

The Asian American Bar Association (AABA) of Houston is a voluntary organization of lawyers of Asian heritage or who have Asian American interests, dedicated to promoting diversity within the legal profession and Houston community.

AABA'S FIFTH ANNUAL CORPORATE COUNSEL DINNER



WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2009

**PAPPAS BROS. STEAKHOUSE
5839 WESTHEIMER**

6:00 PM – Reception

7:00 PM – Dinner

Keynote Speech By:

Edwin J. Buckingham III

Senior Executive Vice President &

Regional General Counsel NAFTA

Solvay North America, LLC

To RSVP, please visit www.aabahouston.com.

In-House Counsel: Free / Outside Counsel: \$125.

Outside counsel interested in attending must be an AABA member in good standing.
Space is limited, so sign up soon!

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Nominations are now being accepted!

AABA 2010 OFFICER NOMINATIONS

The AABA is now receiving nominations for its 2010 Officers and the 2010-2011 Elected Director.

The following positions are open and subject to vote by the AABA membership:

- President-Elect
- Vice President of Membership
- Vice President of Programs
- Vice President of Community Relations
- Vice President of Development
 - Treasurer
 - Secretary
- 2010-2011 Elected Director

Any current AABA attorney member in good standing may nominate himself/herself or another attorney member for one of the positions listed above, except that any nominee for President-Elect must have served at least one previous term as an Officer of the AABA.

Please send nominations in writing to AABA President Warren Huang by **5:00 pm on Monday, November 30th** via email at whuang@fulbright.com or via fax at 713-651-5246.

Voting will begin on Wednesday, December 2, 2009 and will end at 5:00 pm on Wednesday, December 9, 2009. The election results will be announced no later than Monday, December 14, 2009.

Feel free to contact Warren Huang (713-651-3633) or 2009 President-Elect Joyce Kao Soliman (713-226-6685) with any questions regarding the election process or the duties and responsibilities of each officer.

We hope you will consider getting involved in the leadership of the AABA and making your contribution to our extraordinary organization and legal community!

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INVITES YOU TO THE

2009 Arrival Awards

RECOGNIZING IMMIGRANT ACHIEVEMENT

6:30 p.m. Reception

7:00 p.m. Dinner & Program

Thursday, November 12, 2009

With a tribute to

JOSEPH A. VAIL,

Founding Director of UH Law Center's Immigration Clinic

*Crystal Ballroom at the Rice Lofts
909 Texas Avenue, Houston, Texas*

*Complimentary Valet Parking
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TABLES FOR TEN/INDIVIDUAL RESERVATIONS

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.....	\$25,000 Grand Underwriter
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.....	\$5,000 Benefactor
.....	\$2,500 Sponsor
.....	\$250 Individual Reservation
.....	\$100 (2008-2008 UHLC Graduates and Guest)

For more information, or to purchase tickets,
please contact the Office of External Affairs at
713.743.2201 or Briefcase@uh.edu



**The AABA, Houston Volunteer Lawyers Program,
Organization of Chinese Americans Greater Houston Chapter,
and Catholic Charities are proud to co-sponsor the**

2009 NATURALIZATION AND CITIZENSHIP CLINIC

NEW DATE: Saturday, November 14, 2009

9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

MetroBank Community Center
Dynasty Plaza
9600 Bellaire, Suite 201

The AABA is looking for volunteers to assist in preparing applications for members of the Asian American community wishing to become naturalized citizens. While volunteers do not need to be an immigration specialist, all volunteers will be required to undergo a brief training program prior to the Clinic. The AABA also is looking for immigration specialist volunteers to review completed application forms and answer questions volunteers and applicants may have on the day of the Clinic.

The AABA would greatly appreciate if you could spread the word about the Clinic to family and friends who are interested in applying for naturalization. To register for the Clinic, applicants must call the Clinic's intake representative at 713-523-7852 between November 2, 2009 and November 6, 2009, between 9:00 am and 12:00 pm to reserve an appointment for the day of the Clinic. Due to the limited number of appointments available, advanced registration for the clinic is strongly recommended. Walk-ins will be accepted as availability permits.

For more information or to volunteer for the Clinic, please contact AABA President Warren Huang at whuang@fulbright.com or volunteer online by "RSVP"-ing for this event.

Thanks, and we hope to see you there!

OPPORTUNITIES

NATIONAL ASIAN PACIFIC AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION – POLICY DIRECTOR

The National Asian Pacific American Bar Association (NAPABA) seeks a committed advocate to serve as Policy Director in NAPABA's D.C. headquarters. The Policy Director works closely with NAPABA's committees, the NAPABA Board, and NAPABA affiliates to promote diversity in the legal profession and justice, equity, and opportunity for Asian Pacific Americans. This is a unique opportunity for a conscientious professional to develop management skills in a small and busy not-for-profit office.

