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Members Meeting & Kickoff Dinner

On Thursday, January 26, 2012, the AABA of Houston held its Annual Members Meeting & Kickoff Dinner at Kim Son Restaurant. Thanks to the AABA officers, board members, committee co-chairs, and fellow members who came out to kickoff another exciting year for the AABA!



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Lunar New Year Celebration

On February 11, 2012, the AABA celebrated the Year of the Dragon with a family dim sum at Fung's Kitchen. More than 70 AABA members, guests, and their families attended the event. Thanks to our Social Committee Co-chairs, Susan Tran and Chris Lee, for organizing this event!





Law Day Poster Workshop

In recognition of Law Day, the AABA is sponsoring a Poster Workshop with the Houston Bar Association to create posters for entry into the HBA Poster Contest. We hope that the workshop will allow students to recognize the importance of law in our society. The theme for this year is “**No Courts, No Justice, No Freedom.**” The posters should depict the importance of our court system and how the courts preserve justice and freedom.



Date: Saturday, February 18, 2012

Time: 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Place: Chinese Community Center
9800 Town Park
Houston, Texas 77036

Speaker: The Honorable Jay Karahan

Grade Levels: K-8th grades may participate

Posters, drawing supplies, food, and drinks will be provided. Completed posters will be submitted to the HBA courtesy of the AABA for entry into the official Poster Contest.

The Poster Contest will award all prizes in two categories:

K-3rd grade and 4th-8th grade

First Place Winners - \$150.00 each

Second Place Winners - \$ 100.00 each

Third Place Winners - \$ 50.00 each

2 Honorable Mentions - \$ 25.00 each

Teacher of First Place Winners - \$ 100.00 each

Courtesy of the Pratz Simmons Group at UBS

RSVPs for the Poster Workshop are encouraged at www.aabahouston.com via the Law Week Asian Outreach Poster Workshop link, but walk-ins are also welcome.

For questions about this event, please contact Daniel Chen at dchen@njclaw.com or Alice Huang at ahuang@lockelord.com.

WILLS CLINIC

AABA • HVLP • VN Teamwork • Boat People SOS

The AABA, Houston Volunteer Lawyers Program, VN Teamwork, and Boat People SOS are hosting the annual Wills Clinic to assist low-income residents of the local Asian-American community. We are in need of:

- ❖ Volunteer Witnesses
- ❖ Volunteer Translators (Vietnamese and Chinese)
- ❖ Volunteer Notaries

Please contact Tyrone Lin at tyrone.lin@hvlp.org if you wish to volunteer.

Law students are welcome to be witnesses and translators!

Volunteer Attorney Training:

Thursday, March 29, 2012

12:00 PM to 1:30 PM

Gardere Wynne Sewell LLP

1000 Louisiana, Suite 3400

Houston, Texas 77002

You will receive CLE credit, and lunch will be provided courtesy of Gardere Wynne Sewell LLP.

Please note that only valet parking is available at the firm's building.

Attorneys, please register online at www.aabahouston.com by **Friday, March 23, 2012**.

Clinic:

Saturday, April 28, 2012

8:30 AM to 2:00 PM

VN Teamwork Center

11210 Bellaire Boulevard, #118

Houston, Texas 77072

Lunch will be provided.

If you cannot attend the **Training** but would like to prepare documents for the **Clinic**, please contact David Hsu Brogden at attorney.dave@yahoo.com.



Asian Pacific Interest Section



State Bar of Texas

SIXTEENTH ANNUAL CONFERENCE AND RETREAT MARCH 30-31, 2012 HILTON AUSTIN AUSTIN, TEXAS

Register today at www.texasapis.org!

**For questions or additional information, visit www.texasapis.org or contact:
Zeena Angadicheril, APIS Chair | Phone: (512) 579-5187 | apischair@texasapis.org**

2012 AABA MENTORSHIP PROGRAM and CAREER NIGHT

AABA is seeking Mentors and Mentees for its 2012 Mentorship Program!

Please submit your applications by Friday, February 24, 2012.

A **Career Night and Mentorship Program Kickoff** will be held on Thursday, March 1, 2012 beginning at 6:30 P.M. at South Texas College of Law.

The Career Panel will begin at 7:30 P.M.

All AABA members, friends, supporters, mentees and mentors are invited and encouraged to attend.

If you would like to publicize job opportunities, community news, or personal SIDEBAR news, please contact AABA Secretary, Mai Huynh, at mhuynh@tum.com.

