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AABA 2013 Gala & Silent Auction

On Friday, September 6, 2013, the AABA held its annual Gala and Silent Auction at Hilton Americas featuring the Honorable Julián Castro, the Mayor of the City of San Antonio, as the keynote speaker and honoring Mark Lee as the Impact Award Winner. The Gala was co-chaired by Anna Ha, Albert Liou, and Debbie Yee while the Silent Auction was chaired by Eunice Song. Many thanks to our underwriters, chairs, volunteers, performers, and speakers for a spectacular evening as the AABA celebrated yet another successful year.



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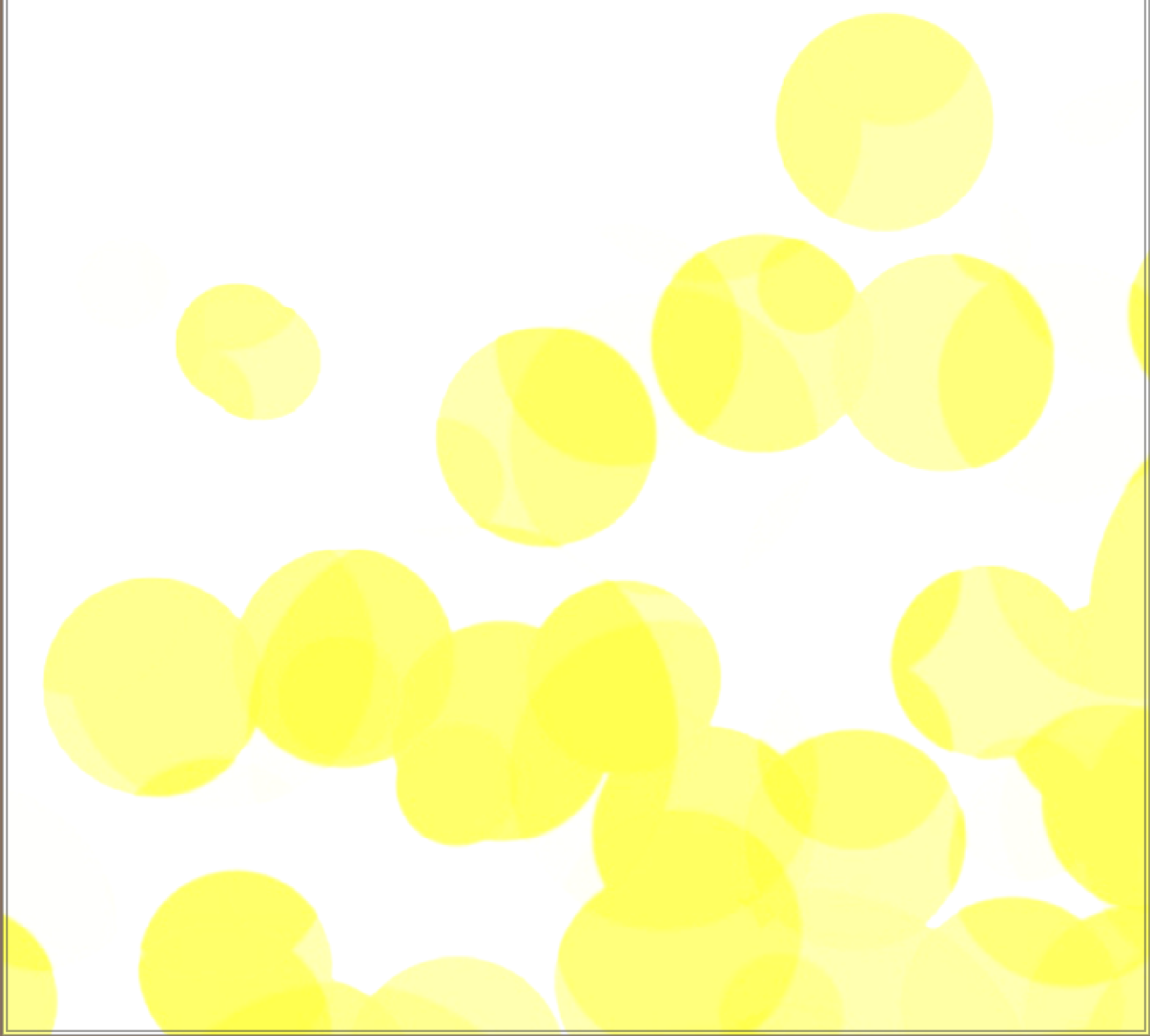


In case you missed it . . .

