

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 HOLIDAY PARTY AND TOY DRIVE

On Saturday, December 12, 2009, AABA members, along with friends and family, celebrated the holidays by enjoying a delicious lunch buffet together at Kim Son Restaurant and shared the holiday spirit by donating toys to a successful toy drive benefiting Catholic Charities.

A special thanks to Audrey Chang, Aaron Woo and Cindy Lin for organizing our 2009 Holiday Party and Toy Drive.



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2009 AABA HOLIDAY PARTY AND TOY DRIVE

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**CONGRATULATIONS to the
AABA 2010 Officers & Board Members**

***Congratulations to the newly elected 2010 Officers
of the AABA!***

**President-Elect: Audrey Chang
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Judy Liu, CenterPoint Energy Service Company, LLC

**A special congratulations to newly elected Board Chair,
*Judy Liu!***

AABA ANNUAL MEMBERS MEETING AND KICKOFF DINNER

**The AABA is pleased to invite you to its
2010 Annual Members Meeting and Kickoff Dinner!**

**Learn more about the organization and the exciting programs for this year;
share your ideas for how the AABA can better serve you; and meet your
AABA officers, board members, committee co-chairs, and fellow members.**

WHERE:

**Cafe Ginger (formerly called Cafe Le Jadeite)
1952 West Gray
Houston, TX 77019
Telephone: (713) 528-4288
www.cafegingerhouston.com**

WHEN:

**Thursday, January 21
6:00 - 6:30 PM: Check-In / Reception
6:30 - 6:45 PM: Annual Membership Meeting
6:45 - 8:30 PM: Dinner served**

REGISTRATION:

The Annual Members Meeting is free.

**The cost for Dinner is \$15 for AABA Members &
\$35 for Non-Members.**

Register online at www.aabahouston.com

Space is limited.

Please register by 1/18/10.

SAVE THE DATE:

AABA /HVLP /VN Teamwork Wills Clinic

Saturday, February 27, 2010

The AABA is proud to partner with Houston Volunteer Lawyers Program and VN Teamwork on the 2010 Wills Clinic!

This annual event provides pro bono estate planning services such as the drafting of wills, living wills, and powers of attorney for members of the Vietnamese community here in Houston.

This year's clinic is tentatively scheduled for Saturday, February 27th, from 9:00 am - 3:00 pm.

Prior to the Wills Clinic, we will be holding a number of training sessions for attorneys who do not specialize in estate planning work.

More details to come. Check out the AABA website for updates on this great event.

Many thanks to our 2009-2010 Major Underwriters:

PLATINUM DRAGON UNDERWRITERS

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OPPORTUNITIES

CARDINAL HEALTH -- ASSISTANT GENERAL COUNSEL POSITION AVAILABLE

JOB TITLE: Asst. General Counsel, M & A

At Cardinal Health, we're developing the innovative products and services that make healthcare safer and more productive. Join a growing, global company genuinely committed to making a difference for our customers and communities.

Function: Legal
Family: Mergers & Acquisitions (Atty)
Location: Dublin, Ohio

Department Overview: This mission of the Legal function is to provide the Company with worldclass legal services that help the Company grow and achieve its business goals. It does so by ensuring that the advice given and services provided are strategic, timely, proactive, practical, cost-effective, and meet the highest legal, ethical, and professional standards. The Legal function's 30+ lawyers and 10+ paralegals are located in business unit offices throughout the United States (including Dublin, OH, the Chicago area, St. Louis, and Houston). Areas of expertise within the Legal function include general commercial law (including customer and vendor contracting), corporate and securities, franchising, intellectual property, labor and employment, litigation, mergers and acquisitions, and regulatory.

What Mergers & Acquisitions (Atty) contributes to Cardinal Health Mergers and Acquisitions is responsible for providing Legal advice, counsel and services in the area of mergers and acquisitions, including leading and coordinating legal and functional due diligence, structuring and document preparation efforts to effect and strategic investment opportunities, and supporting acquisition integration acquisition, divestiture, alliance Accountabilities in this role Under the supervision of the VP & Associate General Counsel -Mergers & Acquisitions based in Dublin, OH:

- . Handle a variety of the legal work related to Cardinal Health's acquisitions, divestitures and strategic investments, including drafting and negotiating primary and ancillary transaction documents.
- . Coordinate with Corporate Development team to drive transactions toward completion, including liaising with key internal and external legal, regulatory, human resources, finance, tax, accounting, risk management, treasury, and operating business resources.
- . Draft a variety of agreements and other acquisition and divestiture related documents, assist in negotiating agreements and in structuring key transaction terms in a manner that helps the business achieve its objectives while at the same time appropriately valuing legal, regulatory and tax directives and considerations.
- . Co-ordinate with corporate development and relevant business unit personnel to ensure transactions are appropriately prioritized and executed resulting in the highest return for Cardinal Health.
- . Assist with implementing corporate policies; conduct training as appropriate.
- . Liaise with other Legal Department resources to ensure that effective, efficient advice is given and is consistent with corporate objectives.
- . Assist with management of outside counsel relationships, including obtaining fee estimates for projects and ensuring billing is in compliance with Cardinal Health's Outside Counsel Policy.
- . Develop a thorough understanding of and familiarity with Cardinal Health's businesses, its people, products, markets, facilities, customers and competitors in order to identify trends and formulate transaction structures and strategies accordingly.
- . Establish rapport and a working relationship with management at all levels to encourage and continue the proactive use of in-house legal counsel.
- . Perform special assignments or projects, without significant supervision, as assigned by the VP & Associate General Counsel -Mergers & Acquisitions.
- . What is expected of you for success in your role . Demonstrates expert knowledge of M&A processes and principles . Anticipates and analyzes business and legal transactional issues across multiple disciplines and structures contracts to address these issues . Advises clients on complex business and legal transactional risks . Provides strategic solutions and course of action with respect to such risks . Proactively identifies an unmet need or gap in transactional process (e.g., legal or compliance issues) . Leads/directs and influences various constituents who are stakeholders in an acquisition or divestiture matter . Takes responsibility for the outcome of a substantial portion of a project What is expected of you and others at this level in Legal for functional success . Works to understand complex functional situations by paying attention to the details of the tasks at hand and by breaking them down into smaller pieces . Collaborates with others and builds strategic alliances globally; negotiates to build broadbased support and/or persuades others in order to . Ensures that customers have a positive experience; commits to meet or exceed customer expectations.
- . Proactively develops and maintains technical knowledge in specialized area(s), remaining up-to-date on current trends and best practices; . Identifies opportunities to improve efficiency while providing flawless transactions, services and products; manages monetary assets and other resources to optimize cost effectiveness.

Qualifications

- . Undergrad required
- . Law degree from an accredited law school with a strong academic record required.
- Licensed to practice law in at least one jurisdiction in the United States required.
- . Minimum of 5-7 years of corporate legal experience with a primary focus in complex Mergers & Acquisitions, either with a law firm or as in-house counsel.
- . A business partner (a business person's lawyer) with excellent judgment, particularly in determining the significance of legal matters and effectively measuring risks.
- . Willingness to be trained on Cardinal Health ethics policies; international entity structures; and corporate directives.
- . Ability to work autonomously yet liaise effectively with the business teams and shared services functions (regulatory, finance, etc.).
- . Strong organizational skills to prioritize and manage multiple time-sensitive projects simultaneously; willingness to assume heavy workload to meet timing and project needs.
- . Excellent communication skills, both written and oral, with ability to synthesize complex legal issues to essential elements for clients throughout the organization with different abilities and responsibilities.
- . Ability to assume complex projects, create and present a plan of action, and independently manage projects to favorable resolution or conclusion.
- . Maintain a high level of integrity of confidential and sensitive information and credibility within the organization.

Qualified candidates should forward resumes and letters of interest to:

Noel Klay at noel.klay@cardinalhealth.com.

OPPORTUNITIES (cont'd)

VIETNAMESE CLERK: PARALEGAL OR ATTORNEY

Job Description: Houston litigation firm seeking a FLUENT (in both speaking and writing) Vietnamese law clerk, paralegal, JD or associate attorney. Candidate must have experience interacting with clients. Trial experience preferred.

Job Summary

Company - Collier Legal Search
Location - Houston, TX 77007
Industries - Legal Services
Job Type - Full Time Employee
Years of Experience - 2+ to 5 Years
Education Level - Doctorate
Salary - USD 80,000.00 /year
Job Reference Code - 1361

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

http://jobview.monster.com/GetJob.aspx?JobID=79447758&aid=34664578&WT.mc_n=JSAHG10

The Department of Justice Civil Rights Division

Hiring in Upcoming Months

The Department of Justice Civil Rights Division has received a substantial increase in its budget and will be engaged in significant new hiring in the upcoming months. The DOJ is especially looking to increase its applicant pool of highly qualified lawyers with a commitment to and experience in civil rights.