MENTOR APPLICATION – AABA 2012 Mentorship Program

The goal of the **AABA Mentorship Program** is to assist law students and new attorneys better define their legal path through the sharing of an experienced attorney's wisdom, experiences, and knowledge about the practice of law. In order to maximize the benefits of this program, Mentees and Mentors will be matched as closely as possible according to their areas of interest and practice, respectively. ***Mentors and Mentees are encouraged to schedule a meeting once per month to 6 weeks and to remain in contact with each other on a regular basis throughout the year.***

Eligibility: Attorneys with 2 or more years of legal experience are eligible to apply to be a Mentor. If you would like to participate in this program, please complete the form below.

The deadline to apply is February 24, 2012.

Name _____

Employer _____

Employer Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone # _____ Fax # _____

E-mail _____ State Bar Number _____

Law School _____

Year of Graduation _____

Year(s) in Practice _____

Practice Area(s) _____

Your Goals & Expectations from the Mentorship Program _____

Please mail, fax or e-mail your completed form to:

Juvie A. Cruz
Pagel, Davis & Hill, P.C.
1415 Louisiana, 22nd Floor
Tel: (713) 951-0160
Fax: (713) 951-0662
E-mail: jcruz@pdhlaw.com

MENTEE APPLICATION – AABA 2012 Mentorship Program

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Eligibility: Law students and attorneys with up to 2 years of legal experience are eligible to apply to be a Mentee. If you would like to participate in this program, please complete the form below.

Please note: Matches will be subject to availability.

The deadline to apply is February 24, 2012.

Name _____

Employer (for Attorneys) _____

Home/Business Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone # _____ E-mail _____

State Bar Number (Attorneys) _____

Law School _____

Year of Graduation or Current Law School Year _____

Year(s) in Practice (for Attorneys) _____

Practice Area(s) of Interest _____

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SAVE THE DATE!

Join us for a Legal Round-Up

NCVAA 2012

Houston, Texas, May 18 -19, 2012



The National Conference for Vietnamese American Attorneys 2012 (“NCVAA”) is pleased to announce that this year’s conference will be held **May 18-19, 2012** in **Houston, Texas**. On behalf of the conference committee, we ask for your support.

This year’s conference, based on the theme “Legal Round-Up,” marks the sixth occasion Vietnamese American attorneys from all over the nation will convene to discuss issues and experiences of interest to the Vietnamese legal community. This is the first time the NCVAA will be held in Texas.

The Houston Conference Committee is thrilled to show southern hospitality to our colleagues and friends. The conference will commence with a Welcome Reception on the evening of May 18. The full-day conference will take place on May 19 at Norris Conference Centers, City Centre, 803 Town and Country Blvd., Suite 210, Houston, Texas 77024 and will feature a series of esteemed speakers and panelists. A block of rooms are on hold on a limited basis with Hotel Sorella, 800 Sorella Court, Houston, Texas 77024, which is immediately adjacent to the Norris Conference Center, for conference attendees and guests.

The conference will conclude with a Banquet Dinner at Fung’s Kitchen, 7320 Southwest Freeway, Suite 115, Houston, Texas 77074, and two local law students will be presented with scholarships in recognition of their commitment to the Vietnamese American community.

This event provides opportunities to network with prominent judges, attorneys, government officials, and scholars. To learn more about NCVAA, please visit our website at www.ncvaa.org.

We hope you will support NCVAA 2012 and join us for the reception, conference, and/or dinner. The levels of sponsorship are attached for your review. A member of NCVAA will be contacting you in the near future to discuss your potential sponsorship. For your convenience, we have also included a Save the Date and the Conference Registration Package information.

We are very excited about this event, and hope to count on your generous support.

If you would like to be included on the NCVAA ListServ, please e-mail Catherine Than at CThan@bickerstaff.com with your contact information.

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Address: _____

City, State and Zip: _____

Name of Contact Person: _____

Phone: (____) _____ Fax: (____) _____ E-Mail Address: _____

YES, WE WOULD LIKE TO BE A MAJOR CONTRIBUTOR TO THIS EVENT!

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PLEASE CHECK ONE:

☐ A check is enclosed for: \$_____. ☐ A check for \$_____ will be mailed by _____ [date].

☐ We cannot commit as a sponsor at this time, but we'd like to enclose a donation for: \$_____.

Please make checks payable to: "NCVAA" and mail to: NCVAA, c/o Duy Thai, 351 California St., Suite 550, San Francisco, CA 94104.

Our Federal Tax ID # is 27-3630527. Reservations held at the door; tickets will not be mailed.
 For more information, please contact Catherine Than, (713) 395-1681/cthan@bickerstaff.com
 Please visit www.ncvaa.org for the Program Schedule and Ad submission requirements and instructions.