Some of the Silent Auction items are still available for sale! The items listed below are available at the listed price. If you are interested in purchasing any of these auction items, please contact Eunice Song at esong@gardere.com or 713-276-5079. All proceeds benefit the Asian American Bar Foundation, the 501(c)(3) charitable arm of the AABA.

	Item Description	Price
	GENERAL AUCTION ITEMS	
1.	Photography Package with Bradford Portraits which includes Family Portrait and Wall Canvas portrait Plus One Night Stay at Ritz Carlton Resort in Palm Beach, Florida	\$500 (Valued at \$5500)
2.	Instructional Tee Stand (Patented) – for improving your baseball swing!	\$75 (Valued at \$250)
3.	Gift Certificate to Avante MediSpa for Photo Facial/IPL Treatment	\$150 (Valued at \$450)
4.	Financial Foundation Report by Amit Jain with Merrill Lynch	\$40 (Valued at \$250)
5.	Spa Finder Gift Card	\$50 (Valued at \$100)
6.	Pretika Oxy Handspace	\$60 (Valued at \$150)
7.	Bath Junkie's Fill' R Up Bag (Exfoliating Scrub + Lotion)	\$20 (Valued at \$50)
8.	His and Hers Steel Quartz Watches from I.W. Marks Jewelers	\$200 (Valued at \$500)
9.	Investment Planning Package with Matthew Goff, LLC	\$50 (Valued at \$600)
	CONSIGNED ITEMS	
1.	Taylor Swift Signed CD with Record in Frame	\$200
2.	Hope Solo Signed 16 X 20 Photo in Frame	\$250
3.	Manny Pacquiao Signed 16 X 20 Photo in Frame	\$300
4.	Yao Ming Signed 8 X 10 Photo in Frame	\$300
5.	Olajuwon/Drexler Signed 8 X 10 Photo in Frame	\$400

6.	Vince Young/Major Applewhite/Chris Simms Signed 16 X 20 Photo in Frame	\$350
7.	Brian Cushing Signed 16 X 20 Photo in Frame	\$300
8.	Andre Johnson Signed Football in Holder	\$450
9.	Jeff Bagwell/Craig Biggio Signed 16 X 20 Photo in Frame	\$400



AABA
9th Annual
Corporate Counsel Dinner

Featuring Keynote Speaker
Peggy Chang Barber
Associate General Counsel, Global Sales Strategy
Enterprise Group Legal
Hewlett-Packard Company

DATE:

Wednesday, November 13, 2013

TIME:

Reception
6:00

Dinner and Program
7:00

PLACE:

RDG + Bar Annie
1800 Post Oak Boulevard
Houston, Texas 77056

TICKETS:

In-House Counsel: One complimentary ticket
AABA Members, Guests, and Others: \$100 per ticket

Please RSVP and purchase tickets by **November 6, 2013.**

In-house counsel, please RSVP with Corporate Counsel Committee Co-Chair, Janet Brown, at
Janet.Brown@Cevalogistics.com.

Everyone else, please RSVP and purchase tickets online at www.aabahouston.com.

No tickets will be sold at the door. Space is limited!

The Corporate Counsel Dinner is graciously underwritten by Latham & Watkins and Gardere Wynne Sewell.

For questions, contact Corporate Counsel Committee Co-Chair, Janet Brown at Janet.Brown@Cevalogistics.com.



