

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.

DIM SUM WITH THE JUDICIARY

In celebration of Asian Pacific American Heritage Month, the AABA and the Asian American Bar Foundation hosted a dim sum luncheon with members of the judiciary at Fung's Kitchen on May 15, 2010. Special thanks to THE LANIER LAW FIRM for underwriting this event, to our in-kind donors GARDERE WYNNE SEWELL LLP and BICKERSTAFF HEATH DELGADO ACOSTA LLP, and to Catherine Than, Quan Vu, Juvie Cruz, David Hsu, Rachel Le, and to the AABF Board of Trustees for their contributions in making this event a success.



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**MULTI-BAR ASSOCIATION
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PORTER & HEDGES LLP

and the

**Asian American Bar Association of Houston
Hispanic Bar Association of Houston
Houston Lawyers Association
Mexican American Bar Association of Houston**

*Invite You to Attend a Joint Reception
Celebrating Diversity in Our Legal Community*

*Tuesday, June 15, 2010
5:30 - 7:30 p.m.*

*Porter & Hedges, L.L.P.
1000 Main Street
36th Floor*

RSVP to rsvp@porterhedges.com

Complimentary Parking Validation at McKinney Place Garage

This reception is open to licensed Attorney Members only.

At the request of the sponsoring bar associations,
we kindly ask that no campaign materials be distributed at this event.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Attorneys: to attend this event, please rsvp via email at rsvp@porterhedges.com.

Hope to see you there!

WHO: YOU and our special guests...
Gala Keynote Speaker: Karen K. Narasaki
President and Executive Director of the Asian American Justice Center

AABA Impact Award Honoree: The Honorable Herbert Gee
Associate Presiding Judge, Houston Municipal Courts
AABA Founding Member and Past President

Recipients of the AABF Community Grants and Individual Stipends will be presented with their awards. Applications are included at the end of this newsletter. The deadline to apply for an AABF grant/stipend is August 10th.

WHAT: AABA 2010 GALA & SILENT AUCTION

WHEN: Friday, September 17, 2010
6:30 pm Silent Auction / 7:30 pm Dinner & Program

WHERE: Omni Hotel – Riverway

WHY: To celebrate the extraordinary diversity of the Houston legal community,
to hear from our distinguished keynote speaker,
to honor the Impact Award recipient,
to award community grants and individual stipends from the AABF,
to raise money in support of the AABF, and
to have a great evening with your fellow AABA members.

HOW... YOU CAN HELP:

- 1) Submit the underwriter materials in this newsletter to your company or law firm and ask them to support our Gala by being a Platinum, Gold, Silver or Bronze Underwriter.
- 2) Purchase an advertisement in the printed Gala program.
- 3) Help our silent auction by soliciting donations of gift certificates, retail items, or services from businesses that you patronize. A silent auction donation form is included in this newsletter.
- 4) Purchase an individual ticket to attend the Gala – tickets will go on sale next month at www.aabahouston.com using GoogleCheckout.
- 5) Spread the word and encourage law students and recent law school graduates to apply for an AABF Stipend.
- 6) Volunteer to serve on the Gala Committee by contacting the Gala co-chairs, Todd Chen or Aaron Woo (aaba.gala@gmail.com).

June 2, 2010

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The Asian American Bar Association of Houston (AABA) cordially invites you and your company to attend and underwrite our **Annual Gala & Silent Auction**, which will be held at the Omni Hotel in Houston, Texas on Friday, September 17, 2010.

We are honored to announce that the keynote speaker for our Gala this year is **Karen K. Narasaki**, President and Executive Director of the Asian American Justice Center, and that the 2010 AABA Impact Award will be presented to **Judge Herbert Gee**, Associate Presiding Judge of the Houston Municipal Courts.

Ms. Narasaki leads the Asian American Justice Center in Washington, D.C., one of the nation's leading voices advocating for the rights and interests of Asian Americans. She is a nationally respected expert on immigrant rights, voting rights, affirmative action and civil rights issues. Judge Herbert Gee is a founding member of the AABA, a former two-term President of the AABA, and a distinguished colleague, mentor and friend to many Asian American attorneys in Houston. We hope that you can join us for this special evening.

The AABA was founded in 1984 by a handful of Asian American attorneys in Houston. Over twenty-five years later, the AABA enjoys a vibrant membership that represents a diverse spectrum of the Houston legal community. We are expecting several hundred corporate, legal and civic leaders from the greater Houston area and around the country to join us for this special evening. The Gala & Silent Auction will feature a cocktail reception, charitable silent auction and seated dinner.

