

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.

BREAKFAST WITH THE GENERAL COUNSEL

On June 18, 2009, the AABA held the latest installment of its Breakfast with the General Counsel series featuring guest speaker Richard Zansitis, the General Counsel of Rice University. Mr. Zansitis spoke to the AABA about the role of attorneys at universities and his experiences as General Counsel at Rice. The AABA thanks Mr. Zansitis for graciously sharing his time and Judy Liu, Vice President of Programs, for organizing the breakfast.



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APA SUMMER ASSOCIATE RECEPTION

On June 24, 2009, the Asian American Bar Association held a reception for Asian Pacific American law students working in Houston for the summer. Over 40 attorneys and law students enjoyed appetizers and drinks at Zake Sushi Lounge and learned more about the AABA and grants available for law students through the Asian American Bar Foundation, the charitable arm of the AABA. For more information about the AABF grants, please contact AABF Chairman Quan Vu at hvu@gardere.com. Special thanks to AABA Social Committee Co-Chair Cindy Lin and AABA VP of Membership Audrey Chang for organizing this wonderful event.



AABA 2L MOCK INTERVIEW PROGRAM Attorney and Student Participants Needed!

Earlier this year, the AABA sponsored its inaugural mock interview program for first-year law students to help them prepare for interviews for summer internships, etc. Students visited AABA attorney members' offices and went through a mock interview, after which the attorneys offered advice on interviewing skills and reviewed the students' resumes. In anticipation of the fall interviewing season, the AABA would like to extend that program to incoming second-year students at the University of Houston Law Center, South Texas College of Law, and Thurgood Marshall School of Law.

We strongly encourage our attorney members to volunteer for this very worthwhile project and help give our student members an extra leg up in this competitive hiring environment. The students will come to your offices just as in a real interview, so time commitment is minimal. Student participation will be limited by the number of attorney volunteers, and student participants will be selected on a first-come, first-serve basis.

If you're interested in participating in this program as either an interviewer or interviewee, please contact AABA President Warren Huang (whuang@fulbright.com).

AABA SPECIAL VIEWING OF TERRA COTTA WARRIORS EXHIBIT AT HMNS!

The AABA is excited to announce that it will be hosting a special viewing of the Terra Cotta Warriors exhibit currently on display at the Houston Museum of Natural Science. We are still in the process of finalizing details, but the event is tentatively scheduled for Thursday, July 30, 2009, from 7 pm to 9 pm. Admission will be \$10 for AABA members and \$15 for non-AABA members. In addition to being a great value (the regular individual admission price is \$30 for adults and \$24 for seniors), the exhibit will be closed to the public during this period, and a special team of docents will be available to help interpret the exhibit for attendees. To the extent attendance is limited, AABA members will be given priority.

We are in the process of seeking co-sponsorship of this event with the Asian Chamber of Commerce of Houston and the Asia Society Young Professionals, so this also will be a wonderful networking opportunity as well. To RSVP, please visit www.aabahouston.com. More details will be forthcoming soon!

AABA *of Houston* Celebrating 25 Years

25th Anniversary Gala & Silent Auction

This year marks the 25th Anniversary of the AABA. The 2009 AABA Gala & Silent Auction will commemorate this important milestone and celebrate the tremendous growth that the Asian legal community and the AABA has enjoyed in Houston.

**Friday, August 28, 2009
InterContinental Hotel**

6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.: Reception and Silent Auction

**7:30 pm – 9:00 p.m.: Keynote Speech by Houston Mayor Bill White, Dinner,
and 25th Anniversary Presentation**

Mistress of Ceremonies: Andrea Nguyen, Reporter, Channel 39 News



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- ◆ Ten tickets to the Gala, VIP seating, reserved table with underwriter placard
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Four tickets to attend the Corporate Counsel Dinner

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- ◆ Ten tickets to the Gala, preferred seating, and reserved table with underwriter placard
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- ◆ Ten tickets to the Gala and a reserved table
- ◆ Special recognition during the Gala dinner and slideshow

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- ◆ Four tickets to the Gala
- ◆ Special mention during the Gala dinner

All Underwriters for the Gala & Silent Auction are also named in the Gala program and in the Gala slideshow presentation, listed on the AABA website as an underwriter of the Gala, and included in all printed promotional materials for the Gala.