Asian American Bar Foundation of Houston, Inc.

P.O. Box 1351
Houston, Texas 77252

AABF Pro Bono Scholarship Spring 2014 or Summer 2014
Scholarship Application Guidelines

The Asian American Bar Foundation of Houston, Inc. (the “**AABF**”) seeks to award one scholarship to an individual (the “**Recipient**”) who will further their legal education and training while primarily being exposed to the pro bono programs and legal practice at Houston Volunteer Lawyers (“**HVL**”) which generally “educate and serve Asian American lawyers and communities in the greater Houston and surrounding areas” in accordance with the mission of the AABF. The Recipient’s education and training will be supervised by HVL, mainly under the direction of Tyrone Lin and Alissa Rubin Gomez, in a manner that serves the foregoing primary purpose.

The Recipient is expected to further his/her legal education and training during a ten week period (which may occur, at the Recipient’s option, during the 2014 spring semester or during the summer of 2014) to commence no earlier than January 6, 2014 and to end not later than August 31, 2014 at HVL. The Recipient is expected to devote his/her part-time efforts to further his/her legal education and training at HVL, equivalent to not less than 10 hours per week.

The Recipient will receive a \$3,000 award (payable in two equal installments on dates to be determined). The Recipient shall deliver a report to the AABF summarizing his/her scholarship activities and how the grant was used to further the Recipient’s legal education and training. The award is to be used for the Recipient’s law school tuition and fees, books, supplies, and equipment for law school courses.

The Recipient must be enrolled as a full time law student at an American Bar Association accredited law school. Preference shall first be given to those qualified full time law students enrolled at an ABA accredited law school in the greater Houston area.

All applications will be submitted to the AABF in care of Joyce Kao Soliman at the address below by not later than **November 10, 2013** via U.S. Certified Mail/Return Receipt Requested or by email in PDF format with reply confirmation that the application has been received.

Each Applicant should submit an application package / curriculum vitae 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
6. Expected graduation date
7. Copy of transcript, GPA and class rank (if available) or other proof of enrollment at 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 interest in the scholarship and proposed dates for serving the ten week period at HVL
18. Name and contact information of at least one work, professional or educational reference of the applicant (please do not provide more than three references)

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 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.

Application packages must be postmarked no later than November 10, 2013, and mailed via U.S. Certified Mail/Return Receipt Requested to the following address or by email in PDF format with reply confirmation that the application has been received by email:

Asian American Bar Foundation
c/o Joyce Kao Soliman
Porter Hedges LLP
1000 Main Street, 36th Floor
Houston, Texas 77002
jsoliman@porterhedges.com
and with a copy by email to: cthan@bickerstaff.com

For additional information, please contact Catherine Than (ph. 713.984.9997) or Joyce Kao Soliman (ph.713-226-6685).

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Register Now!

**Downtown lunchtime classes, Central Houston Location in the
Evenings**

Discounted price for AABA members

Lunchtime Spanish Classes –

**Downtown Houston
Norton Rose Fulbright
1301 McKinney, 51st floor
Houston, TX 77010**

**14-week, 14-hour class
\$250 - members of AABA
\$275 - all others**

TUESDAYS, September 17 - December 17

Advanced: 11:00 am - 12:00 pm

Intermediate-1: 12:05 pm - 1:05 pm

THURSDAYS, September 19 - December 19

(except Thanksgiving - make-up date to be agreed-upon with class)

Beginners-2: 11:00 am - 12:00 pm

Beginners-1: 12:05 pm - 1:05 pm

Intermediate-2: 1:10 pm - 2:10 pm

Register Now at <http://www.hablahouston.com/register-now-for-houston-spanish-classes.html>



Texas Center



The US-Japan Relationship in Energy Security and Policy

Jeffrey A. Miller, Director, U.S. Department of Energy Japan Office

Wednesday, September 25, 2013, 7:00 pm (6:30 pm Light Reception)

RSVP: USJapanEnergyEvent@gmail.com **TICKETS:** \$5 Members, \$8 Nonmembers

Presented in collaboration with US-Japan Council, Washington D.C.



