** pay off my student loans, buy my dream house, and/or take a long vacation depending on how much I win.

**I recommend reading . . .** something that has nothing to do with your clients, work, or the law.



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

**Joy Al-Jazrawi**

*Nguyen Jazrawi & Chen, PLLC*

**Steve Bae**

**Michael Cao**

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**Sandy Huynh**

*South Texas College of Law*

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