We sincerely appreciate your support!



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August 28, 2009
InterContinental Hotel, Houston, TX

Keynote Speaker: Mayor Bill White
Mayor of the City of Houston

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Please return your completed form and check made payable to “**AABA of Houston**”
by no later than **July 15, 2009** to:

Miranda-Lin S. Bailey, Gala Co-Chair
Exxon Mobil Corporation
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800 Bell Street
Houston, Texas 77002

*Questions? Feel free to contact us at aaba.gala@gmail.com
Thank you for your interest and support.*



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Friday, August 28, 2009
InterContinental Hotel • 2222 W. Loop - South • Houston, TX 77027

If you are interested in purchasing an advertising sponsorship for our 2009 Gala program, please complete the form below. The deadline to purchase and submit advertisement is *July 24, 2009*.

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Advertisement Format Instructions

- PDF (portable document format) or TIFF (tagged image file format) files are requested for all advertisement submissions.
- Color advertisement files should be created using CMYK (cyan-magenta-yellow-black).
- Preferred document format/application is Adobe Illustrator or Adobe Photoshop.

Size	Width	Depth
Full Page	8-1/2"	11"
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Quarter Page	4-1/4"	5-1/2"

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Keynote Speaker: Mayor Bill White
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TICKET RESERVATION FORM

Deadline to reserve tickets is August 17, 2009.

Name: _____

Company/Law School: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City/State/Zip Code: _____

Primary Phone: _____ Email: _____

Please indicate the number of tickets below:

Law Student: \$50 _____ / AABA Member: \$100 _____ / Non-Member: \$125 _____

TOTAL AMOUNT DUE: \$ _____

For nametag purposes, please list the name and affiliation (if any) of each attendee:

Please indicate whether a vegetarian meal is requested: _____ (# of vegetarian meals)

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- You will receive a confirmation of your ticket reservation via email.
- Interested in joining the AABA? Membership forms are available at www.aabahouston.com.
- Questions? Please contact us at aaba.gala@gmail.com. Thank you for your support!



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**25th Anniversary Gala & Silent Auction
Silent Auction Donation Form**

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All proceeds of the Silent Auction benefit the Asian American Bar Foundation, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization.
Your contribution is tax deductible to the extent allowed by law.

Please return form to: 600 Travis Street, Suite 1100, Houston, Texas 77057, Attention: Carmen Ng



Asian American Bar Foundation of Houston, Inc.

**P.O. Box 1351
Houston, Texas 77252**

The Asian American Bar Foundation of Houston, Inc. seeks to award the following scholarships, grant and stipends to qualified applicants during the 2009 calendar year:

- (1) At least two public interest scholarships in the amount of \$1,500 each
- (2) At least one Texas Bar review grant in the amount of \$500
- (3) At least two judicial internship stipends in the amount of \$1,000 each

The applications for the public interest scholarships, bar review grant and judicial internship stipend are included in the July 2009 AABA newsletter and set forth the criteria on which the scholarships, grant and stipends will be awarded. Recipients will also receive 1 ticket to the AABA's 25th Anniversary Gala on Friday, August 28, 2009.

The deadline for application is **July 31, 2009**. All qualified candidates are encouraged to apply.

For questions, please contact Hoang Quan Vu at hvu@gardere.com or at 713-276-5174.



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Public Interest Scholarship **Scholarship Application Guidelines** **2009**

The Asian American Bar Foundation of Houston, Inc. seeks to award up to two scholarships to individuals whose scholarly pursuits will impact the Greater Houston Metropolitan Area by 1) expanding the scope of legal services available to the Asian American community; 2) increasing the number of Asian Americans working as lawyers or in legal services; 3) educating members of the Asian American community of their civil and legal rights; 4) stimulating legal discourse by and/or about Asian Americans, the Asian American cultures and Asian American communities; or 5) otherwise promoting the interests of Asian Americans.