NAPABA is the national association of Asian Pacific American attorneys, judges, law professors and law students and advances the interests of over 40,000 Asian Pacific American attorneys and 60 regional Asian Pacific American bar association affiliates. We are the leading national organization that promotes Asian Pacific American diversity in the legal profession and we support the Asian Pacific American community as a whole through many other initiatives, such as our ongoing advocacy for increased access to justice for individuals with Limited English Proficiency, for effective hate crimes prevention and enforcement, for protecting the fundamental right of all Americans to vote, and for comprehensive immigration reform that preserves family-based immigration and due process principles.

Responsibilities:

- Collaborate with NAPABA committee co-chairs to identify and analyze issues impacting Asian Pacific Americans in order to formulate policy recommendations to the NAPABA board.
- Collaborate with policymakers, regional Asian Pacific American bar associations, and other stakeholders, such as members of the National Council of Asian Pacific Americans and the Coalition of Bar Associations of Color, to identify and advance common goals.
- Draft, edit, and finalize press releases, policy and endorsement letters, board memos, and talking points.
- Serve as the primary media contact for a vast majority of issues promoted by NAPABA.
- Assist NAPABA committees with monitoring and reviewing federal legislation, case law (including related legal documents such as U.S. Supreme Court amicus briefs), and other legal developments that impact the Asian Pacific American community.
- Help formulate effective strategies as an active member of various issue-based coalitions.

Qualifications: Demonstrated commitment to advancing social justice for Asian Pacific Americans and a passion for building consensus among diverse advocates within an organization or an issue-based coalition, excellent writing abilities, and an ability to work independently are a must. Excellent time-management skills, detail oriented focus, oral communication ability, and strong interpersonal skills are also required. Applicants with legislative experience or a law degree are especially encouraged to apply. Experience working with media is a plus. Some travel and at times, evening and weekend work, are required.

To Apply: Interested candidates should email policy@napaba.org and ed@napaba.org a cover letter, résumé, and three references addressed to Tina R. Matsuoka, Executive Director, National Asian Pacific American Bar Association, 1612 K St. NW, Suite 1400, Washington, DC 20006.

TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM – ASSISTANT GENERAL COUNSEL III

The Texas A&M University System currently has a posting for an Assistant General Counsel III. Interested persons may review the position details and apply on-line by going to <https://jobs.system.tamus.edu/applicants/Central?quickFind=50784>.

The Texas A&M University System, located in College Station, Texas, is one of the largest systems of higher education in the nation, composed of a statewide network of 11 universities, seven state agencies and a comprehensive health science center. The Texas A&M University System is an Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Employer committed to excellence.

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Westin Copley Place
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November 21, 2009



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Suggested donation is \$25/
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contact ETXLO@YAKO.COM
for more details!

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 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!

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

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www.unitedwayhouston.org

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3247

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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

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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 (Project Blueprint).

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For more information, contact Alice T.D. 513.338.8177 or jlgibbar@witschools.org

SPONSORSHIP BENEFITS

TABLES

POET LAUREATE - \$10,000

- One Premierable for one people
- 10 videos to VIP reception including photo with Li Cunxin
- Signed book, Mao's Last Dancer, for Max couple
- Premium recognition on all print of materials and event signage

PULITZER PRIZE WINNER - \$3,500

- One Premierable for one people
- 4 videos to VIP reception including photo with Li Cunxin
- Signed book, Mao's Last Dancer, for Max couple
- Premium recognition on all print of materials and event signage

NEW BERRY MEDALIST - \$3,000

- One table for one in a prime location
- 4 videos to VIP reception including photo with Li Cunxin
- Signed book, Mao's Last Dancer, for Max couple
- Premium recognition on all print of materials and event signage

NY TIMES BEST SELLER - \$2,500

- One table for one
- 2 videos to VIP reception including photo with Li Cunxin
- Signed book, Mao's Last Dancer, for Max couple
- Premium recognition on all print of materials

TICKETS

POET LAUREATE - \$1,000

- One Premierable
- 1 video to VIP reception including photo with Li Cunxin
- Signed book, Mao's Last Dancer
- Premium recognition on all print of materials

PULITZER PRIZE WINNER - \$750

- One Premierable
- 1 video to VIP reception including photo with Li Cunxin
- Signed book, Mao's Last Dancer
- Premium recognition on all print of materials

NEW BERRY MEDALIST - \$400

- One table in a prime location
- 1 video to VIP reception including photo with Li Cunxin
- Premium recognition on all print of materials

