

AABA *of Houston* **OCTOBER 2010 NEWSLETTER**

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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 GALA & SILENT AUCTION

On September 17, 2010 members of the AABA, together with over 300 guests, judges, civic leaders and supporters, gathered at the Omni Hotel to attend the annual Gala and Silent Auction benefiting the Asian American Bar Foundation. This year's keynote speaker was Karen Narasaki, Executive Director of the Asian American Justice Center in Washington, D.C., and the 2010 Impact Award was awarded to AABA co-founder, Judge Herbert Gee. KTRK-TV Channel 13 reporter Sonia Azad presided as Mistress of Ceremonies. Special thanks to Gala Co-Chairs **Aaron Woo** and **Todd Chen**, to Silent Auction Chair **Juvie Cruz**, and to all of our **Gala & Silent Auction Committee volunteers**, for their hard work and contributions in making this Gala a huge success!



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UPCOMING EVENTS

- Monday, October 18, 2010
Attorney Volunteer Training for Naturalization Clinic
11:30am – 1pm at the offices of Mayer Brown
Free. Lunch is included.

- Thursday, October 21, 2010
CLE Program: “Solo Practitioner & Small Firm Event”
6:30 pm – 8:00 pm at the Chinese Community Center
Free. Dinner is included.

- Saturday, October 23, 2010
AABA Women Attorneys Retreat
8:45 am – 12 pm at Hotel Indigo

- Saturday, November 6, 2010
Pro Bono Immigration & Naturalization Clinic
9 am – 3 pm at American First National Bank

- Wednesday, November 10, 2010
Corporate Counsel Dinner
6:30 pm at McCormick & Schmick’s - Uptown Park

- Thursday, November 18-21, 2010
Annual NAPABA Convention - www.napabainspire.org
Los Angeles, CA

- Saturday, December 11, 2010
AABA Holiday Party
11 am – 1 pm / Details to come

The AABA is pleased to present its fourth CLE program of the year:

“SOLO PRACTITIONER & SMALL FIRM EVENT”

Featured Speakers:

**Tammy Tran, The Tammy Tran Law Firm
Daniel Chen, Nguyen, Jazrawi, & Chen, PLLC
Tony Dinh, Dinh & Associates**

The seminar will focus on issues and considerations that attorneys face in making the decision to start a solo or small firm practice.

We hope you can join us and take advantage of the wealth of experience and insights our speakers have to share!

Thursday, October 21st, 2010

6:30 pm: Registration / Networking / Dinner

7:00 pm – 8:00 pm: Panel Discussion and Q&A

**Chinese Community Center
9800 Town Park Drive
Houston, Texas 77036
(713) 271-6100**

Dinner will be provided.

**This event is FREE,
but we ask and strongly encourage that
you RSVP in advance at www.aabahouston.com**

SAVE THE DATE!

AABA Women's Retreat

Saturday, October 23rd

Hotel Indigo at the Galleria

8:45 am - 12 noon

5160 Hidalgo

(between Nordstrom's and Sage Road)

Free parking

www.houstonluxuryhotel.com

This is a great opportunity for women attorneys to get together in a relaxed atmosphere and to discuss topics such as dealing with colleagues and clients, and career planning.

This event is open to women attorneys - please register to attend at

www.aabahouston.com

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

2010 NATURALIZATION AND CITIZENSHIP CLINIC

**Saturday, November 6, 2010
9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.**

**American First National Bank Community Center
9999 Bellaire, 12th Floor, Training Room, 77036**

Please spread the word about the Clinic to family and friends who are interested in applying for naturalization. To register for the Clinic, applicants must contact the Clinic's intake representative at 2010clinic@gmail.com by October 20, 2010 to be screened for income and naturalization eligibility and to obtain an appointment for the day of the Clinic.

Volunteer Attorneys and/or Translators Needed for:

- (1) Client Consulting on the day of the Clinic; and/or**
- (2) pre-clinic Intake Screening.**

No immigration experience needed. Training for client consulting will be held at the offices of Mayer Brown LLP on October 18, 2010 from 11:30am – 1pm.

Training Location:

**Mayer Brown LLP
Bank of America Center
700 Louisiana, Suite 3400
Houston, TX 77002**

CLE credit: 1.25 hours of participatory credit.

**For more information, please contact
AABA Vice-President of Community Relations**

David Chang at dchang@mayerbrown.com.

For more information or to volunteer, please RSVP at www.aabahouston.com.