The 2009 AABF Public Interest Scholarship is a \$1,500 one-year award to a student whose academic merit, program of studies and commitment to public service best fulfill these aims. Applicants must be members of the AABA, residents of the greater Houston metropolitan area, be enrolled in an accredited law school in Texas, intend to reside and seek employment in the greater Houston metropolitan area after graduation, or otherwise demonstrate a substantial connection to the greater Houston metropolitan area. Applicants should submit application packages containing the following information to the Scholarship Committee:

1. Name of applicant
2. Contact information (name, address, telephone number, e-mail address)
3. Name of school
4. School address and contact information for registrar's office
5. Degree sought
6. Expected graduation date
7. Copy of transcript, GPA and class rank (if available) or other proof of enrollment at an accredited law school
8. Educational background
9. Course work at current or previous schools relevant to AABF's purposes listed above
10. Employment history (if any)
11. Employment experience relevant to AABF's purposes listed above or demonstrating applicant's commitment to public service
12. Community and volunteer experience relevant to AABF's purposes listed above or demonstrating applicant's commitment to public service
13. Independent research or publications relevant to AABF's purposes listed above or demonstrating applicant's commitment to public service
14. Awards, honors, scholarships received
15. Other activities, hobbies, skills, positions held in any organizations, etc.

16. Any other information that applicant desires to provide to assist in the application process
17. Cover letter stating how a scholarship award to the applicant will achieve AABF's purposes listed above and serve the public interest

Each scholarship recipient will receive a \$1,500 award and a ticket to the Asian American Bar Association's annual gala, to be held August 28, 2009, where the scholarship will be awarded. The scholarship recipient is required to submit a final report at the conclusion of the 2009-2010 school year explaining how the scholarship funds were used and updating the AABF on the status of the recipient's studies and activities.

Scholarship applicants are advised to use these application guidelines as a reference and checklist to ensure that all necessary information is provided with the original application package. The AABF Scholarship Committee may contact applicants if additional information is required, but the Scholarship Committee reserves the right to disqualify application packages from consideration if key information is not included. The AABF reserves the right to increase the number of available Public Interest Scholarships in its sole discretion.

Application packages must be postmarked no later than **July 31, 2009**, and mailed to the following address:

**Asian American Bar Foundation of Houston, Inc.
Attn: Scholarship Committee
P.O. Box 1351
Houston, Texas 77252**

At this time, grant applications are not accepted by electronic mail. For additional information, please contact Hoang Quan Vu at (713) 276-5174 or hvu@gardere.com.



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Texas Bar Review Grant **Grant Application Guidelines** **2009**

The Asian American Bar Foundation of Houston, Inc. seeks to award one grant to a financially-deserving law student to help cover Texas Bar-related expenses.

The 2009 AABF Texas Bar Review Grant is a one-time grant in the amount of \$500. Grants will be given to one student applicant selected by the AABF taking into account financial need, academic merit, program of studies and commitment to public service. The foregoing criteria may be weighed in any order as determined by the AABF, although priority may be given to the financial need criteria as the AABF may deem appropriate. Applicants must be members of the AABA, residents of the greater Houston metropolitan area, be enrolled in an accredited law school in Texas, intend to reside and seek employment in the greater Houston metropolitan area after graduation, or otherwise demonstrate a substantial connection to the greater Houston metropolitan area. Applicants should submit application packages containing the following information to the Scholarship Committee:

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7. Copy of transcript, GPA and class rank (if available) or other proof of enrollment at an accredited law school
8. Educational background
9. Information regarding applicant's financial situation and financial need as applicant desires to provide
10. Employment history (if any)
11. Course work and employment experience, if any, relevant to AABF's purposes listed above
12. Community and volunteer experience, if any, relevant to AABF's purposes listed above
13. Independent research or publications, if any, relevant to AABF's purposes listed above
14. Awards, honors, scholarships received
15. Other activities, hobbies, skills, positions held in any organizations, etc.
16. Any other information that applicant desires to provide to assist in the application process
17. Cover letter stating how a scholarship award to the applicant will achieve AABF's purposes listed above

The grant recipient will receive a one time \$500 grant and a ticket to the Asian American Bar Association's annual gala, to be held August 28, 2009, where the grant will be awarded. The grant recipient is required to submit a final report at the conclusion of the 2009-2010 school updating the AABF on the status of the recipient's studies and activities.

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Judicial Internship Stipend **Stipend Application Guidelines** **2009**

The Asian American Bar Foundation of Houston, Inc. seeks to award up to two judicial internship stipends to student applicants selected by the AABF who will be interning for a municipal, county, state or federal judge during the 2009 calendar year.

