

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.

## Naturalization & Immigration Information Fair and Clinic

On November 6, 2010, the AABA held its second annual Naturalization & Immigration Information Fair and Clinic at the American First National Bank Community Center in association with Boat People SOS, Catholic Charities, Houston Volunteer Lawyers Program, OCA Greater Houston, and VN TeamWork. Our volunteers served over 25 individuals, answering questions about naturalization and other immigration issues and helping complete naturalization applications. Special thanks to David N. Chang, AABA Vice President of Community Relations, American First National Bank, our panel of speakers, Gary Ilagan, Tina Nguyen, and Rosa Ramirez, all of our co-sponsors, and all of our hardworking volunteers and translators for spending a Saturday providing this much-needed service to the Asian-Pacific American community!



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# Naturalization & Immigration Information Fair and Clinic (continued)



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***Thank you to all of the General Members who voted.***

## 6th Annual Corporate Counsel Dinner

On November 10, 2010, the AABA held its 6th Annual Corporate Counsel Dinner at McCormick & Schmick's. Special thanks to our guest speaker, Dat Tran, Associate General Counsel of AGL Resources Inc. and to our generous underwriter, Gardere Wynne Sewell LLP. Special thanks to Corporate Counsel Committee Co-Chairs, Mai Huynh, Lam Nguyen and Debbie Yee for their efforts in making the evening a success.



# SOLO PRACTITIONER & SMALL FIRM EVENT

On December 1, 2010, the AABA hosted a Solo Practitioner & Small Firm Event at the Chinese Community Center. Special thanks to panelists, Tammy Tran of The Tammy Tran Law Firm, Daniel Chen of Nguyen Jazrawi & Chen, PLLC, and Tina Nguyen, Immigration Attorney at Law. Special thanks to Vice President of Programs, Helene Dang, for planning this successful event and CLE program.



# Talk about a college savings plan!



The Vinson & Elkins LLP Foundation sponsors annual \$10,000 scholarships with an internship opportunity and LSAT course reimbursement for high school seniors of African-American, Hispanic, Asian, Native American, and Pacific Islander origins in the greater Houston area!

Scholarship selection will be based on:

- Academic record
- Interest in a legal career
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- Financial need

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# THE JUDICIAL INTERN OPPORTUNITY PROGRAM

## **APPLICATIONS BEING ACCEPTED!**

The ABA Section of Litigation will begin accepting applications for its Summer 2011 **Judicial Intern Opportunity Program** on October 4, 2010 for second-year law students and December 1, 2010 for first-year students. The program places minority or economically disadvantaged students with state and federal judges for summer internships.

The American Bar Association Section of Litigation will begin accepting applications for its Summer 2011 Judicial Intern Opportunity Program on October 4th for second-year law students. Applications for first-year law students will be accepted December 1st, in accordance with NALP guidelines. The program is a full-time (32 hours per week), six-week *minimum*, summer internship program open to all first-or second-year minority and/or economically disadvantaged law students.

The mission of the Judicial Intern Opportunity Program is to provide opportunities to students who are members of racial and ethnic groups that are traditionally underrepresented in the profession. The program also provides opportunities to students with disabilities, students who are economically disadvantaged and students who identify themselves as LGBT. To assist you in identifying how you qualify for this program please review the following: <http://www.abanet.org/litigation/jiop/placements.html>

Students may indicate geographic location preferences on their applications, but may not request particular judges or courts. Interns will receive an award of \$1,500.

Internships for students with an Intellectual Property Law focus will be offered in Chicago, Los Angeles, Texas and Washington, DC. Students can indicate their interest on their application. These specialized spots are limited and any student applying to the program with a request for specialization will also be considered for general litigation internships.

Applications should be submitted by January 7, 2011. Screening interviews will be used to better determine student qualifications. Screening interviews will begin in November and will continue through the application process. Interviews will be scheduled as soon as possible following the processing of applications. We will make every attempt to interview students where they attend school and in person. Students will be contacted by their assigned screener to set up the interview.