In keeping with tradition, the AABA will donate a substantial portion of the proceeds from its Gala & Silent Auction to the Asian American Bar Foundation (AABF), whose mission is to advance the participation of Asian Pacific Americans in all areas of legal practice, thereby promoting diversity in the legal community and improving access to justice for all Houstonians.

Enclosed is information on becoming an underwriter. Your generous support of this year's Gala & Silent Auction will help fund scholarships, grants and programs in furtherance of the AABF's mission.

Thank you for your consideration and for your continued commitment to diversity in our community. We look forward to seeing you on September 17th.

Todd E. Chen
Co-Chair, Gala Committee
Thompson & Knight LLP

Aaron Woo
Co-Chair, Gala Committee
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ASIAN AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION OF HOUSTON 2010 GALA & SILENT AUCTION

PLATINUM DRAGON UNDERWRITER - \$7,500

and Underwriter of the AABA 2010 Corporate Counsel Dinner

- ◆ Ten tickets to the Gala, reserved table with underwriter placard
 - ◆ Four tickets to the VIP Reception preceding the Gala
 - ◆ Full page color advertisement in the printed Gala program
 - ◆ Logo display in the printed Gala program
 - ◆ Special mention and prominent logo display during the Gala dinner
 - ◆ Logo on the AABA website as a Platinum Dragon Underwriter
 - ◆ Underwriter recognition in all 2010-2011 AABA monthly newsletters
- Recognition as an Underwriter of the AABA 2010 Corporate Counsel Dinner**
Four tickets to attend the AABA 2010 Corporate Counsel Dinner

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- ◆ Ten tickets to the Gala, reserved table with underwriter placard
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- ◆ Special mention and prominent logo display during the Gala dinner
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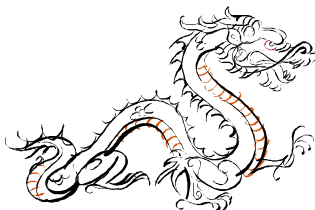
- ◆ Ten tickets to the Gala, reserved table
- ◆ Special mention during the Gala dinner and slideshow

BRONZE DRAGON UNDERWRITER - \$1,500

- ◆ 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!





**ASIAN AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION OF HOUSTON
2010 GALA & SILENT AUCTION**

**September 17, 2010
Omni Hotel • Four Riverway • Houston, Texas 77056**

Underwriter Name: _____

Contact Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip Code: _____

Telephone: _____ Facsimile: _____

E-mail: _____

Please select your level of underwriting*:

_____ **\$7,500 Platinum Dragon Underwriter**

_____ **\$5,000 Gold Dragon Underwriter**

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*The AABA of Houston is a tax-exempt organization. However, contributions or gifts to the AABA of Houston are not tax deductible as charitable contributions for federal income tax purposes.

Please return your completed form and check made payable to "AABA of Houston"
by no later than **July 20, 2010** to:

**Todd E. Chen
Thompson & Knight LLP
333 Clay Street, Suite 3300
Houston, TX 77002**

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



**ASIAN AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION OF HOUSTON
2010 GALA & SILENT AUCTION**

**September 17, 2010
Omni Hotel • Four Riverway • Houston, Texas 77056**

If you or your company are interested in purchasing an advertisement in the 2010 Gala & Silent Auction printed program, please complete the form below.

THE DEADLINE TO PURCHASE AND SUBMIT AN ADVERTISEMENT IS JULY 30, 2010.

PROGRAM ADVERTISEMENT FORM

Name of Advertiser: _____

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City/State/Zip Code: _____

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Please select the size of your advertisement:

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| _____ Full page (8" x 11") color advertisement | \$1,000.00 |

TOTAL AMOUNT DUE: \$_____

Please return this form and your check made payable to "AABA of Houston" to:

**Todd E. Chen
Thompson & Knight LLP
333 Clay Street, Suite 3300
Houston, TX 77002**

- You will receive a confirmation of your sponsorship via email.

- Advertisement content may be sent via e-mail.
- Questions? Please contact us at aaba.gala@gmail.com.