The 2009 AABF Judicial Internship Stipend is a \$1,000 one-year award which shall be given to up to two applicants based on a number of criteria to be determined by the AABF, including but not limited to the type of clerkship, the judge, the area of law, and the financial need of the applicant, all as the AABF may deem appropriate in its sole discretion. Applicants must be members of the AABA, residents of the greater Houston metropolitan area, be enrolled in an accredited law school in Texas, intend to reside and seek employment in the greater Houston metropolitan area after graduation, or otherwise demonstrate a substantial connection to the greater Houston metropolitan area. Applicants should submit application packages containing the following information to the Scholarship Committee:

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13. Independent research or publications, if any, relevant to AABF's purposes listed above
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15. Other activities, hobbies, skills, positions held in any organizations, etc.
16. Any other information that applicant desires to provide to assist in the application process
17. Name of judge for which applicant will be clerking/interning, together with evidence of employment or future employment (can be a note or email from office of judge)
18. Cover letter stating how a scholarship award to the applicant will achieve AABF's purposes listed above

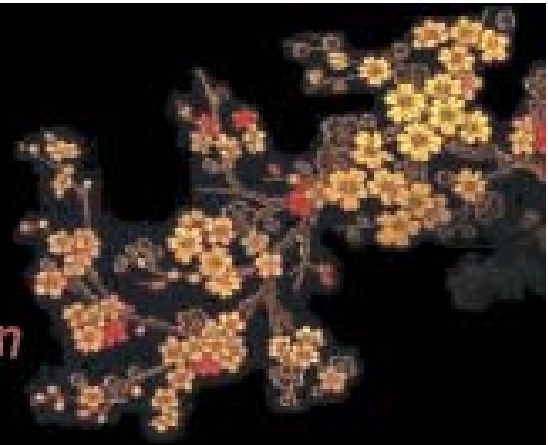
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Chung Mei Cultural Forum

Wisdom of The Chinese People

Dr. Yu Dan



Date : Jul.18, 2009 (Sat.) 2:00 pm

Venue : Episcopal High School (Underwood Theater)

Tel : Chung Mei Buddhist Temple
TEL: 281-495-3100

FREE ADMISSION · RSVP VIA TEL



Buddha's Light International Asso. Houston Chapter

OPPORTUNITIES

Litigation Director

The Asian Law Caucus is the nation's oldest legal organization focusing on the civil rights of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders. Recognizing that social, economic, political and racial inequalities continue to exist in the United States, the Asian Law Caucus is committed to the pursuit of equality and justice for all sectors of our society, with a specific focus directed toward addressing the needs of low-income, immigrant and underserved APIs. Since 1972, ALC has litigated high-profile cases and provided an array of services including community education, advocacy, and direct client representation. Our current program areas include national security civil rights, immigration, housing & community development, worker health & safety, and juvenile justice & education.

Position summary: The Asian Law Caucus is currently recruiting a Litigation Director to develop and lead our impact litigation program. The Litigation Director is responsible for identifying broad patterns of abuse or other systemic rights violations and developing strategies to address these patterns of mistreatment via impact litigation.

Responsibilities:

- . Identify strategic opportunities to advance mission of Asian Law Caucus through impact litigation cases
- . Maintain active docket of cases at state and federal trial level
- . Update and revise organization's litigation policies and systems
- . Set medium and long-term priorities for litigation program in consultation with ALC management staff
- . Facilitate regular meetings of staff attorneys ensuring litigation is consistent with ALC mission, vision, and values and maximizes available resources
- . Supervise and/or co-counsel staff attorneys in active litigation
- . Mentor and support staff attorneys' efforts to improve their litigation skills
- . Engage in administrative and legislative advocacy, community education, and coalition building on rights issues
- . Participate in ALC events generally as well as contribute to program-related administrative and fundraising tasks
- . Reports to Deputy Director

Qualifications:

- . Demonstrated commitment to advancing the rights of low-income, API, people of color and/or immigrant communities
- . Minimum of five years litigation experience, ideally with background in practice at a public interest organization; appellate level experience preferred but not required; class action experience highly desired
- . B.A./B.S. and J.D. degrees with membership in good standing with the California State Bar
- . Substantive law experience in a relevant area such as low-wage worker rights, civil rights, voting rights, immigrant rights
- . Excellent research, analytical, written, and oral communication skills. Ability to work with a highly diverse group of mission-driven lawyers and staff with a range of substantive law knowledge, experience and expertise
- . Demonstrated leadership ability
- . Experience mentoring staff attorneys
- . Preferred bilingual skills in Asian and Pacific Islander language(s)
- . Preferred experience in working with the media

Salary and Benefits:

Salary range for this position is \$55-65,000, depending on experience. Salary is based on principles of internal equity. A full benefits package is included.