Jeffrey Miller is the Energy Attaché at the United States Embassy in Tokyo, Japan, and Director of the U.S. Department of Energy's (DOE) Japan Office. In this connection, his primary responsibility is to sustain and enhance the bilateral and multilateral energy, policy, security, science, and environmental programs and common interests between DOE and Japanese Government, industry, research and academic counterparts. During his 13-year professional career, Jeffrey has worked at the U.S.

Departments of Energy and State, as well as for Battelle Memorial Institute, focusing principally on issues pertaining to energy, nuclear security, and critical infrastructure protection. Jeffrey lives in Tokyo with his wife and two children. He completed his undergraduate studies at Muhlenberg College, in Allentown, Pennsylvania, and law school at the University of Maryland School of Law, in Baltimore, Maryland. Jeffrey is licensed to practice law in the District of Columbia and the State of Maryland.

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CHILD-FRIENDLY FAITH PROJECT

How do we best deal with child abuse in faith communities?

What do we do when faith practices cross a line into abuse?

Whether you are a member of the clergy, an attorney, a social worker, or anyone who works with children, the Child-Friendly Faith Project conference will help you answer these difficult questions.



Sam Brower
Author of *Prophet's Prey*



Rita Swan
President of Children's
Healthcare Is a Legal Duty

Jerry Minor
Actor on HBO's
"Eastbound and Down"

Steven Hassan
Cult expert and
trauma therapist

VISIT THE CONFERENCE WEBSITE FOR A COMPLETE LIST OF SPEAKERS!

WHERE: St. David's Episcopal Church, 301 E. 8th Street, Austin, Texas
HOW TO REGISTER: Go to www.childfriendlyfaith.org/conference-2013
COST: General registration - \$125
(Register by August 31 and save \$30! Group discounts available!)



Don't miss the party the night before the conference!
Actor **Jerry Minor** of **Saturday Night Live** and
HBO's "Eastbound and Down" will perform!



Book your hotel rooms now to lock in discounted rates! Call 877-227-6963 and identify yourself as a "Child-Friendly Faith Project" participant or book directly through the conference website.

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The Child-Friendly Faith Project is a national, nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization that educates the public about the impact that religious, spiritual, and cultural beliefs and practices have on children.



CHILD-FRIENDLY FAITH PROJECT

CONFERENCE 2013

November 8 ♦ Austin, Texas

Schedule (page 1 of 2)

8:00 – 9:00 Check-in/Breakfast

9:00 - 9:10 Opening remarks by **CFFP President, Janet Heimlich**

9:10 – 9:20 Welcome by **Texas Supreme Court Justice Debra H. Lehrmann**

9:20 – 10:20 **Ann M. Haralambie, J.D. — *Where Faith Meets the Law: Child Welfare Laws and the First Amendment***

The United States Constitution protects parents' fundamental right to raise their children and protects all people's right to the free exercise of religion. This session will address circumstances under which child welfare laws permit the state to intervene to protect children from faith-based practices deemed to constitute abuse and neglect.

10:20 – 10:30 Break

10:30 – 11:20 **Dr. David H. Jensen—*Let the Children Come: The Ambiguous Legacy of Christian Understandings of Childhood***

Children have occupied many different roles in the history of Christian churches. They have been heralded as models of faith and trust yet also denigrated as examples of selfishness and sin. Does the conflicted legacy of Christian interpretation of children and its occasional sanction of child abuse leave any room for a child-friendly Christian faith? This presentation will explore some of the problematic legacy of Christian theology relating to children and recover some promising resources within the Christian tradition toward developing communities of faith that honor and cherish the voices and contributions of children.

