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2014 Annual Gala & Silent Auction Celebrating the AABA's 30th Anniversary

Keynote Speaker



Sandra Leung

**General Counsel and Corporate Secretary of Bristol-Myers
Squibb**

Master of Ceremonies

Art Rascon

Emmy award winning reporter, ABC-13 News

Date, Time & Location

Friday, September 5, 2014, at 6:30 p.m.

Royal Sonesta Hotel - Houston

**Please reserve your tickets at
aabahouston.com by August 29th.**

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Solo & Small Firm Committee CLE

On Thursday, August 14, 2014, the AABA Solo & Small Firm Committee hosted a CLE entitled "Understanding the Grievance Process & Tips on How to Avoid a Malpractice Claim" at Arcodoro restaurant. Thank you to Solo & Small Firm Committee members Julie Evans, Catherine Le, and Susan Tran for organizing this event, with special thanks to speakers Donna Roth and Alex Roberts for their gracious participation.





Westin Kierland Resort & Spa
6902 E Greenway Parkway
Scottsdale, AZ 85254

Convergence: Collaborating for a Grand Tomorrow

The 26th Annual NAPABA Convention will be held in Phoenix/Scottsdale, AZ from November 6-9, 2014. We expect to attract over 1,500 APA attorneys, including general counsel of Fortune 1000 companies, federal and state judges, and law professors from across the country. The Convention, themed "Convergence: Collaborating for a Grand Tomorrow," will feature programming that celebrates the diversity and unity of NAPABA.

NAPABA will again coordinate with the National Asian Pacific American Law Students Association (NAPALSA) to host the student conference in order to help the next generation of APA lawyers develop the skills and relationships necessary to succeed and thrive in this challenging profession.

For the fifth year in a row, the National Asian Pacific American Pre-Law Conference will be hosted at the Convention for prospective law students.

Registration

Online registration for the 2014 NAPABA Convention is now open. Registration rates will vary depending on whether you are a NAPABA member and the date you register. To become a NAPABA member, click [here](#).

[Click here](#) to register now. You will be able to edit your registration with session and event selections when they become available in July.

Early Bird Registration Rates (before September 5)	Member	Non- Member
Attorney	\$595	\$695
Judges/Public Interest/Government	\$325	\$425
Student	\$150	\$250

Planning Efforts

Planning is still underway for the 2014 Convention, so keep an eye on this page for updates as they become available. In the meantime, for more information on the planning efforts, please contact NAPABA Special Events Coordinator [Pia Rivera](#)

NAPABA Convention Credo

To highlight the values and goals of the organization, NAPABA has adopted a Convention Credo that will be one of the guiding principles for attendees:

"I undertake the responsibility of promoting a professional environment at the NAPABA Convention to encourage and maintain the important values of friendship, civility, community, respect towards all, and ethical conduct. If I behave in a way that is inconsistent with these values, I understand that NAPABA may take appropriate action either during or after the Convention. NAPABA's mission is to promote justice, equity and opportunity for Asian Pacific Americans and to foster professional development, legal scholarship, advocacy and community involvement. As a Convention attendee, I am a proud ambassador of the NAPABA legal community and will conduct myself in a manner that advances NAPABA's goals."

Hotel Accommodations

NAPABA is holding a block of rooms at the Convention site hotel, the Westin Kierland Resort & Spa, at the rate of \$254 single/double plus applicable taxes and fees. A reduced one-time resort fee of \$15 will be charged for each reservation made. This one-time fee includes unlimited guest room internet, housekeeping service fees, local, long distance (domestic) and 1-800 guest room calls, expanded shuttle service to Kierland Commons and Scottsdale Quarter, tennis court access, and equipment rental. To make a reservation, please [click here](#) or call 1-800-354-5892 and mention the NAPABA Annual Convention. The cutoff date for this block is October 10, 2014, however this block WILL SELL OUT prior to this date. We highly suggest booking your reservation as soon as possible. After the cutoff date or after the block has been filled, rooms may still be available at the Westin but will be sold at prevailing rates.