Asian American Bar Association of Houston

cordially invites you to its

**6th Annual
Corporate Counsel Dinner**

with special guest speaker

Dat Tran

**Associate General Counsel of
AGL Resources Inc.**

Wednesday, November 10, 2010
6:30 p.m. Reception
7:00 p.m. Dinner & Program

McCormick & Schmick's
1151-01 Uptown Park Blvd.
Houston, Texas 77056

This event is generously underwritten by Gardere Wynne Sewell LLP.

Invited In-House Counsel: To receive one complimentary ticket, you must RSVP by November 3, 2010 to AABA Corporate Counsel Committee Co-Chair, Mr. Lam Nguyen, at LNGUYEN18@SLB.COM.

AABA Members, Non-Members, and Guests: \$115 per ticket
or \$125 per ticket after October 28, 2010.

All tickets must be purchased online at www.aabahouston.com using GoogleCheckout.
The deadline to purchase a ticket is November 5, 2010.

Space is limited.

Inspire: 2010 NAPABA Annual Convention

When

November 17, 2010 9:00 AM to
November 21, 2010 5:00 PM
Pacific Time

Where

JW Marriott Hotel
900 W. Olympic Boulevard
Los Angeles, CA 90015

RSVP

Friday, November 05, 2010

For more information,
please visit www.napabainspire.org

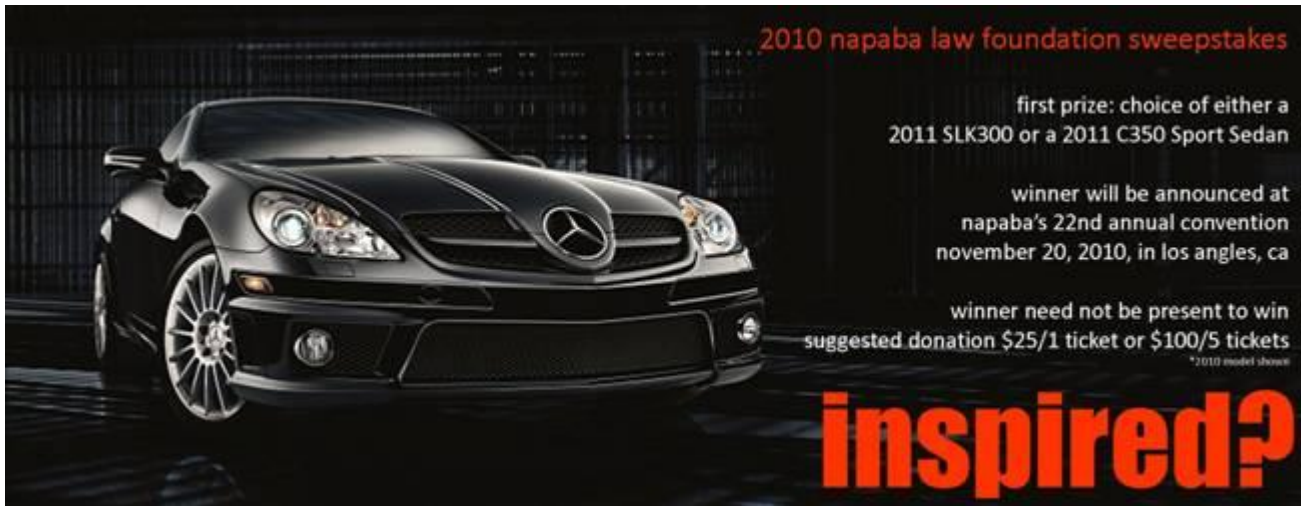


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LOS ANGELES · NOVEMBER 17-21, 2010




The 2010 NAPABA Law Foundation Mercedes-Benz sweepstakes tickets are here! The NAPABA Law Foundation (NLF) has an extensive network of scholarships and programs aimed at strengthening APA attorneys, students, and communities. NLF relies on the proceeds from this sweepstakes to fund all these wonderful programs. When you make your donation, you can feel good about supporting these initiatives and win the car of your dreams!

This year's winner will have the choice of either a **2011 SLK300** or a **2011 C350 Sport Sedan**. The winner will be announced at **NAPABA's 22nd Annual Convention** at the JW Marriott at L.A. Live on **November 20, 2010**. The theme of this year's NAPABA Convention is "**inspire**". We hope that you will be inspired by NLF's programs that give thousands of dollars each year to law students that have demonstrated a strong commitment to civil rights and equality in their communities.

Thank you for supporting the NAPABA Law Foundation and their programs that seek to further legal scholarship and education. NLF's programs are critical to helping promote the careers of promising young lawyers throughout the country, and through them, legal education is made more affordable for deserving students.