INDIVIDUAL TICKET PRICES		General	Government; Nonprofit; Students
Early Registration Package (by March 30, 2012) (1 ticket to Welcome Reception, Conference, and Banquet)		\$225	\$175
Regular Registration Package (after March 30, 2012) (1 ticket to Welcome Reception, Conference, and Banquet)		\$285	\$225
Individual Tickets			
	Welcome Reception (Friday, May 18, 2012)	\$50	\$40
	Conference (Saturday, May 19, 2012)	\$200	\$150
	Banquet (stand alone ticket)	\$75	\$60
	Banquet (companion ticket for Package Registrant)	\$60	\$60



2012 1L SUMMER INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

The National Asian Pacific American Bar Association (NAPABA) is pleased to partner with Prudential Financial, Inc. (Prudential) to provide a meaningful summer internship opportunity to a highly-motivated first-year law student. Through this partnership, NAPABA will select a student to join the 2012 summer law intern class at Prudential for a 10-week internship at Prudential's offices, for a stipend of approximately \$10,000.

Internship Responsibilities

The summer intern will have the opportunity to work with attorneys who support the broad reach of the Prudential businesses. The summer intern will also participate in the summer intern training program, which includes programs presented by Prudential attorneys that highlight different areas of the business and the legal department. Each intern will be paired with an attorney who will serve as a mentor during the program and will provide guidance on projects. The summer intern may also have an opportunity to practice interviewing skills, prepare presentations and shadow attorneys on various projects. The summer internship will run between June 4, 2012 and August 10, 2012. The summer intern will be paid a stipend of approximately \$10,000, which shall accrue and be paid on an hourly basis.

Qualifications

Each applicant must be a member of NAPABA and must be a law student enrolled at an ABA-accredited law school and have successfully completed the first year of law school and be scheduled for graduation in spring 2014 (full-time students) or spring 2015 (part-time students). Applicants must have a minimum 3.0 GPA on a 4.0 scale or the equivalent. The ideal applicant will have financial or business-related experience or interest.

How to Apply

To apply, you must submit a cover letter, resume, a list of three references, and a copy of your transcript to:

Melanie Robinson
National Asian Pacific American Bar Association
1612 K Street, Suite 1400
Washington, DC 20006
or via email at assistant@napaba.org

Please write "Prudential Internship" in the subject line of all correspondence. All materials must be received by **5:00 p.m. EST on March 2, 2012**. Finalists must be available to participate in phone interviews between March 12-16, 2012.

Prudential and its affiliates are Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action Employers and are committed to diversity in our workforce.

Questions and inquiries may be directed to Melanie Robinson at assistant@napaba.org or 202-775-9555.



The McGuireWoods/NAPABA Law Foundation Internship Program Summer 2012

McGuireWoods LLP, the National Asian Pacific American Bar Association (NAPABA), and the NAPABA Law Foundation (NLF) are once again accepting applications for the McGuireWoods Internship Program. The Program will support students interested in the legal profession and will help students develop a commitment to advocacy on behalf of the Asian Pacific American (APA) community. The Program seeks to achieve these goals by providing undergraduate and law school students with meaningful internship experiences at the Washington D.C. offices of the NAPABA and the NLF.

About the Program

Each law clerk and intern shall be assigned projects that will further the missions of NAPABA and NLF, including:

- Promoting justice, equity and opportunity for APAs;
- Fostering professional development, legal scholarship, advocacy and community involvement;
- Developing and supporting programs to educate the legal profession and APA communities about legal issues affecting those communities.

Internship Responsibilities

For the summer of 2012, the Program will award stipends to one full-time law clerk and one full-time undergraduate intern. The law clerk (who shall be a law student) will be awarded a stipend of \$3,000 to work for NAPABA for a minimum of ten weeks. The undergraduate intern will be awarded a stipend of \$2,000 and will spend 50% of his/her time working on NLF projects and 50% of his/her time on NAPABA projects for a minimum of ten weeks.

The responsibilities of the law clerk may include:

- conducting legal and policy research on issues affecting APAs and the legal profession;
- drafting talking points and letters on issues affecting APAs and the legal profession;
- analyzing proposed state and federal legislation;
- updating and drafting NAPABA reports and white papers; and
- drafting memoranda regarding policy-oriented operations within NAPABA.

The responsibilities of the undergraduate intern may include:

- conducting research on issues affecting APAs and the legal profession;
- conducting outreach to the APA community and the legal community;
- researching and writing grants;
- promoting NLF at events targeted at high school and law school students; and
- drafting press releases.