Registration

Registration for the Convention will open Summer 2014.



Asian Americans in Energy,
the Environment and Commerce

Are you interested in understanding more about the energy industry and what it has to offer in Texas and abroad? Are you looking for opportunities to meet energy industry executives and other professionals? Do you want to learn more about LNG exports, particularly to Asia or the role of innovative technologies in transforming global relationships and creating jobs? If so, register now for a one day forum

Energizing Texas with AE2C

*Bridging American and Asian Talent, Resources and Commerce for
Growth of the Energy Industry*

September 4 – 5, 2014

Hilton Americas
Houston, Texas

Keynote address by Texas State Representative Gene Wu

Topics to be addressed include the role of technology to boost economic growth, Asian American leadership in the energy and environment sectors, and the need for STEM in the 21st century workforce.

Opening reception on Thursday, September 4 at 6:00 p.m. for registered attendees.

Registration is FREE to all attendees but space is limited.

www.ae2c.org/texas

If you are attending from out of town, AE2C has negotiated a special rate with the Hilton Americas for a limited number of hotel rooms.

Details and booking information can be found at
<https://resweb.passkey.com/go/AE2C>



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Preliminary Program

Thursday, September 4

6:00 p.m. **Opening Reception (exhibits open)**

Friday, September 5

7:00 **Continental Breakfast (exhibits open)**

8:00 a.m. **Welcome**
Premiere Sponsor remarks

8:25 a.m. **Opening Keynote Address**

- **State Representative Gene Wu**, Texas House of Representatives, District 137;
Member, Committee on Energy Resources

8:50 a.m. **Technology Boom: The role of Innovative Oil and Gas Technologies In Boosting
Domestic Economic Growth, Transforming Global Relationships, and Creating
High Quality American Jobs**

A distinguished panel of senior technology executives from the oil and gas industry and other experts will discuss how technological developments are boosting economic growth, creating jobs, and transforming global energy trade and international relations.

Moderator: **Pramod Kulkarni**, Editor in Chief, World Oil Magazine

Speakers:

- **Dr. Matthew A. Franchek**, Director of Subsea Engineering, Professor of Mechanical Engineering, University of Houston
- **Nagaraj Srinivasan**, Vice President, Halliburton
- Ashok Belani, Executive Vice President, Technology, Schlumberger Ltd. (Invited)
- Phiroze Darukhanawala, CTO, BP (Invited)
- Rustom Mody, Vice President, Technology, Baker Hughes (Invited)
- Sanjaya Sood, Vice President, Transocean (Invited)



10:00 a.m. **Break (exhibits open)**

10:15 a.m. **Addressing STEM Challenges in the Texas Energy Workforce**

This panel of academics, industry and community leaders will outline educational and skills needs in Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) fields that are critical to the 21st century energy workforce in Texas. Panelists will discuss how Asian Americans can provide leadership in tackling STEM challenges.

Moderator: **Jennifer Kim**, Principal, Kaleidoscope Consultants LLC; Former Council Member, City of Austin

Speakers:

- **Dr. Bonnie Dunbar**, Head, University of Houston STEM Center, M.D. Anderson Professor and Director of Aerospace Engineering; Former Astronaut on Challenger, Columbia, Atlantis, and Endeavor Space Shuttles
- **Dr. Richard Tapia**, Rice University, Director, Center for Excellence and Equity in Education

11:15 a.m. **Leadership 2030: Finding and cultivating the next generation of Asian American leaders in Energy, the Environment and Commerce**

Over the next 15 years, today's young professionals will begin to shoulder leadership responsibilities in public and private sector organizations of all shapes and sizes. This panel/keynote will feature successful leaders from government and the private sectors who blend Asian and American values and leadership styles to address global challenges.