A donation of \$25 per sweepstakes ticket or \$100 for 5 sweepstakes tickets is recommended. Please contact Emily Kuo at etkuo@yahoo.com or (713) 745-9692 to get your tickets today and help continue NLF's legacy of **inspiring** bright legal minds! Good luck!

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EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY - CFO/COMPTROLLER POSITION

This Taiwanese owned manufacturing/distribution company manufactures fitness equipment in China sold directly to niche clients in the US. They do about \$15 million in sales annually and are very profitable. They have no bank debt and the owner is 1st generation Taiwanese. Duties include but are not limited to:

Management of professionals and employees, Accounting, Cash Management and Reporting, Personnel Management and training, Systems Management, Accounts Receivable/Payable Management, Inventory Management, Strategic Business Planning, Corporate Tax Planning, Managing Insurance

Base pay - \$ 80,000- \$120,000.

Plus benefit and bonus - Up to 2 months pay.

Prerequisite: Mandarin-speaking

If you are interested or know someone who is interested in applying for this position, please contact Aaron Woo at awoo@outsourcегc.com or at 281-797-1217.

Get to Know Your AABA Leaders!



Name: Jason Luong

AABA Position: Director

**Employer: Harris County District
Attorney's Office**

Practice Areas: Criminal Prosecution

If I weren't an attorney, I would be . . . either a film maker or restaurant owner.

My favorite (or fantasy) vacation is . . . probably France with someone who speaks the language and knows the place the locals go to eat and drink.

The best dessert (or other food) in the world is . . . too many from which to choose. . . but I'll say chocolate bread pudding.

In my spare time, I enjoy . . . running in Memorial Park (to work off the chocolate bread pudding).

My favorite movies are . . . not movies but TV serial dramas like *Mad Men*, *Spartacus*, *Dexter*, etc. . . Movies have been a real let down recently.

The best restaurant in Houston is . . . (too many to name) I really love cheap taquerias. The food is authentic, flavorful, and reasonably priced. Laredo Taqueria on Washington has the best barbacoa and breakfast tacos in town. The line is always out the door. For upscale, I really enjoy Catalan on Washington. Also the Boiling Crab off of Beechnut has the best Cajun-style boiled seafood in town.

My favorite place in Houston is . . . either Memorial Park or the Houston Museum of Fine Arts. On Thursday nights, the MFA is open late and it's free. It's a great place just to walk around and remember the bigger picture.

If I won the lottery, I would . . . start a non-profit foundation for children, start a business, and travel more

I recommend reading . . . the *Hunger Games* series by Suzanne Collins and *the Artemis Fowl* series by Eoin Colfer.

Most AABA members probably don't know that I . . . put myself through college working three jobs: work study, licensed Realtor, and a prep cook/bartender at the Daily Review Café.

You forgot to ask me about . . . my nephew Lucas. He's 1 ½ years old, knows sign language and laughs at anything.

***** 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: Debbie Yee

Firm: Latham & Watkins LLP

AABA Position: Corporate Counsel
Committee Co-Chair

Practice Areas: Corporate Securities/
M&A

If I weren't an attorney, I would be a restaurant owner.

My favorite (or fantasy) vacation is the Cayman Islands (favorite); the Maldives (fantasy).

The best dessert (or other food) in the world is egg custard.

In my spare time, I enjoy sleeping and running.

My favorite movies are Big Business and Pretty Woman.

The best restaurant in Houston is Reef.

My favorite place in Houston is the Galleria.

The sports team I root for is the Portland Trailblazers.

If I won the lottery, I would take a trip around the world and set aside the rest of the money for my family.

I recommend reading anything by Malcolm Gladwell.

Most AABA members probably don't know that I was a competitive inline speedskater from age 5 to 14.

You forgot to ask me about my addiction to the show "Gangland".

**** 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!

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").

Jessica Palarca, *Law Offices of Gerardo P. Price*

Dongwook Kim, *University of Houston Law Center 2012*

Victor Mendoza, *South Texas College of Law 2013*

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Vi Nguyen, *Coane and Associates*



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2010 Membership Application/Renewal

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- o \$0 Law Student • Retired Attorney
o \$25 Attorney with less than 3 years in practice • In-House or Non-Profit Counsel • Solo Practitioner • Auxiliary Member*
o \$50 Attorney with 3 to 8 years in practice • Judge • Government Attorney
o \$75 Attorney with 8+ years in practice

Bar Number and Jurisdiction _____

Last Name _____ First Name _____

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

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

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

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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.