How to Apply

To apply, please submit your resume, transcript, three references, cover letter and a short writing sample (2-3 pages) to Melanie Robinson at assistant@napaba.org by **February 29, 2012**. Applications will be reviewed by a committee including staff members of NABABA and NLF. Applicants shall be notified of the results no later than March 23, 2012.

Questions and inquiries may be directed to Melanie Robinson at assistant@napaba.org or 202-775-9555.

Job Posting

Tax Advisor, US Upstream Advice - Houston, TX Job ID: U27614

Location: Houston, Texas, United States Finance in Shell is a global organisation at the heart of our business delivering a world-class Finance capability. We offer a range of disciplines, from management and financial accounting, controlling and treasury to investor relations, tax and mergers and acquisitions.

Finance challenges and improves the way Shell works and thereby makes a positive contribution to the bottom line. We provide financial leadership and are accountable for the integrity of internal and external financial reporting. We offer the opportunity to do leading edge work within best practice business and financial structures, process and systems. For example, Finance employees play a key role in delivering major capital investment programmes and significant business growth. We also offer an environment where you can readily develop personally and professionally.

At Shell our commitment is to satisfy the world's need for energy with economically, socially and environmentally responsible solutions. We seek a high standard of performance, and understand that great ideas can change the world. If you want to work with a group of creative, ambitious and innovative professionals then you should consider Shell. We will provide you with the resources to put your ideas into action, worldwide opportunities to advance your career, and outstanding benefits and rewards that support your quality of life. Join us and let's make a real difference together.

Responsibilities:

Direct tax advice and planning for Upstream clients, with responsibility for US tax oversight of various Upstream Business operations in the US, including the US tax implications of any cross broader transactions. This position entails the candidate acting as the primary tax focal point for designated US Upstream areas, as well as responsibilities in other areas of the Upstream Business where value and priorities dictate. Candidate will be expected to be creative and resourceful in delivering high value, comprehensive, and timely tax advice to Shell's extensive US Upstream Business. In addition to the tasks outlines in this job description, you may be assigned other responsibilities as needed. Position reports to US EP Tax Manager.

Requirements:

- Must have legal authorization to work in the US on a full-time basis for anyone other than current employer.
- Must have JD
- Minimum 4 years of experience in business taxation with working experience from another multinational, or a professional firm, with some experience in US oil and gas taxation
- Recognized professional qualification and member of a recognized accounting or legal professional body
- Deep knowledge and experience in direct tax law and practices across the US and multiple states
- Knowledge and experience in US transfer pricing
- Effective communicator of complex tax issues, both written and oral
- Effective client/project management and task prioritization skills
- Effective at establishing and utilizing external relationships and contacts for the benefit of Shell
- Strong negotiation skills and effective at influencing others within and outside of Shell Tax
- Ability to adapt to new or changing circumstances and ambiguous or pressured situations
- Demonstrates imagination and creativity in the evaluation of issues and development of possible solutions
- Ability to evaluate tax risks, balance risk with Business objectives, and make recommendations that are objective, practical, technically appropriate, and supportive of the Business
- Effective team player on Tax and cross-functional/cross-sector teams.

The Shell Group offers an outstanding benefits package. No phone inquiries will be accepted.

Application Deadline: Friday 02 March 2012

Number of Vacancies: 1

In addition to the tasks outlined in this job description, you may be assigned other responsibilities as needed. The Royal Dutch/Shell Group of companies offers an outstanding benefits package. In order to be considered for this position, you must complete an online candidate profile. No phone inquiries will be accepted. Shell Companies in the U.S. are equal opportunity employers.

Please note: We occasionally amend or withdraw Shell jobs and reserve the right to do so at any time, including prior to the advertised closing date.

Before applying, you are advised to read our [data protection](#) policy. This policy describes the processing that may be associated with your personal data and informs you that your personal data may be transferred to Royal Dutch/Shell Group companies around the world.

The Shell Group and its approved recruitment consultants will never ask you for a fee to process or consider your application for a career with Shell. Anyone who demands such a fee is not an authorised Shell representative and you are strongly advised to refuse any such demand.