**ASIAN AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION OF HOUSTON
2010 GALA & SILENT AUCTION**

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"
Half Page horizontal	8-1/2"	5-1/2"
Quarter Page	4-1/4"	5-1/2"

**PLEASE SUBMIT YOUR AD AS A DIGITAL FILE
BY NOT LATER THAN JULY 30, 2010**

TO: aaba.gala@gmail.com

or by submitting the digital file on a CD and mailing it to:

Questions? Please call Todd Chen, Gala Co-Chair, at ph. 713-951-5883.

NAPABA's LAWYERS IN TRANSITION WEBINAR SERIES

**FREE Webinar to be held on Tuesday, June 15, 2010
4:00 pm EDT/ 3:00 pm CDT**

The current economic climate is forcing many lawyers to consider transitioning to different types of law practices. In light of these challenges facing our members, NAPABA is offering a new series of programs designed to provide job hunting tips and strategies for attorneys who are looking for new jobs, whether it be in the public sector or a corporation, and advice for those who are planning on starting their own practices. Lawyers in government, the public sector, at law firms, corporations, and in their own practices will offer advice and support to those of you who are in the difficult transition process.

The series will kick off with a program organized by **NAPABA's Public Sector Committee**, which will focus on attorneys who are interested in working in government or public sector, on **June 15, 2010, at 4:00 pm EDT/ 3:00 pm CDT**. Panelists for this webinar include:

- Chia Kang, Director of Personnel at the New York City Law Department
- Leezie Kim, Deputy General Counsel for Department of Homeland Security
- Nimesh Patel, Division Chief in the Office of Civil Rights for the U.S. Department of Homeland Security - Transportation Security Administration
- Veronica Seungwon Jung, Law Clerk to the Honorable Kiyo A. Matsumoto, U.S. District Judge, Eastern District of New York and formerly a trial attorney at the U.S. Department of Justice

For Dial-In information please RSVP for this FREE webinar by going to <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/V89PHSN>

www.napaba.org

JOB OPPORTUNITIES

Baker & McKenzie Intellectual Property Associate

The Houston office of Baker & McKenzie seeks a junior associate (minimum 1st year level) who is Patent Bar qualified and has an interest in an Intellectual Property practice with variety including design patent, trademark and litigation support. The candidate must have a Chemical Engineering degree with a strong chemistry background. The candidate should also have superior academic credentials, excellent communication, analytical and writing skills.

The Houston office serves a wide range of local, domestic and international companies with business interests in Texas and in major markets in every region.

For more information, please contact Mr. Tan Pham at tan.pham@bakermckenzie.com.

NAPABA Policy Associate/Policy Director

The National Asian Pacific American Bar Association (NAPABA) seeks a Policy Associate or Policy Director (depending on the candidate's experience) to serve in its Washington D.C. office. The position works with NAPABA's Executive Director, Board of Governors, committees, and affiliates to promote diversity in the legal profession and to advocate for justice, equity, and opportunity for Asian Pacific Americans. The position reports directly to the Executive Director to carry out policy work for NAPABA.

Responsibilities:

- Research and analyze issues related to diversity in the legal profession and issues affecting the Asian Pacific American community. Analyze state and federal legislation. Participate in NAPABA's efforts to support Asian Pacific American federal judicial nominees. Monitor cases and other legal developments that impact the Asian Pacific American community.

Qualifications:

- Excellent writing abilities & research skills.
- Ability to communicate effectively in writing and in person to a variety of audiences, including NAPABA members, congressional staff, and the media.
- Ability to work under pressure and tight deadlines in a fast-paced environment.
- Strong interpersonal skills and ability to work well on a team.
- Knowledge of the policy-making process.

To Apply: Interested candidates should send a cover letter explaining your interest in the position, a resume, two writing samples, and a list of three references to:

Tina Matsuoka
Executive Director
National Asian Pacific American Bar Association
1612 K St. NW, Suite 1400
Washington, DC 20006
tmatsuoka@napaba.org

Email is the preferred form of application submission. The position will remain open until filled. Salary is commensurate with experience. Benefits include health and dental insurance.

JOB 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.



AABA 2010 Gala and Silent Auction

Silent Auction Donation Form

Donor Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____ Fax: _____

E-mail: _____

Item Donated: _____

Tangible Item Gift Certificate/Voucher Services

Retail/Fair Market Value: _____

Additional information about donated item (please provide us any background, history, or special instructions regarding the item so we can promote the item to its best advantage):

AABA use only: _____ AABA contact _____

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The Asian American Bar Foundation is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization.
Your contribution is tax deductible to the extent allowed by law.