NY TIMES BEST SELLER - \$250

- One video
- Premium recognition on all print of materials

LIMITED EDITION - \$150

- One video

Join the Celebration



WRITERS IN THE SCHOOLS (WITS)

Writers in the Schools (WITS) engages students in the pleasure and power of reading and writing. Founded in 1983 through the University of Houston's creative writing program, WITS sends some of our nation's most talented writers into Houston classrooms. Today, WITS is the state's largest literary organization and is ranked #1 by the Texas Commission on the Arts. WITS teaches creative writing to at-risk students in schools, community centers, juvenile detention centers, parks, and hospitals. Over years, long residencies, WITS writers take students on a journey to discover their own voice as storytellers. This experience helps children to become lifelong learners, critical thinkers, and confident communicators. This year, WITS writers will teach in 330 classrooms, impacting 20,000 students.

KEYNOTE SPEAKER LI CUNXIN

Li was born into poverty in a rural province of China during the Cultural Revolution. At age 11 he was selected to train in Modern Mao's Beijing Dance Academy. Li was awarded one of China's first cultural scholarships to study dance in the U.S. Two years later, Li defected in a dramatic standoff in the Chinese Consulate in Houston. The history of Li's life is recounted in his memoir, Mao's Last Dancer, which was published by Penguin in 2001. The book, currently in its 32nd reprint, has been translated into numerous languages. Due to the success of his autobiography, the book has become the basis for a film directed by Bruce Beresford. The major motion picture, Mao's Last Dancer, premiered at the 2009 Toronto International Film Festival in September.



WRITERS IN THE SCHOOLS 25th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

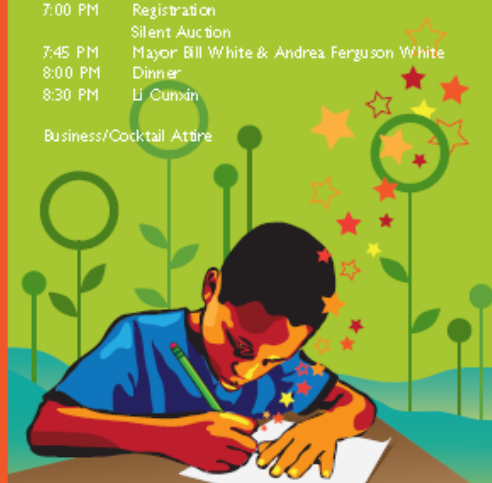
NOVEMBER 5, 2009 7:00PM

Junior League of Houston
1811 Briar Oaks Lane
Houston, Texas 77027

PROGRAM

6:15 PM VIP Reception
7:00 PM Registration
7:45 PM Silent Auction
8:00 PM Mayor Bill White & Andrea Ferguson White
8:30 PM Dinner
8:30 PM Li Cunxin

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Li Cunxin, the keynote speaker, wrote "Mao's Last Dancer." The book, which was made into a movie, premiered at the Toronto Film Festival and was very well received.

View the trailer at

<http://www.maoslastdancermovie.com/>

SIDEBAR

Emily Kuo, AABA Past-President in 2007, has been elected to serve as NAPABA's 2009-2010 Vice President of Programs and Operations.

Emily, congratulations and best of luck in your new position with NAPABA!



Avery Isabella Chen was born on Sept. 23, 2009, weighing 6 lb., 7 oz and measuring 19 inches.

Congratulations to Alison, Kevin and Mason on your beautiful new addition to the family!

If you would like to publicize job opportunities, community news, or personal SIDEBAR news, please contact AABA Secretary Sherry Scott at sscott1812@live.com.

COMMUNITY NEWS & EVENTS

November 11, 2009 / MCCA Day of Diversity, New York Marriott Marquis, New York, NY

MCCA will host a day of diversity on November 11, 2009 at the New York Marriott Marquis, which will include the Pathways to Diversity Conference and the Northeast Region Diversity Dinner. The annual conference continues to deliver practical tools and resources that attorneys need to meet organizational diversity goals and expand their personal career growth. The dinner will celebrate the diversity accomplishments of two regional law departments and one law firm.

Attend the conference where you can choose from 15 concurrent substantive panels across 5 tracks. Plus, add to that the opening plenary session focusing on The Call to Leadership: Advancing Diversity Through Peaks & Valleys and the luncheon programs where you can choose from one of two panels focused on the Center for Women in Law: Leading the Way for Advancement and the Call to Action Update 2009. These programs are designed to help you create your own unique path to developing, rejuvenating, or broadening diversity in your workplace. The list of speakers is impressive including representatives from Intel, Google, American Airlines, Wal-Mart, NBC Universal, Prudential, Allstate Insurance, DuPont, Colgate-Palmolive and many more.