Moderator: **Miya Shay**, News Reporter, KTRK ABC 13

Speakers:

- **Dr. Lisa Li**, Principle Reservoir Advisor, Gulf of Mexico, Baker Hughes; Former President, Chinese American Petroleum Association
- **Dr. Wynne Chin**, Professor of Decision & Information Sciences, UH Bauer College of Business

12:30 p.m. **Sponsored Lunch and exhibit**



2:00 p.m. LNG Exports to Asia: Growth and investment opportunities for America's natural gas sector

A confluence of geo-political events, concerns about carbon emissions in emerging economies and the U.S. hydraulic fracturing successes have heightened interest in exporting America's liquefied natural gas globally, in particular to Asia. This panel will look at the evolving regulatory environment, market dynamics and infrastructure developments that will influence execution of pending projects.

Moderator: **Jimmy Rhee**, Former Assistant Secretary of Commerce, Commonwealth of Virginia, AE2C Board Member

Speakers:

- **Patricia Outtrim**, Vice President, Government and Regulatory Affairs, Cheniere Energy
- Osaka Gas Energy America (Invited)

3:00 p.m. Innovation or Disruption: How new ventures are reshaping the energy sector in Texas

A panel of leading venture capitalists, entrepreneurs and strategic investors will discuss how innovators are creating, investing in and bringing new innovations in products, services and business models to the energy marketplace in Texas. Panelists will discuss the unique role that Asia plays as an enabler of, investor in and competitor in the energy technology space.

Moderator: **Brett Perlman**, President, Vector Advisors; Former Commissioner, Public Utility Commission of Texas

Speakers:

- **Ann E. Banks**, Chief Operating Officer, Summit Power
- **Kirk Coburn**, Founder & Managing Director, SURGE Accelerator
- Dr. Allen Jacobson, Director, Texas Center for Superconductivity at the University of Houston (Invited)

4:15 Endnote Address – Robert Gee, President, AE2C

4:45 Adjourn

Check Out the 2014 Advancing Justice Conference Website!



The 2014 Advancing Justice Conference website is live!

Hosted by Asian Americans Advancing Justice, the Advancing Justice Conference is the premier national social justice conference advancing solutions and showcasing opportunities for Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders.

This year's theme is *Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders Standing Together for Racial Justice*. The conference will include workshops on organizing and movement building, critical policy issues, and a special focus on underserved populations within the AAPI community.

Stay tuned -- over the next few weeks we'll fill you in on our plenaries, workshops, and speakers!

Conference registration is now open! Travel stipends are available for those seeking financial support to attend the conference. For more information, please visit the conference [website](#).

You can also follow us on [Twitter](#) or [Facebook](#) for even more updates.

**We look forward to having you join us at the
Washington Hilton Hotel in Washington, DC, on September 25-26th!**

The 2014 Advancing Justice Conference is made possible with support from the W.K. Kellogg Foundation's America Healing initiative and other generous sponsors.

If you have any questions regarding the website or the conference itself, please email events@advancingjustice-aajc.org.

Asian Americans Advancing Justice (www.advancingjustice.org) works to promote a fair and equitable society for all by working for civil and human rights and empowering Asian Americans, Pacific Islanders, and other underserved communities. We comprise Asian Americans Advancing Justice | AAJC (www.advancingjustice-aajc.org), Asian Americans Advancing Justice | Asian Law Caucus (www.advancingjustice-alc.org), Asian Americans Advancing Justice | Chicago (www.advancingjustice-chicago.org), Asian Americans Advancing Justice | Los Angeles (www.advancingjustice-la.org).

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FUTURE YOUNG PROFESSIONAL

**The
Filipino Young Professionals of Houston**

**2014
ACADEMIC
SCHOLARSHIPS**



The Filipino Young Professionals of Houston
FUTURE YOUNG PROFESSIONAL SCHOLARSHIPS
2014 Application Guidelines

The Filipino Young Professionals of Houston ("FYP") is looking to award Future Young Professional Academic Scholarships to candidates that best represent our mission of fostering unity, culture, friendship, networking, and philanthropy within our community.