11:20 – 12:20 **Rabbi Ze'ev Smason—*Child Abuse and the Faith Leader***

How far must a faith leader go to protect and advocate for children? This presentation seeks to identify child-toxic theologies and communal practices and understand the obstacles to a Children-First policy in our faith communities. Rabbi Smason will discuss his experiences and challenges in a recent dramatic international child abuse case and suggest policies faith communities should adopt to best protect children from abuse and neglect.

12:20 – 1:00 Lunch



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1:00 – 2:00 Dr. Rita Swan—*Religion, culture, and criminal Law*

This presentation explains what religious defenses exist in state criminal codes, what complications they have caused, and why they get enacted, as well as what special challenges prosecutors may encounter in such cases. In covering how these laws can be changed for the better, Dr. Swan will discuss how religious exemption laws were repealed in the state of Oregon.

2:00 – 3:00 Sam Brower—*Law enforcement's role in protecting children in isolated, oppressive faith communities*

Mr. Brower will discuss the challenges that law enforcement face when investigating crimes against children that have taken place in authoritarian faith communities and how to overcome those challenges. In addition, he will discuss how law enforcement can prevent future crimes by opening up a dialog with faith leaders and congregants who live in faith communities struggling with problems of abuse and neglect.

3:00 – 3:15 Break

3:15 – 4:45 – Child Maltreatment Survivor Panel Discussion—*How do we make faith child-friendly?*

A panel of survivors of religious and cultural child maltreatment will discuss the beliefs and faith practices of their upbringing and how they enabled the abuse and neglect the individuals suffered. A question and answer session, which will allow for much audience participation, will examine ways that we can allow children to take active roles in faith cultures while ensuring that beliefs and practices are healthy, nurturing, and safe. Panel members include Bethany Brittain, Joel Engelman, Liz Heywood, Jerry Minor, Dr. Stacey Patton, and Rev. Jaime Romo. Steven Hassan will moderate the discussion.

4:45 – 5:00 Closing remarks

Job Opportunities

Thompson, Coe Cousins & Irons, LLP

Thompson, Coe, Cousins & Irons, LLP seeks a 2-5 year Insurance Coverage & Litigation Associate. This position principally involves handling litigation matters, including the direct defense of insurance companies and the defense of property management companies, trucking companies, product manufacturers and other businesses. Candidates should have a working knowledge of state and federal civil procedure as well as experience with depositions, hearings, and insurance coverage. Excellent advocacy and writing skills are a must. Send resumes to: employment@thompsoncoec.com.

Current Department of Justice Attorney Vacancies

Please visit <http://www.justice.gov/careers/legal/attvacancies.html> for more information about job vacancies.

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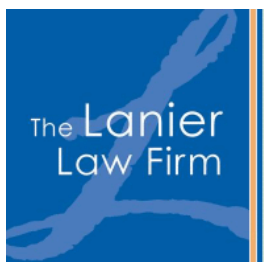
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**It's that time of year again...
Renew your **AABA** membership!**



The AABA is accepting membership applications and renewals for 2013!

**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!**

**William S.W. Chang,
*U.S. Department of Justice,
Criminal Division, Fraud Section***

**Kathryn N. Karam,
*Law Office of Kathryn N. Karam, P.C.***



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Asian American Bar Association of Houston 2013 Membership Application/Renewal

- ☐ \$50 General Member
☐ \$25 Public Interest Attorney
☐ \$25 Government Attorney • Judge
☐ \$25 Solo Practitioner
☐ \$0 Law Student • Retired Attorney • Transitional Attorney*

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Area(s) of Practice _____

Law School and Graduation Year _____

Language(s) Spoken _____

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

Would you like your business contact information published in the 2013 AABA Directory? ☐ Yes ☐ No

By completing this membership application, I hereby consent to the receipt of notice of meeting through electronic means.

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
☐ Solo and Small Firm ☐ Corporate Counsel ☐ Mentorship/Law School Relations

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membership@aabahouston.com,
or contact Claire Lin at (713) 372-9218 or Claire.Lin@chevron.com.

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