Please return form to: 5718 Westheimer, Suite 1750, Houston, Texas 77057, Attention: Juvie Cruz

OUR COUNTRY, OUR WORLD IN A "POST-RACIAL" ERA



THIRD NATIONAL PEOPLE OF COLOR LEGAL SCHOLARSHIP CONFERENCE

SEPTEMBER 9-12, 2010
SETON HALL UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW
http://law.shu.edu/about/news_events/thirdnationalpoc/

How to Enter the Legal Academy: Pipeline Program

Thinking about becoming a law professor?

The Pipeline Program at the National People of Color Legal Scholarship Conference is an opportunity to learn the inside information necessary to join the legal academic community!

All interested parties are invited to attend a four-hour "boot camp" program featuring panel discussions about entering law school teaching as a person of color.

Date: Thursday, September 9, 2010. Time: 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Topics covered will include:

- ❖ **How to Gain a Position:** Self-marketing, CVs, Callbacks, Job Talks
- ❖ **Placement:** The "Meet Market," FAR forms and Interviewing Advice
- ❖ **Entrée Strategies:** Fellowships, Clerkships, Visiting Assistant Professorships
- ❖ **Writing for the Academy:** Turning law school papers into articles, research agendas
- ❖ **Advice for Late Bloomers:** Entering the academic market later in your career

All parties interested in attending this event should register at the above website while space is available. Registration fee is \$20. Lunch will be provided.

****Attendee rates increase after July 10, 2010****

Questions? Contact Professor *andré douglas pond cummings*: andre-cummings@uiowa.edu

Many thanks to our 2009-2010 Major Underwriters:

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THE LANIER LAW FIRM

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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

for the

STARRY NIGHT MARKET & FILM FESTIVAL

Friday, June 18, 2010 6:30 pm–8:30 pm

Chinese Community Center

9800 Townpark Drive, Houston 77036

The Starry Night Market is a special event of the OCA National Convention, and it will feature booths that pay tribute to the culinary and cultural experiences of Houston, entertainment on the main stage, mechanical bull riding, and more, and it is all indoors!

The AABA is a Strategic Partner of the OCA National Convention and we are looking for volunteers to help with the Starry Night Market. Volunteers will help with staffing the booths.

Please email Carmen Ng at cng@winstead.com if you are able to volunteer. Thank you!

Get to Know Your AABA Leaders!



Name: Warren Huang

**AABA Position:
Member, Board of Directors**

Firm: Fulbright & Jaworski LLP

**Practice Area: Appellate
Litigation**

1. If I weren't an attorney, I would be . . . a landscape photographer or a writer for the New Yorker.
2. My favorite (or fantasy) vacation is . . . a cruise to Antarctica.
3. The best dessert (or other food) in the world is . . . I'm not a big fan of dessert, so I'll say fried chicken.
4. In my spare time, I enjoy . . . spending time with my family, reading, photography, and travel.
5. In my iPod (or other mp3 device) you will find . . . a little bit of everything. If it has a good melody, it's in there.
6. My favorite movies are . . . "To Kill a Mockingbird" and "Amelie."
7. The best restaurant in Houston is . . . Sinh Sinh and Pho Binh.
8. The sports team(s) I root for is/are . . . Team USA during the Olympics.
9. If I won the lottery, I would . . . endow a charitable foundation to put the money to good use.
10. I recommend reading . . . for fun. It's one of life's great pleasures to read without a highlighter in hand.
11. Most AABA members probably don't know that I . . . used to be a traveling choirboy.
12. You forgot to ask me about . . . my wonderful wife Monica and my two darling daughters Catherine and Isabella.

****Stay tuned for next month's Newsletter where you will get to know more about another 2010 Director or Officer!****

Get to Know an AABA Member!