To be eligible, an applicant **must** be:

- a) A **Spring 2014 graduate from a high school** in the city of Houston or surrounding area;
- b) Applying/have applied for Fall 2014 admission to an institute of higher learning; and
- c) Of Filipino descent and/or involved in a Filipino organization.

OR

- a) A **Fall 2014 full-time post-secondary student** (junior college, college, etc.) classified as a sophomore (second year);
- b) Graduated from a high school in the city of Houston or surrounding area; and
- c) Of Filipino descent and/or involved in a Filipino organization.

The top two college freshman applicants will be awarded in the amounts of \$500 and \$300 respectively. And the top college sophomore applicant will be awarded \$200. The scholarship awards are to be spent on living and/or academic expenses relating to and/or arising from attending post-secondary education.

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 package. The FYP Scholarship Review Board may contact applicants if additional information is required, but reserves the right to disqualify application packages from consideration if key information is not included or if guidelines are not followed. The FYP Scholarship Review Board also reserves the right to subdivide the scholarship or increase the number of scholarships in its sole discretion.

SUBMISSION INSTRUCTIONS: Completed applications and essays must be electronically mailed to both the Youth Outreach Co-chairs, **Kristin-Jo Mabulac** at kmabulac@gmail.com and **Ashley San Miguel** at ashsanmiquel@gmail.com, **no later than 11pm CST, Friday, September 26, 2014**. Scholarship winners will be announced in November 2014.



The Filipino Young Professionals of Houston
2014 FUTURE YOUNG PROFESSIONAL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Name: _____ Gender: _____ DOB: _____

Please check all that apply to you:

- ☐ Of Filipino Descent
☐ Involved with this Filipino Organization: _____
☐ Spring 2014 High School Graduate ☐ Fall 2014 Full-Time Post-Secondary Student

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email: _____

High School: _____ GPA: _____ out of _____

College you are/will be attending: _____

Other organizations you are involved with and leadership position(s) held:

Volunteer/community events you have participated in and/or organized:

A short statement describing your financial need: _____

Please complete the essay below, typed, double-spaced, and in 700-900 words:

Which Filipino food dish best describes your journey through high school and why? You may also include the preparation, cooking process, and ingredients in your answer.

The Filipino Young Professionals of Houston
FUTURE YOUNG PROFESSIONAL SCHOLARSHIPS
2014 Conflict of Interest Statement

The Scholarship Candidate must disclose to FYP in writing any and all actual or potential conflicts of interest, including but not limited to those listed below, which may compromise the integrity of the scholarship.

FYP may, in its sole discretion, refuse to accept any application, or cancel a scholarship award, where an actual or perceived conflict of interest exists.

Potential conflicts of interest include, but are not limited to the following:

- Candidate is a close familial relative (spouse, parent, child, sibling, grandparent, grandchild, niece, nephew, or first cousin) of an FYP Executive Board Member;
- Candidate solicits or provides any compensation or other consideration in exchange for the scholarship award;
- Candidate engages in any conduct that may reflect negatively upon FYP.

The FYP Executive Board Members:

POSITION	NAME
President	Juvie Cruz
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In the space provided below, please provide any actual or potential conflicts of interest. If there are none, please state "No Conflict".



SAVE THE DATE

**2014 GPSolo Fall Meeting and
9th Annual National Solo &
Small Firm Conference**

October 23 – 25, 2014

**Hilton Palacio del Rio Hotel
San Antonio, Texas**

For more information about our meeting please visit our
website <http://www.americanbar.org/groups/gpsolo.html>



Photo credit: Texas Tourism

Sponsorship Opportunities

Ninth Annual National Solo & Small Firm Conference

October 23-25, 2014
Hilton Palacio del Rio San Antonio, TX

Presented by
The American Bar Association
Solo, Small Firm and General Practice Division
and the Center for Professional Development



About Our Conference...