Following the conference will be the Northeast Region Diversity Dinner honoring the 2009 Employers of Choice. This annual event draws attendance from over 1000 attorneys in the MCCA network and is The Diversity Event of the year! Participate at this event by sponsoring a table or purchasing tickets and taking part in honoring the law departments of Bristol Myers-Squibb and Xerox Corporation. This is a perfect way to entertain clients in a festive atmosphere and celebrate your commitment to diversity at the same time.

Registration is affordable with rates starting at just \$295 for MCCA supporters. To take advantage of these low rates, visit MCCA and click on the conference link. For additional information regarding the conference, email questions to education@mcca.com.

For additional information regarding the dinner, please contact Jennifer Chen at 202-739-5702 or jenchen@mcca.com or visit www.mcca.com.



November 13, 2009 / Tahirih Justice Center Inaugural Reception, Houston, Texas

Join the Tahirih Justice Center in celebration of the opening of its Houston office on Friday, November 13, 2009, from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at One Park Place, 1400 McKinney Street, Houston, Texas. There will be complimentary valet parking. To RSVP, visit www.support.tahirih.org/houstonlaunch. For more information, contact Anne Chandler at annec@tahirih.org or 713.250.2175.



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 or 281.575.7722. You may mail your check to Asia Houston Network, P.O. Box 130676, Houston, Texas 77219.

Get to Know an AABA Member!



“Jessica” Wen Chen

Law Offices of Lai & Associates, P.C.

If I weren't an attorney, I would be . . . a manager for a Fortune 500 company since I like the atmosphere of teamwork and the big company culture.

My favorite (or fantasy) vacation is . . . to visit Paris or Barcelona. I like scenic and historical sites, and old, beautiful cities.

The best dessert (or other food) in the world is . . . Chinese pea cake. It is very popular in northern China. Luckily, I found a Chinese Restaurant along Highway 59 that sells it.

In my spare time, I enjoy . . . walking in Memorial Park and shopping in the Galleria. In my opinion, Memorial Park is the most aesthetically attractive place in Houston. I always walk the entire loop in the park, which takes around 45 minutes. It is safe and you may find a lot of people exercising there like you, so you won't feel lonely.

In my iPod (or other mp3 device) you will find . . . smooth jazz, old Chinese music, and Michael Jackson songs. I became enamored of smooth jazz ever since I began listening to FM 97.5 in Houston. It is exciting, hopeful, and relaxed.

My favorite movies are . . . Titanic, which is a dream of love, and Sex and the City, which had a beautiful wedding scene and a happy ending.

The best restaurant in Houston is . . . the 101 Café. I like the atmosphere for talking with friends and eating.

My favorite place in Houston is . . . the Galleria. There is a lot of luxury stuff there, which makes me feel that life is so beautiful.

The sports team(s) I root for is/are . . . the Rockets. Yao Ming is really the only reason I care about the Rockets.

If I won the lottery, I would . . . attend Harvard to pursue an MBA degree and start a business to achieve my dream, which is to be prosperous, healthy, and happy.

I recommend reading . . . The Power of Positive Thinking by Norman Vincent Peale. I am reading this book now.

Most AABA members probably don't know that I . . . was a senior accountant working for the Central Bank in China before I went to law school.

THE AABA WELCOMES THE FOLLOWING NEW AND RENEWING MEMBERS!

H.C. Chang
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If you haven't already applied for membership to the AABA, then you are missing out on all the benefits of membership. Members of the AABA receive significant discounts to all AABA events, as well as invitations to exclusive members-only seminars and programs such as the annual Corporate Counsel Dinner and inclusion in the Attorney Profiles Directory. Another terrific benefit of AABA membership is automatic membership in the National Asian Pacific American Bar Association ("NAPABA"). Become an AABA member today, and gain access to all of the networking, career enhancement, mentorship, and volunteer opportunities and resources that the AABA has to offer! You may apply for membership on-line at www.aabahouston.com or by completing and submitting the attached form and dues.

Need one more reason why it's great to be a NAPABA member?

Introducing the Mercedes-Benz USA Diversity Organization Fleet Program

The advertisement features a white Mercedes-Benz sedan parked in a modern, brightly lit environment. To the right of the car, there are three logos: the NAPABA logo (a blue stylized 'N' with 'NAPABA' text), the Mercedes-Benz logo (a silver star in a circle), and the NAPABA NLF Law Foundation logo (the text 'NAPABA NLF LAW FOUNDATION' in blue and green).

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