

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.

BREAKFAST WITH THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY



On August 18, 2010, AABA members and friends joined Harris County District Attorney, the Honorable Patricia Lykos, for breakfast at the Junior League of Houston. Special thanks to Corporate Counsel Committee Chairs, **Mai Huynh**, **Lam Nguyen** and **Debbie Yee** for their efforts in securing a dynamic speaker and planning a delicious breakfast for everyone to enjoy.

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**BREAKFAST WITH THE D.A.
(continued)**



BREAKFAST WITH THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY *(continued)*



AABA Annual Gala & Silent Auction

9.17.10 at Omni Hotel Riverway

Featuring...

Mistress of Ceremonies
SONIA AZAD



Keynote Speaker
KAREN K. NARASAKI



Impact Award Recipient
**THE HONORABLE
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LAST CALL FOR GALA TICKETS!

Law Student Ticket: \$50

AABA Member Ticket: \$100

Guest/Non-Member Ticket: \$125

**Purchase Your Ticket at www.aabahouston.com
using GoogleCheckout**

The deadline to purchase tickets is September 8, 2010!



Save the Date!

11.06.10

AABA Immigration and Naturalization

Pro Bono Clinic

Saturday, November 6th.

Details to come.

Please contact David Chang,
VP of Community Relations, with any questions.

www.aabahouston.com

Attention: AABA Women Attorneys!

Are you interested in being part of the
planning committee for the
AABA Women's Retreat in October?

We need your ideas and input!

If interested, please contact Joyce at jsoliman@porterhedges.com.

Election Law Seminar

Following the tragic destruction of 10,000 voting machines,
this will be an important seminar.

**Saturday, Sept. 11th, 2010
10:00 am - 12:00 pm**

**Event Located At:
Jury Assembly Room
1019 Congress, 1st Floor
Houston, Texas 77002**

Speakers:



Vince Ryan

Harris County Attorney



Terry O'Rourke

1st Assistant County Attorney



Douglas Ray

Senior Assistant County Attorney



Johnny German

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County Clerk's Office



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Special Guests:

Jared Woodfill, Harris County Republican Chair

Gerry Birnberg, Harris County Democratic Chair

2 hours of CLE Credit & 1 hour of Ethics Credit will be presented

Please RSVP to [Debbie Dillard](#)

Georgetown Women's Law and Public Policy Fellowship Program

Application for 2011-2012 Fellowship Year

Applications must be sent via e-mail to wlppfp@law.georgetown.edu by Monday, November 1, 2010.

PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE

1. NAME _____
(last) (first) (middle)

2. PRESENT ADDRESS _____
(street)

(city) (state) (zip code)

3. TELEPHONE NUMBER _____
(home) (work) (mobile) (permanent)

4. PERMANENT ADDRESS _____
(if different from above) (street)

(city) (state) (zip code)

5. E-MAIL ADDRESS _____ 6. ALTERNATE E-MAIL (if applicable) _____

7. DATE OF BIRTH _____ Have you applied to WLPPFP before? (year) _____

8. How did you hear about WLPPFP? _____

9. LAW SCHOOL _____ Graduation Date _____

Grade Point Average (or class rank if GPA is unavailable) _____

10. If you are not currently a full-time student, list your present position/employer: _____

11. Judicial Clerkship (where and with whom, if any) _____

12. Name the jurisdiction/s in which you are now a member of the bar and the dates of admission. If you have passed a bar and are awaiting admission, please also name the jurisdiction and exam date: _____

13. List any bar examinations (and dates) that you plan to take prior to the Fellowship: _____

14. List any foreign languages you speak and your level of proficiency: _____

15. WLPPFP actively recruits and welcomes a diverse pool of applicants. The following information is optional; please mark the appropriate box(es) if you wish to provide this information.

- ☐ Arab-American
- ☐ African-American/Black
- ☐ American Indian/Native Alaskan
- ☐ Asian/Pacific Islander
- ☐ Caucasian/White

- ☐ Hispanic/Latino/a
- ☐ Multi-Racial _____
- ☐ Lesbian/Gay/Bisexual/Transgender
- ☐ Disability
- ☐ Other: _____

16. Please write an essay on the following (attach as a separate document along with your completed application form): Explain why you would like to participate in the Women's Law and Public Policy Fellowship Program, and how both your personal career goals, as well as the cause of women's rights, would be advanced through your participation in WLPFP. Feel free to include any information about your background or experiences, as well as your future plans, that you would like to be considered in your application to WLPFP. In addition, WLPFP may offer some Fellowships focusing on particular issues (for example, the Rita Charatz Davidson Fellowship focusing on low-income women, the Harriet B. Burg Fellowship focusing on women with disabilities, Fellowships focusing on HIV/AIDS, international women's human rights, etc.). Please indicate in your essay whether you are interested in focusing on a particular issue(s) and if so, why. Expressing an interest in specific issues does not preclude an applicant from being considered for other Fellowships (unless you indicate a preference not to work on a particular issue).

17. The Georgetown University Law Center Domestic Violence Teaching Fellowship is a two-year position leading to an LL.M. degree that will be awarded to an applicant with experience litigating domestic violence cases. For additional details, please visit the clinic website at www.law.georgetown.edu/clinics/sdc. If you are interested in applying for the Domestic Violence Teaching Fellowship, please attach a supplemental essay describing any litigation, policy, or scholarship experience you have had in the domestic violence field. If you are interested in applying for the Domestic Violence Teaching Fellowship ONLY, please indicate this preference; otherwise, applicants will be considered for all Fellowships. Applicants for the Teaching Fellowship must have taken a bar exam prior to applying and must receive sufficient bar results by December 2007 in order to permit waiver into the DC Bar. Current students are not eligible.