The ABA's Ninth Annual National Solo & Small Firm Conference engages and informs attorneys at all levels of practice while also bringing together the leaders of the Solo, Small Firm and General Practice Division. The CLE programming covers a wide spectrum of legal topics that address issues of law practice management, trial advocacy, and technology. Top practitioners from around the country will facilitate panels on everything from cost effective e-discovery to technology and trial management to voir dire and opening statements. Attendance is estimated at 250 with conference delegates from all practice areas coming from across the nation. This unique event provides an all-in-one environment for education, networking, exhibiting and idea sharing.

Sponsorship Levels

You have a choice of different sponsorship packages which offer varied and specific benefits for your organization, all of which include exposure to conference attendees and esteemed faculty. Details on sponsor levels and a commitment form follow; customized packages are also available. We hope to see you in San Antonio!

For More Information, Please Contact:

Courtney Anderson
courtney.anderson@americanbar.org
312.988.6210



Sponsor Levels

Platinum - One Available

- Verbal recognition at conference and council meeting
- Logo recognition in all printed conference materials
- Logo recognition on the conference website with hyperlink to sponsor's website
- Signage in the conference registration area
- One complimentary vendor table in exhibitor area including two conference registrations
- Four additional complimentary conference registrations
- Sponsor ribbon to be worn on name-tag
- Registrant list (name, company affiliation, and city/state only) to be provided to the sponsor one month prior to, one week prior to and final list after conference

Investment: \$25,000

Gold

- Verbal recognition at conference and council meeting
- Logo recognition in all printed conference materials
- Logo recognition on the conference website with hyperlink to sponsor webpage
- Signage in the conference registration area
- One complimentary vendor table in exhibitor area including two conference registrations
- Two additional complimentary conference registrations
- Sponsor ribbon to be worn on name-tag
- Registrant list (name, company affiliation, and city/state only) to be provided to the sponsor one month prior to, one week prior to and final list after conference

Investment: \$15,000

Sponsor Levels

Silver

- Verbal recognition at conference and council meeting
- Name recognition in all printed conference materials
- Name recognition on the conference website with hyperlink to sponsor webpage
- Signage in the conference registration area
- One complimentary vendor table in exhibitor area including two conference registrations
- 10% discount on each additional registrant from your organization for up to five registrations
- Sponsor ribbon to be worn on name-tag
- Registrant list (name, company affiliation, and city/state only) to be provided to the sponsor one month prior to, one week prior to and final list after conference

Investment: \$10,000

Bronze

- Verbal recognition at conference and council meeting
- Name recognition in all printed conference materials
- Name recognition on the conference website with hyperlink to sponsor's website
- Signage in the conference registration area
- One complimentary vendor table in exhibitor area including two conference registrations
- Sponsor ribbon to be worn on name-tag
- Registrant list (name, company affiliation, and city/state only) to be provided to the sponsor one month prior to, one week prior to and final list after conference

Investment: \$5,000

Sponsor Levels

Welcome Reception *This event is co-sponsored with other local associations*

- Name recognition in all printed conference materials
- Name recognition on the conference website
- Signage in the conference registration area and at reception
- Six complimentary reception-only registrations
- Registrant list (name, company affiliation, and city/state only) to be provided to the sponsor one month prior to, one week prior to and final list after conference

Investment: \$1,500

CLE Patron

- Name recognition in printed conference material for one CLE session
- Verbal recognition before CLE session begins
- Signage at the CLE session

Investment: \$600

Sponsor Levels

Exhibitor

- Six-foot display table in registration / break area
- Name recognition in all printed conference materials
- Name recognition and 50 word description on the conference website with hyperlink to exhibitor's website
- Signage in the conference registration area
- Two conference registrations
- Registrant list (name, company affiliation, and city/state only) to be provided to the sponsor one month prior to, one week prior to and final list after conference

Investment: \$2,500

Sponsorship Commitment Form
Ninth Annual National
Solo and Small Firm Conference
October 23-25, 2014 • San Antonio, TX



Company/Firm Name (as it should be publicized):

Contact Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Contact Signature: _____

Please Check Your Sponsorship Level:

Platinum - \$25,000

Welcome Reception - \$1,500

Gold- \$15,000

CLE Patron - \$600

Silver - \$10,000

Exhibitor - \$2,500

Bronze - \$15,000

Payment Information:

Enclosed is a check made payable to the American Bar Association for the amount marked above.