Application Process:

Interested candidates should submit via email (Microsoft Word compatible attachments) a cover letter, resume summarizing your interest, qualifications and experience, salary history, a brief writing sample (no more than 3-5 pages), and three professional references to:

Christopher Punongbayan, Deputy Director, at chrisp@asianlawcaucus.org. Please no phone calls.

OPPORTUNITIES (CON'T)

Corporate Counsel

We are looking for an individual with 5-10 years of experience, a J.D. from an accredited law school, in good standing of at least one state bar (preferably Texas) and experience working in legal services within the telecommunications industry (or similar). Preference will be given to individuals bilingual in Mandarin Chinese (though not required).

This is a full time position with comprehensive benefits, salary DOE.

Interested individuals should forward resumes to Lacy Tanner with at lacy@worldlink-us.com.

Job Fair

The Asian Chamber Commerce of Houston is hosting a job fair on July 28, 2009 at the Westin Oaks Hotel in the Galleria. Several chambers and organizations will be participating. The event is being sponsored by Prudential Insurance. For more information, please contact Elsie Huang at elsiehuang@houstonchamber-hou.org.

SIDEBAR

Steve Bae, former longtime AABA Treasurer, is pleased to announce the opening of his new law office – The Bae Law Firm – in Houston, Texas. The Firm's practice areas include general business matters, estate planning, and litigation and dispute resolution. Congratulations and best wishes for much success, Steve! / The Bae Law Firm, 800 W. Sam Houston Parkway N., Building 12, 3rd Floor, Houston, Texas 77024, (713) 850-0800, steve@stevebaelaw.com.

ABA COMMISSION ON RACIAL AND ETHNIC DIVERSITY IN THE PROFESSION

The ABA Commission on Racial and Ethnic Diversity in the Profession is a diverse group of committed lawyers that, through its work and programs, is the catalyst for creating leadership and economic opportunities for racially and ethnically diverse lawyers within the ABA and the legal profession. We provide a voice to surface and tackle issues of discrimination, racism and bigotry, and to inspire the ABA and the profession to value differences, to be sensitive to prejudice, and to reflect the society they serve.

The Commission is accepting nominations for its 2010 Spirit of Excellence Awards. Nomination guidelines and form are located at www.abanet.org/minorities. The deadline for nominations is Wednesday, July 15, 2009.

LEGAL LINES – CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS!!

The HBA's next LegalLine program will be held on Wednesday, July 15 from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. The AABA of Houston has been asked to supply four volunteers from 4:45 p.m. to 7 p.m. The HBA office is located in the First City Tower at 1001 Fannin, Suite 1300, Houston, TX 77002. Resource/reference materials and a light dinner will be provided.

If you are able to volunteer, please contact Alison Chen, VP of Community Relations, at alisonchen@andrewskurth.com.

Many thanks to our 2008-2009 Major Underwriters:

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COMMUNITY NEWS & EVENTS

July 15, 2009 / HMSDC 2009 MBE Business Executive Scholarship Luncheon, Hilton Americas, Houston, Texas

On July 15, 2009, the Houston Minority Supplier Development Council (HMSDC) will present its **2009 MBE Business Executive Scholarship Networking Luncheon** awarding scholarships to qualified and actively-involved certified MBES to attend their choice of educational programs approved by the Council's Scholarship Committee. These scholarships are made possible through the sponsorships raised during HMSDC's 31st Annual Sports Classic recently held in League City, TX. These scholarships are designed to enable and encourage MBES to pursue courses of study that represent a direct importance to their next stage of business development.

Back by popular demand will be the **MBE Showcase** prior to and after the luncheon. The Showcase provides an excellent forum where minority-owned businesses can showcase their products and services, discover potential business opportunities and increase their customer base.

HMSDC will also have the **Professional Services Spotlight**. By spotlighting professional services firms, you will become aware of the quality minority firms that are available to provide your company excellent services; such as, legal, consulting, engineering, technology, accounting and much, much more. The CEOs representing professional services will be easily recognizable throughout the luncheon. You will also be able to meet them individually during the One-to-One afternoon sessions.