To see a current list of job openings, please visit:

<http://www.justice.gov/crt/recruit.php>.

If you would like to receive automated job alerts for a federal job, you can establish an account with USAJobs (www.usajobs.gov) and can target certain jobs, e.g., DOJ civil rights jobs, by selecting criteria for receipt of job announcements. USAJobs will automatically send you announcements if you meet those criteria.

COMMUNITY NEWS & EVENTS

SAVE THE DATE: "Three Cups of Tea with Greg Mortenson"

DATE: Monday, February 8, 2010

TIME: 11:00 a.m. Check-in / Reception

Luncheon begins promptly at 11:45

PLACE: Houston Intercontinental Hotel

2222 West Loop South | Houston TX | 77027

TICKET INFORMATION: Single tickets: \$100 and up

Sponsorships: \$2,500 / \$5,000 / \$10,000 for a Table of 10

Central Asia Institute invites you to join an important fundraising luncheon to support Greg Mortenson's mission for peace through education. Mortenson is a Nobel Peace Prize nominee, national and international award-winning and best selling author of *Three Cups of Tea* and *Stones into Schools*. All proceeds from the event will benefit Central Asia Institute, a 501(c)3 non-profit organization with the mission to promote and support community-based education, especially for girls, in remote regions of Pakistan and Afghanistan.

Ambassador Ryan Crocker, the newly appointed Dean of the George Bush School of Government and Public Service at Texas A&M University, will introduce and engage in a brief dialogue session with Mortenson. Crocker is a Presidential Medal of Freedom recipient and former Ambassador to Iraq and Pakistan.

A sponsorship of \$2,500-\$10,000 includes a copy of Greg's newest book, *Stones into Schools*, for each table guest and an invitation to a private VIP reception with Greg Mortenson and Ambassador Crocker prior to the luncheon.

To become an Underwriter, Sponsor, Table Host or to purchase a ticket, please go to:
<https://interland3.donorperfect.net/weblink/weblink.aspx?name=centralasia&id=5>

For more information, call 713.599.1271 or email Meredith at meredith@theprboutique.com.

Call for Applications & Nominations for American Bar Association Committee Positions

The ABA is encouraging all attorneys of color to apply for committee positions. The goal is to increase the diversity of the ABA leadership. Of the chairs of over 80 committees, 9 are African Americans, 4 are Latinos and 1 is Asian Pacific Islander. The ABA needs more women, racial/ethnic minorities, LGBT, disabled lawyers and other underrepresented lawyers to be a part of its leadership. Applications are now being accepted for the ABA for over 600+ available positions for American Bar Association appointments. Please apply today.

Note: YOU MUST BE A MEMBER OF THE ABA TO APPLY. THE DEADLINE FOR APPLYING IS MARCH 1, 2010.

Here are some helpful tips:

1. The application is online. You can access it at <http://www.abanet.org/scripts/nomination10/appointments.jsp>
2. Scroll down to the bottom of the website page to view available committee positions.
3. Fill out the application online. It is important that YOU fill out an application to show interest in the appointment.
4. It is very helpful to have others nominate and support your application. Here are some ideas:
 - a. Your national ethnic bar association can send in a list of those they support. Be sure to be part of that list.
 - b. Any friends that you have in leadership at the ABA or your local/state bar association.
 - c. The committee/council/commission that you want to join can also advocate for you.

The more people/organizations that you have supporting your nomination, the better your chances. Committee appointments are very competitive for some committees.

For more information, contact:
Ruthe Catolico Ashley, Esq.
Corporate Diversity Training & Consulting
(916) 838-5457
rutheashley@gmail.com

SIDEBAR

The 20th Annual Orchid Banquet of the Youth Leadership Council will honor AABA Past President and Chair of the Board of Directors **Hoang Quan Vu** for "his contributions to the Asian American community and his dedication to diversity and leadership." The Orchid Banquet will be held on January 27, 2010, at Kim Son Restaurant in Chinatown.

Congratulations Hoang Quan Vu on the outstanding achievement!

If you would like to publicize job opportunities, community news, or personal SIDEBAR news, please contact AABA President-Elect, Audrey Chang, at changa@gtlaw.com.