18. WLPFP may be able to offer a limited number of Fellowships to public interest lawyers focusing on women's rights who have already obtained positions working with public interest organizations in the Washington, DC area. These Fellowships would provide the opportunity to participate in all WLPFP seminars, professional development training and networking events, but would not provide funding for the Fellow's stipend or salary. If you are interested in this type of Fellowship, please indicate the name of your employer, the date on which you started (or will start), the type of work that you are (or will be) doing in this position (e.g., impact litigation, public policy advocacy, direct legal services, etc.), and the substantive women's rights issues on which you will be focusing. Applicants for these Fellowships do not need to answer the question below concerning placement organizations. Please note: If you apply to WLPFP through the regular application process, and later obtain employment with a public interest organization and would still like to participate in WLPFP, please inform us as soon as possible.

19. Placement organizations and the types of work that Fellows perform vary widely. Please provide any information that may assist the Program in determining your placement organization in the event that you are selected as a Fellow, such as the type of legal work you would prefer (e.g. direct legal service, public policy advocacy, and/or impact litigation).

20. Please provide your current resume, indicating your employment history; your education (including participation in any extracurricular activities, clinics, law journals, moot court competitions, etc.); any published materials or other significant original research papers; any special honors, awards, scholarships, or fellowships; and memberships in organizations or community activities in which you have been involved, including any leadership roles.

21. Please provide two letters of recommendation, as well as each recommender's contact information, including name, address, telephone number, and a brief explanation of each recommender's knowledge of your academic and/or work performance.

22. Please provide your official law school transcript. WLPFP cannot consider your application until your official (stamped/sealed) law school transcript is received (photocopies are not sufficient). Please include an explanation of the grading and ranking system.

Send your completed application via e-mail to wlpfp@law.georgetown.edu by Monday, November 1, 2010. Your recommendation letters may be scanned and sent as e-mail attachments, or may be mailed separately. Your official law school transcript (stamped/sealed) must be sent as a hardcopy. If you applied to WLPFP last year, you do not need to resend your transcript or recommendation letters, but you must resubmit your completed application form with your responses to the questions (including your updated resume).

Julia L. Ernst, Executive Director
Women's Law and Public Policy Fellowship Program
Georgetown University Law Center
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Washington, DC 20001
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The Fellowship award process will be conducted on an ongoing basis throughout the winter, spring and summer of 2010 as we hear back from funders and are able to match Fellowship candidates with placement organizations. Due to limited staffing and the high volume of applications we receive, we regret that we are unable to notify applicants who are not awarded a Fellowship position, or to respond to questions from applicants (although questions specifically about the Domestic Violence Clinical Fellowships may be directed to the Domestic Violence Clinic at 202-662-9640). We sincerely appreciate your interest in the Women's Law and Public Policy Fellowship Program, and thank you for your commitment to women's rights!

Many thanks to our 2009-2010 Major Underwriters:

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Congratulations to AABA member
Kay-Linh Pham
on your new in-house position
at Southwestern Energy Company!

*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: Alice Huang

AABA Position: Secretary

Firm: Locke Lord Bissell & Liddell, LLP

Practice Areas: Corporate Trusts,
Securitizations & Public Finance

If I weren't an attorney, I would be . . . traveling the world, tasting my way through different cultures. I would author a series of books to commemorate my experiences and hope they get published (to fund my travel expenses)!

The best food in the world is . . . found in Paris.

My fantasy vacation is . . . Fiji (think overwater bungalow).

In my spare time I . . . plan menus for dinner parties, plan itineraries for the next trip, plan what we're doing in the next calendar year... starting to see a trend?

My current go-to restaurant in Houston is . . . a hidden gem called Poscol.

My favorite place in Houston is . . . Crave cupcakes! And Memorial Park on a brisk autumn day.

****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: Jennifer Fung

Firm: Raley & Bowick, LLP

Practice Areas: Intellectual Property
Litigation & Legal Malpractice
Defense

If I weren't an attorney, I would be . . . a cook or pastry chef.

My fantasy vacation is . . . Peru to see Manchu Picchu.

The best food in the world is . . . lobster stir fried in ginger and scallions, over a bed of crispy egg noodles.

My favorite movies are . . . ones where I can't predict the ending. I usually spoil the movie for myself.

The best restaurant in Houston is . . . depends on what I'm in the mood for. Some of my current favorites are Red Fish, Arco Seafood, Feast, Sprinkles Cupcakes . . .

My favorite place in Houston is . . . the Natural Science Museum.

The sports team(s) I root for is/are . . . the Longhorns (Hook 'em!), the Dynamo, and the Rockets.

If I won the lottery, I would . . . pay off my student loans, buy a house, go on vacation, and save the rest (in that order).

I recommend reading . . . the Harry Potter series.

Most AABA members probably don't know that I . . . like to collect bobble heads of sports figures.

You forgot to ask me about . . . my current favorite show—Mad Men!

****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").

Son Tran

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Asian American Bar Association of Houston
2010 Membership Application/Renewal

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

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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:

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

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