You are encouraged to register early at www.hmbc.org. You do not want to miss one minute of this action-packed day filled with excellent networking, exposure to quality MBE products and services and the best in MBE professional services.

July 18, 2009 / Hoang Nguyen Foundation Poker Night, Houston, Texas

The Hoang Nguyen Foundation is dedicated to Hai Nguyen's father who passed away in April 2002 of cancer. Hai has been working with the Vietnamese Culture and Science Association (www.VCSA.org), a non-profit association that helps young Vietnamese-Americans develop excellence in education and leadership skills through culture and science. The Hoang Nguyen Foundation will have a fundraising Poker Night on July 18, 2009. All proceeds will go to VCSA to help raise money to maintain tutors for the VCSA's after-school program. Individuals may purchase tables for the Texas Hold'em Tournament for \$50, \$100 or \$500. Corporate sponsorships are also available. For more information, please contact Hai Nguyen at hai@elite-martial-arts.com.

September 2-4, 2009 / Texas Minority Counsel Program, Hyatt Regency, San Antonio, Texas

The 17th Annual Texas Minority Counsel Program will be held on September 3-4, 2009 at the Hyatt Regency San Antonio, 123 Losoya, San Antonio, Texas 78205. The TMCP was formed in 1993 with the mission of increasing opportunities for minority and women attorneys who provide legal services to corporate and government clients, and to expose organizations to the legal talent found in the minority and woman community. Since its inception, the TMCP has been instrumental in enhancing the employment and economic opportunities for minority and women attorneys throughout the state of Texas.

Who Should Attend

- Minority and women lawyers desiring to enhance their opportunities to represent corporate and government organizations.
- Corporations and government organizations desiring to retain or become more visible to minority and women lawyers in Texas.

Conference Goals

- Provide informational interviewing opportunities to minority and women lawyers for potential outside counsel retention by corporations and governmental agencies.
- Offer an informal environment for attendees to meet and network.
- Present a two-track CLE program designed for minority/women lawyers and corporate/government counsel.

For more information, or to register for the program, go to [http://www.texasbar.com/Template.cfm?Section=Minority and Women Lawyers&CONTENTID=15432&TEMPLATE=/ContentManagement/ContentDisplay.cfm](http://www.texasbar.com/Template.cfm?Section=Minority_and_Women_Lawyers&CONTENTID=15432&TEMPLATE=/ContentManagement/ContentDisplay.cfm)

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Eunsook “Meri” Maguire

Shannon, Martin, Finkelstein & Alvarado

If I weren't an attorney, I would be . . . up to no good.

My favorite (or fantasy) vacation is . . . Somewhere with great diving and great food (Belize..?)

The best dessert (or other food) in the world is . . . A mini-burger...I love mini food.

In my spare time, I enjoy . . . Reading, baking, sipping sangria, travelling, and trying new places to eat.

In my iPod (or other mp3 device) you will find . . . Everything from rap to classical music

My favorite movies are . . . The Incredibles, Pride and Prejudice (with Colin Firth)

The best restaurant in Houston is . . . There are so many...I really like Vieng Thai

My favorite place in Houston is . . . Cedar Creek (to hang out)

The sports team(s) I root for is/are . . . Texas Longhorns, Texans, Astros, Rockets and the Tennessee Titans

If I won the lottery, I would . . . Pay off student loans and buy a vacation house somewhere

I recommend reading . . . Something or someone you don't agree with to try and understand other viewpoints and the reason for those views

Most AABA members probably don't know that I . . . Love all things Snoopy

You forgot to ask me about . . . Where I would live if I didn't live in Houston (New York or San Francisco...definitely somewhere cooler!)

The AABA welcomes the following new and renewing members!

Nicol Campbell

South Texas College of Law

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Stacy Ly

Appalachian School of Law

Susan Do

Loyola University

Judy Lee

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As if you needed another reason to join the AABA, all AABA members are automatically members of the National Asian Pacific American Bar Association ("NAPABA") and can take advantage of NAPABA's benefits, such as the one below offered by Mercedes-Benz. Discounts under this Fleet Program can be up to \$5,000! Deals change monthly.

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