Applications and procedures can be found at the JIOP website at [www.abanet.org/litigation/jiop](http://www.abanet.org/litigation/jiop). For additional information, contact the program director, Gail Howard at [howardg@staff.abanet.org](mailto:howardg@staff.abanet.org), or at 312-988-6348.

Questions about the program can be directed to the Program Director, Gail Howard, at [howardg@staff.abanet.org](mailto:howardg@staff.abanet.org) or 312-988-6348.

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**HAPPY HOLIDAYS**

**and**

**BEST WISHES**

**FOR THE**

**NEW YEAR!**

**from the**

**AABA** *of Houston*

Thank You

to the following Directors who will be retiring from the AABA Board at the end of their term on December 31, 2010.

Jason Luong

Stephanie Song

John Tang

Catherine Than

We greatly appreciate your service to the AABA.



## *Get to Know Your AABA Leaders!*



**Name:** John A. Tang

**Firm:** Strasburger & Price, LLP

**Practice Areas:** IP Prosecution,  
Licensing & Litigation

**AABA Position:** Director

If I weren't an attorney, I would be . . . an engineer (that is, I would have not gone to law school and would still be in a cubicle somewhere in a dark hole - I used to work as an electrical engineer for a defense contractor).

My favorite (or fantasy) vacation is . . . all of Europe (I have been to the UK and France, but would like to visit Germany and Italy).

The best dessert (or other food) in the world is . . . Tres Leches (but should eat zero calorie Jell-O gelatin).

In my spare time, I enjoy . . . spending time with the family.

In my iPod (or other mp3 device) you will find . . . Classic, as in rock and jazz.

My favorite movies are . . . war movies.

The best restaurant in Houston is . . . any restaurant in Chinatown.

My favorite place in Houston is . . . any park.

The sports team(s) I root for is/are . . . the Rockets and my hometown Dolphins.

If I won the lottery, I would . . . give 10k to every legal assistant I ever had, travel and start an educational foundation for second and third generation Asian American youths.

I recommend reading . . . the Wall Street Journal for work and the comics section for pleasure (all on your iPad).

Most AABA members probably don't know that I . . . am an Aries (ok, I mean a tad sarcastic). .

You forgot to ask me about . . . the fact that at one time I spoke more Spanish than Chinese while growing up in Miami (and of course, now cannot speak either).

## *Get to Know an AABA Member!*



Name: Erick Wang

Firm: Winstead PC

Practice Areas: Corporate,  
Securities/Mergers & Acquisitions

If I weren't an attorney, I would be . . . a teacher or small business owner.

My favorite (or fantasy) vacation is . . . traveling around Europe or lounging around on a beach.

The best dessert (or other food) in the world is . . . vanilla bean ice cream.  
In my spare time, I enjoy . . . playing golf.

My favorite movies are . . . too many to count, but my most recent favorite is Inception.

The best restaurant in Houston is . . . Kiran's, Boiling Crab and Vic & Anthony's.

My favorite place in Houston is . . . the Museum District and Memorial Park.

The sports team(s) I root for is/are . . . San Francisco Giants and anyone playing against USC.

If I won the lottery, I would . . . buy out Din Tai Fung and open one in Houston.

I recommend reading . . . Delivering Happiness: A Path to Profits, Passion, and Purpose, an autobiography by the founder of Zappos.

Most AABA members probably don't know that I . . . used to be a competitive tennis player.

You forgot to ask me about . . . my English Bulldog George that I left stranded with my parents when I moved to Houston.

**IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR AGAIN...**

**RENEW YOUR AABA MEMBERSHIP!**

**The AABA is accepting membership applications and renewals for 2011.**

**You may apply for membership online at [www.aabahouston.com](http://www.aabahouston.com) or by completing and submitting the attached form and dues.**

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. 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!

Another terrific benefit of AABA membership is automatic membership in the National Asian Pacific American Bar Association ("NAPABA").



Asian American Bar Association of Houston
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