Name: Rachel Le

**AABA Involvement:
Mentorship & Law School Relations
Committee Co-Chair**

**Firm:
Morgan Lewis & Bockius LLP**

Practice Areas: Corporate, Oil & Gas

1. If I weren't an attorney, I would be . . . an art historian.
2. My favorite (or fantasy) vacation is . . . laying out on the beach in a tropical island with a stack of fashion and celebrity gossip magazines.
3. In my spare time, I enjoy . . . hanging out with friends and family and dining out.
4. In my iPod (or other mp3 device) you will find . . . tons of pop music - Britney Spears, Beyonce, Black Eyed Peas, Lady Gaga and Taylor Swift.
5. My favorite movies are . . . Sliding Doors, You've Got Mail, Into the Wild and The Devil Wears Prada.
6. The best restaurant in Houston is . . . there are so many it's hard to choose but my favorites are Goode BBQ, 100% Taquito, and Backstreet Cafe.
7. My favorite place in Houston is . . . the Menil Collection and the Rothko Chapel.
8. The sports team(s) I root for is/are . . . the Astros and Rockets.
9. If I won the lottery, I would . . . take my entire family on vacation and buy a cute 1920s bungalow with a wraparound porch in the Heights.
10. I recommend reading . . . anything by David Sedaris. I promise you will laugh until it hurts.
11. Most AABA members probably don't know that I . . . love Bravo and the entire Real Housewives franchise. It's absolutely ridiculous but highly entertaining.
12. You forgot to ask me about . . . my wonderful husband Lam. We'll have been together for ten years this July (married for a year and a half)!

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



**ATTENTION LAW STUDENTS &
RECENT LAW SCHOOL GRADUATES
Apply now for the AABF
PUBLIC INTEREST SCHOLARSHIP**

Asian American Bar Foundation of Houston, Inc.

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

Public Interest Scholarship Scholarship Application Guidelines 2010

The Asian American Bar Foundation of Houston, Inc. seeks to award up to three 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 2010 AABF Public Interest Scholarship is a **\$1,500 award to a law school student or recent law school graduate** 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 (or have graduated from an accredited law school in Texas no earlier than May 2009 and currently not be employed in any full-time legal position), 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 / Degree obtained
6. Expected graduation date / date of graduation
7. Copy of transcript, GPA and class rank (if available) or other proof of enrollment at or graduation from 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 September 17, 2010, where the scholarship will be awarded. The scholarship recipient is required to submit a final report by no later than July 31, 2011 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 **August 10, 2010**, 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.

OCA National Convention

June 17 – 20, 2010

Westin Galleria, Houston

Go to www.ocanational.org for a complete schedule of events, programs, and workshops.

AABA Members may attend the Workshops, Film Screenings, and Book Signings, and visit the Exhibit/Career Fair at the OCA National Convention **FREE of charge**

(this does not include any transportation, meals or special events).

To attend for FREE you MUST register on-line at www.ocanational.org and select "Workshop Track**" only (in the blank for your organization name you may type "AABA of Houston" or your company name).**



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P.O. Box 1351
Houston, Texas 77252

Community Organization Grant **Community Organization Grant Guidelines** **2010**

The Asian American Bar Foundation of Houston, Inc. seeks to award up to two community organization grants to Texas-based charitable non-profit 501(c)(3) organizations 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 2010 AABF Community Organization Grant is a **\$2,500 grant to a charitable non-profit 501(c)(3) organization** best fulfill the aims described in the preceding paragraph. Applicant organizations must be charitable non-profit 501(c)(3) organization incorporated or formed under the laws of the State of Texas and/or otherwise demonstrate a substantial connection to the greater Houston metropolitan area. Applicant organizations should submit application packages containing the following information to the Scholarship Committee:

1. Name of applicant organization
2. Contact information (name, address, telephone number, e-mail address) of applicant organization and representative of applicant organization
3. Copy of the mission statement (or, if no official mission statement exists, a statement of the primary purpose) of the applicant organization and information and materials about the applicant organization sufficient for the Scholarship Committee to understand the purpose of and activities conducted by the applicant organization
4. Information regarding a few recent events held by the applicant organization, if any
5. Description of and information relating to program or event for which the grant funds are to be applied (the more detail, the better)
6. Any other information that applicant organization desires to provide to assist in the application process
7. Cover letter stating how a community organization grant will help the applicant organization to achieve AABF's purposes listed above and serve the public interest

Each grant recipient will receive a \$2,500 award and a ticket for one of its representative to attend the Asian American Bar Association's annual gala, to be held September 17, 2010, where the grant will be awarded. The grant recipient is required to submit a final report in 2011 after completion of the program or event that is supported by the grant funds explaining how the grant funds were used and the results of the program or event.

Applicant organizations 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 applicant organizations 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 Community Organization Grants in its sole discretion.

Application packages must be postmarked **no later than August 10, 2010**, 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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