Please send me an invoice for the amount marked above.

Form Return:

Please return this form via mail or email. In order to be included in the promotional mailer, we must receive your signed response form no later than **JULY 18, 2014.**

Print and Mail Form to:

Courtney Anderson
American Bar Association
Center for Professional Development
321 N. Clark Street
Chicago, IL 60654
Telephone: 312-988-6210
Email: courtney.anderson@americanbar.org

Click to Email Form

Thank you for your support!



SAVE THE DATE

2015 GPSolo Spring Meeting and 2015 NAPABA Western Regional Conference

April 16 – 18, 2015

**Moana Surfrider
A Westin Resort & Spa
Honolulu, Hawaii**

For more information about our meeting please visit our
website www.americanbar.org/gpsolo



Solo, Small Firm and
General Practice Division



Join us in Hawaii!

You don't want to miss this Joint Spring Meeting at the beautiful Moana Surfrider, a Westin Resort & Spa in Honolulu, Hawaii. This year, GPSolo will be meeting with NAPABA (National Asian Pacific American Bar Association) Western Regional Conference, which will include lots of exciting CLE and fun networking opportunities.

Hotel Information

Moana Surfrider – A Westin Resort & Spa
2365 Kalakaua Avenue
Honolulu, HI 96815

A special ABA rate of \$265.00 single/double for a Historic Wing City View room has been negotiated. To lock in the ABA hotel rates, book your hotel accommodations before 5:00 p.m. CST on Wednesday, March 25, 2015. Occupancy Tax is currently 13.96% (subject to change)

Non-Hawaii Residents should contact the hotel directly to make reservations at (808) 921-4641 and refer to the 2015 Joint Spring Meeting Presented by ABA GPSolo and NAPABA. The reservations line is staffed Monday through Friday 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Saturday/Sunday 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. (Hawaiian Standard Time).

You may also use the following website to make reservations.
<https://www.starwoodmeeting.com/Book/MMABAM>

Hawaii Residents only will receive the group rate of \$225.00 plus tax per night. They will not be able to book this rate on the website, as they must call-in to book their reservations. They should call the Moana Surfrider Group Reservations Line at (808) 921-4641 and let the agent know they are a Hawaii Resident, so they will be able to book at the \$225.00 rate. They must present a Hawaii ID at check-in to receive the rate.



Sponsorship and Exhibitor Opportunities

Joint Spring Meeting

April 16–18, 2015

**Moana Surfrider — A Westin Resort & Spa
Honolulu, Hawaii**

**Presented by
ABA Solo, Small Firm and General Practice Division
NAPABA Western Regional Conference**

About Our Meeting

New this year, GPSolo will be meeting with the NAPABA Western Regional Conference to engage and inform attorneys at all levels of practice. The CLE programming will cover a spectrum of legal topics of interest to solo, small firm and general practitioners. This unique event provides an all-in-one environment for education, networking, and idea sharing.

Sponsorship and Exhibitor Opportunities

We offer a \$10,000 and \$5,000 meeting sponsorship package, which can be enhanced with additional opportunities. You must be a Diamond Head or Waikiki Beach level sponsor to be able to take advantage of an enhancement. We also offer an exhibits only or CLE option. All of the options provide exposure to conference attendees and esteemed faculty. Attendance is estimated at 250–300 with meeting delegates from all practice areas coming from across the nation. Details on sponsor levels and a commitment form follow; customized packages are also available. **We hope to see you in Honolulu!**

For more information, please contact: Kimberly Kocian, Kimberly.Kocian@AmericanBar.org or 312-988-5636