Shell is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

Please apply online at: <http://bit.ly/zuULJN>

IN CELEBRATION OF WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH
THE ASSOCIATION OF WOMEN ATTORNEYS CORDIALLY INVITES YOU TO
SAVE THE DATE FOR

ITS INAUGURAL LUNCHEON HONORING
PREMIER WOMEN IN THE LAW

TUESDAY, MARCH 27, 2012
11:30 A.M. – 1:00 P.M.
HYATT REGENCY HOTEL
1200 LOUISIANA STREET

Individual Tickets

Ticket - \$75

Sponsorship Levels

Platinum – \$3,000

Gold – \$2,000

Silver – \$1,000

Tickets and Sponsorship Opportunities Available
Contact Rabeca Sultan (rabeca@thesultanlawfirm.com or 713.940.0663)

South Texas College of Law Diversity Teaching Forum

Guiding the New Legal Professional from Practice to Professorship

Wednesday, March 7, 2012
South Texas College of Law / Houston
Garrett-Townes Auditorium
1303 San Jacinto
12:00 - 2:00

This forum is free and lunch will be provided.

Please join us

You will learn about:

- Steps for participation in the annual AALS Hiring Conference in Washington D.C.
- De-mystifying the AALS process of applying for a teaching position
- Filling out the application for the Faculty Appointments Register
- Reviewing your scholarship materials for maximum impact
- The scholarship process, from choosing an appropriate topic to submission of articles
- Resume building skills
- Handling interview invitations and preparing for the interview
- Details of a campus visit
- Comparison of employment offers



You will learn from:

South Texas College of Law professors, who bring years of hiring expertise to the forum.

You will be offered an opportunity to work one-on-one, for several months, with a mentor from the South Texas faculty on article topics, reading drafts, and getting published.

To register for this free forum, or for more information, please call Sophia Campos at **713.646.2977** or online at **scampos@stcl.edu**.

Get to Know an AABA MEMBER!



Name: Daniel David Hu

Firm: United States Attorney's Office

Practice Areas: Federal Prosecution and
Defending Claims

If I weren't an attorney, I would be . . . an Americana curator (furniture, prints, etc).

My favorite (or fantasy) vacation is . . . climbing the Seven Summits (fantasy; actually only did Kilimanjaro).

In my spare time, I enjoy . . . playing with my children and running (races, not away from them).

The best food in the world is . . . crab dumplings from Din Tai Fung.

The best restaurant in Houston is . . . none, there is no one "best" restaurant. My favorites include Don's for sandwiches, Sushi King, Café Rabelais and Gravitass.

My favorite movie is . . . *2001: A Space Odyssey*.

The sports team I root for is . . . the fighting Rice Owls.

If I won the lottery, I would . . . keep working – being an Assistant U.S. Attorney is a great job!

I recommend reading . . . Alexis de Tocqueville's *Democracy in America* – amazing how some things have not changed since 1840.

Most AABA members probably don't know that . . . in my preschool years we lived abroad. One of my earliest memories is when we returned to the United States from England on RMS Queen Mary and saw the Statue of Liberty as we entered New York harbor – just like many people did when they immigrated to this country.

You forgot to ask me about . . . my wife, Susan Yang, a dentist.

Get to Know an AABA MEMBER!



Name: Jane Zenzi Li

Firm: Hogan Lovells US LLP

Practice Area: Commercial Litigation

If I weren't an attorney, I would be . . . a starving artist or a pediatric nurse.

My favorite (or fantasy) vacation is . . . Thailand, it's so beautiful!

In my spare time, I enjoy . . . art shows, Ted Talks, and catching up on Real Housewives drama.

The best food in the world is . . . hand drawn beef noodles.

The best restaurant in Houston is . . . Just Dinner. Yup, it's only open for dinner.

My favorite movies are . . . *Home Alone II* and *Clueless*, I could watch them every day.

The sports team I root for is . . . whoever the underdog is. But I always cheer for Dirk, Lebron, and Kobe, even when they're playing against each other.

If I won the lottery, I would . . . travel the world, writing updates (freelance) for the Lonely Planet travel guides.

I recommend reading . . . Steve Jobs's biography, he is pretty inspiring.

Most AABA members probably don't know that I . . . just moved to Houston from Philadelphia via New York, Berkeley, Hawaii, and China.

You forgot to ask me about . . . seeing Michael Jackson's Cirque de Soleil "Immortal" Tour!

Many thanks to our 2012–2013 Major Underwriters!

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*Congratulations
to Helene Dang who recently
became a partner at
FosterQuan, LLP.*

It's that time of year again...
Renew your **AABA** membership!



The AABA is accepting membership applications and renewals for 2012!
You may apply for membership online at 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").

The **AABA** welcomes the following new and renewing members!

Joy Al-Jazrawi, *Nguyen Jazrawi & Chen PLLC*
David Hsu Brogden, *Law Office of David S. Hsu Brogden*

Janet Brown, *Labanowski & Associates*

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