Get to Know Your AABA Leaders!



Name: Joyce Kao Soliman

AABA Position: President (2010)

Porter & Hedges LLP

Partner

Banking & Finance, Capital Markets

If I weren't an attorney, I would be.... a radio talk show host.

My fantasy vacation is to go to... Australia & New Zealand.

The best restaurant in Houston for a fine dining is... Marks.

The best restaurant in Houston for everyday fare is... Les Givral's Cafe.

Most AABA members don't know that I... was an extra in an MTV music video.

****Stay tuned for next month's Newsletter where you will get to know more about another 2010 officer and/or a committee chair!****

Get to Know an AABA Member!



Name: Sherry Scott

Company: Exxon Mobil Corporation

Former AABA positions:

Secretary (2009)

Gala & Silent Auction Co-Chair (2008)

If I weren't an attorney, I would be.... a famous author or photographer (something where I could work from home in my pj's whenever I want).

My fantasy vacation is... taking a year off to travel the world.

The best restaurant in Houston is... Mark's.

I recommend reading . . . my husband's blog (www.newatpolitics.blogspot.com) for a limited government/free market perspective on history, politics and economics.

Most AABA members don't know that I... was a legal secretary for Baker & Hostetler before I went to college and law school. I also waited tables at Chili's and Macaroni Grill during college.

**** Stay tuned for next month's Newsletter where you will get to know more about another AABA member!****

IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR AGAIN... RENEW YOUR AABA MEMBERSHIP!

The AABA is accepting membership applications and renewals for 2010. You may apply for membership online at www.aabahouston.com or by completing and submitting the attached form and dues.

The AABA welcomes the following new and renewing members!

Will Chang, *Federal Courts*
Benjamin Gray, *Thurgood Marshall School of Law*
Frances Ho
Gabriel Vasquez
Daniel Chen, *Nguyen Jazrawi & Chen, PLLC*
Joseph Tung
Catherine Than, *Bickerstaff Heath Delgado Acosta LLP*
Henry Garrana, *Haynes & Boone, LLP*
Emily Kuo, *M.D. Anderson Services Corporation*
Andrew Lee, *Emory School of Law*
Ameena Ashfaq, *Baker & Hostetler LLP*
Huan Le, *DiCentral Corporation*
Steve Bae, *Bae Law Firm*
Michael Wong, *Harris County Sheriff's Office*
Steven Khoa Nguyen, *Nguyen Legal, PLLC*
Wendy Ho, *Solvay North America, LLC*
David Hsu, *Law Office of David S. Hsu, P.C.*
Chris Lee
Michael Cao, *Cao & Associates*
Joyce Soliman, *Porter & Hedges LLP*
Tyrone Lin, *Houston Volunteer Lawyer's Program, Inc.*
Andrew Chungchansat
Helene Dang, *FosterQuan, LLP*
Russell Wong, *Wong, Cabello, Lutsch, Rutherford & Brucculeri, LLP*
Mark Lee, *American General Life Companies*
Daniel David Hu, *U.S. Department of Justice, United States Attorney's Office*
Daniel Nguyen
Eunice Song
Hsin Lee

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
2010 Membership Application/Renewal

Asian American Bar Association of Houston

- Law Student • Retired Attorney
Attorney with less than 3 years in practice • In-House or Non-Profit Counsel • Solo Practitioner • Auxiliary Member*
Attorney with 3 to 8 years in practice • Judge • Government Attorney
Attorney with 8+ years in practice

Bar Number and Jurisdiction _____

Last Name _____ First Name _____

Employer _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Office # _____ Home # _____

Fax # _____ E-Mail _____

Area(s) of Practice _____

Law School and Graduation Year _____ Language(s) _____

Would you like to receive the AABA Newsletter by E-Mail? Yes No

Would you like your business contact information published in the 2010 AABA Directory? Yes No

Please give us any comments or programming suggestions you might have: _____

Please indicate any committees on which you would be interested in serving:

- Gala Fundraising Programs Social/Networking
Community Relations/Pro Bono Corporate Counsel Mentorship/Law School Relations

Make checks payable to AABA and submit application and fee to:

AABA
Attn: Membership
P.O. Box 1554
Houston, TX 77251

Send any inquiries concerning AABA membership to
membership@aabahouston.com,
or contact David S. Hsu at (832) 896-6288.

*Auxiliary membership is open to attorneys who neither reside nor practice in the Greater Houston area.