Diamond Head — \$10,000 Investment

Exclusive opportunities to add Enhancements

- Entire conference attendee exposure
- A speaking opportunity, if it is a natural fit in the meeting program, will be offered
- Promotion of sponsorship on GPSolo and NAPABA social media
- Verbal recognition at conference
- Logo recognition in all printed conference materials
- Logo recognition on the conference website
- Signage in the conference registration area
- One complimentary vendor table in exhibitor area
- Four complimentary conference registrations
- Sponsor ribbon to be worn on name-tag

Waikiki Beach — \$5,000 Investment

Exclusive opportunities to add Enhancements

- Entire conference attendee exposure
- Promotion of sponsorship on GPSolo and NAPABA social media
- Verbal recognition at conference
- Logo recognition in all printed conference materials
- Logo recognition on the conference website
- Signage in the conference registration area
- One complimentary vendor table in exhibitor area
- Two complimentary conference registrations
- Sponsor ribbon to be worn on name-tag

Exhibit Only — \$1,500 Investment

Enhancements are not available at this level

- Six-foot display table in registration / break area
- Recognition in all printed conference materials
- Recognition on the conference website
- Signage in the conference registration area
- Two conference registrations

CLE Patron — \$500 Investment

Enhancements are not available at this level

- Recognition in printed conference material for one CLE session
- Verbal recognition before CLE session begins
- Signage at the CLE session

Rainbow Enhancements

Welcome Reception — \$5,000 Investment

- Verbal recognition at reception
- Signage at reception
- Ten complimentary registrations for reception

Solo & Small Firm Awards Luncheon — \$5,000 Investment

- Verbal recognition at luncheon
- Signage at luncheon
- One table of ten at luncheon

Breakfast — \$2,500 Investment

- Verbal recognition at breakfast
- Signage at breakfast
- One table of ten at breakfast

Logo on flash drives loaded with course materials — \$1,500 Investment

- Logo recognition on flash drive

Hospitality Reception — \$1,000 Investment

- Verbal recognition at hospitality
- Signage at hospitality

Coffee Break — \$500 Investment

- Signage at coffee break
- Logo recognition on napkins

Sponsorship and Exhibitor Commitment Form

Joint Spring Meeting

Presented by: ABA Solo, Small Firm and General Practice Division and NAPABA Western Regional Conference

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Company/Firm Name (as it should be publicized): _____

Contact Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Contact Signature: _____

Please Check Your Commitments

Sponsor or Exhibitor Options

☐ Diamond Head — \$10,000

☐ Waikiki Beach — \$5,000

☐ Exhibit Only — \$1,500

☐ CLE Patron — \$500

Rainbow Enhancements*

☐ Welcome Reception — \$5,000

☐ Solo & Small Firm Awards Luncheon — \$5,000

☐ Breakfast — \$2,500

☐ Logo on flash drives — \$1,500

☐ Hospitality Reception — \$1,000

☐ Coffee Break — \$500

* Available to Diamond Head and Waikiki Beach Commitments Only

Payment Information:

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2014 Thomas Tang Moot Court Competition Announced

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The Competition was founded in 1993 and is named in honor of the late Honorable Thomas Tang, a respected jurist who was appointed to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit in 1977. Judge Tang's decisions during his more than eighteen years on the Ninth Circuit reflected his strong commitment to civil rights for all people. Judge Tang was known for his kindness and warmth, and the leadership role he played in the Asian Pacific American legal community. Prior to his passing in 1995, Judge Tang provided tremendous support to NAPABA and its activities, including the creation of this national moot court competition.

The regional rounds of the Competition are conducted during October of each academic year throughout the country. The winner of each regional round will automatically advance to the finals of the competition, to be held in conjunction with the annual [NAPABA Convention](#) in Scottsdale, AZ, between November 5-9, 2014. The National Committee will also select additional high scoring teams from the regional rounds of the competition, to advance and compete during the finals of the competition. The Committee will select a minimum of twelve (12) teams to a maximum of sixteen (16) teams to compete in the finals of the TTMCC.

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