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MARCH 2014 NEWSLETTER

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Law Day Poster Workshop

On Saturday, February 22, 2014, the AABA held its annual Law Day Poster Workshop at the Chinese Community Center. The theme for this year's poster contest is "American Democracy & The Rule of Law: Why Every Vote Matters." Thanks to organizer Albert Liou, guest speaker Harris County Criminal Judge Margaret Harris, and our volunteers and talented group of young artists for making this event a success.



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2014 AABA Mentorship Event

On March 5, 2014, the AABA kicked off its 2014 Mentorship Program at South Texas College of Law. The goal of the 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. Many thanks to Mentorship and Law School Relations Co-Chairs Heaven Chee, Sang Shin, and Paul Yin for organizing this event and to the mentors for volunteering their time and expertise.









MINORITY MIXER

On March 13, 2014, the AABA, Hispanic Bar Association and Mexican American Bar Association of Houston, Houston Lawyers Association, and the Houston Trial Lawyers Association hosted a joint happy hour at Batanga downtown. Thanks to Social Committee Co-Chairs Brendon Singh and Robbie Carman for organizing this fun event.









The AABA, Houston Volunteer Lawyers, 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 Attorneys
- √ 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

Wednesday, April 30, 2014 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM

Porter Hedges LLP 1000 Main Street, 36th Floor Houston, Texas 77002

1.5 hours of CLE credit pending
Lunch will be provided courtesy of Porter Hedges LLP.
Please note that parking is available in the firm's buildig, and validation is available at the receptionist's desk.

Attorneys, please register online at www.aabahouston.com by Monday, April 28, 2014.

Wills Clinic

Saturday, June 14, 2013 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

VN Teamwork Center
11210 Bellaire Boulevard # 118
Houston, Texas 77072

If you cannot attend the training but would like to prepare documents for the clinic, please contact Chris Lee at chris.lee@superiorenergy.com.

Asian Wills Clinic Saturday, June 14, 2014

Asian Will Clinic Press Release:

Houston Volunteer Lawyers Program(HVLPP), VN TeamWork (VNTW), the Asian American Bar Association of Houston (AABA), and Boat People SOS (BP SOS) will co-host an Asian Wills Clinic on Saturday, June 14, 2014, to assist qualifying applicants in preparing and executing the following estate and incapacity planning documents: **Will, Medical Power of Attorney, Directive to Physicians, HIPAA Release, and Declaration of Guardianship**. Applicants who are potentially eligible for this program are encouraged to call VN TeamWork and ask for Nhi or Judy at (281) 495-8936 to set up an appointment. The clinic will be held on Saturday, June 14, 2014 from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM (The last available appointment time slots will be 12:00 PM) at the VN TeamWork Center located at 11210 Bellaire Blvd., Houston, TX 77072.

General Outline and Instructions for the Wills Clinic:

Initial Intake and Questionnaires for Applicants:

- 1. Applicants must contact VN TeamWork as soon as possible to set up an appointment with VN TeamWork for intake and to fill out an estate planning questionnaire.
- 2. VN TeamWork will assist the applicant in filling out the Estate Planning Questionnaire. Questionnaires will include both English and Vietnamese translations of each question, but *answers* must be filled out in *English*. VN TeamWork will also provide a translator if needed.
- 3. Applicants will be given an appointment for a time slot between 9:00 AM and 1:00 PM. (11:00 AM 12:00 PM reserved for lunch) There will be up to 10-13 appointment time slots every hour, between 9:00 AM and 1:00 PM, totaling approximately 30-40 applicants. *Applicants will be reminded to show up at least 30 minutes before their appointment time* on the day of the Asian Wills Clinic (June 14th).
- 4. VN TeamWork should return the completed questionnaires to HVLP by Monday, April 28, 2014.
- 5. HVLP will process applications, verify eligibility, and prepare client folders containing completed estate planning questionnaires and HVLP case disposition forms for distribution to volunteer attorneys during the Wills Training Clinic (April 30th).

Wills Training Clinic for Volunteer Attorneys: (Wednesday, April 30, 2014)

- 1. Ideally, all questionnaires will be distributed to volunteer attorneys on **Wednesday**, **April 30**, **2014**, during the *Wills Training Clinic*, conducted by Peter Bennett at the law offices of Porter Hedges LLP from 11:30 AM 1:00 PM.
- 2. The remaining questionnaires will be distributed to AABA volunteer attorneys via email. All questionnaires will be assigned to volunteer attorneys no later than **Thursday**, **May 22, 2014**. Each questionnaire will also include the client's scheduled time slot for document execution during the Asian Wills Clinic.
- 3. The following six documents will be offered at this year's Wills Clinic: Will, Medical Power of Attorney, Statutory Durable Power of Attorney, Directive to Physicians, HIPAA Release, and Declaration of Guardianship. If an applicant requests any document not provided, please direct the applicant to HVLP for further legal services.

- 4. Volunteer attorneys will receive an Estate Planning Questionnaire filled out by applicants detailing their wishes as well as sample Estate/Incapacity Planning Documents to guide them through the drafting process. Documents should be drafted as accurately as possible with the information provided in the Estate Planning Questionnaire. Client interaction and interviews will not be necessary unless attorney feels comfortable speaking Vietnamese. Of course, not all applicants will want all six above-mentioned documents.
- 5. HVLP will also provide a packet containing sample estate planning forms to assist volunteer attorneys in drafting documents for their respective clients.
- 6. Volunteer attorneys should have all documents drafted and completed by **Thursday**, **June 5, 2014**. Volunteer attorneys should email copies of drafted documents to Tyrone.Lin@HVLP.org or Christine.Truong@HVLP.org for review.

Asian Wills Clinic: (Saturday, June 14, 2014)

Volunteer Attorney Responsibilities:

- 1. On the day of the Asian Wills Clinic, **Saturday**, **June 14**, **2014**, Volunteer attorneys should bring both a hard copy of their client's drafted documents (if no changes are necessary) to place in the client's folder and a saved copy of the documents on a flash drive.
- 2. Volunteer attorneys should ideally arrive an hour before their assigned client(s)' respective time slots. (Volunteer attorneys with 9:00AM appointments may arrive at 8:30 AM.) If assigned volunteer attorney cannot attend, then another volunteer attorney will fill in to review and execute documents (please let Tyrone or Christine know well in advance if cannot attend).
- 3. Upon arrival, volunteer attorneys should sign-in on a sheet at the intake table, make a name tag with their first name only, and then go to their assigned computer station.
- 4. Applicants will be escorted to their volunteer attorneys at their assigned computer station to review the drafted documents. If *no changes are needed*, the volunteer attorney will simply execute their client's documents at a designated Execution Ceremony Table. If *changes are needed*, the volunteer attorney may make the necessary changes at their assigned computer station and reprint the documents on printers provided by VN TeamWork, then proceed to the Execution Ceremony Table. (Printers and computers may become backlogged so, ideally, all documents should be completed and ready to execute before the clinic.)
- 5. There will be five Execution Ceremony Tables, with two witnesses and a notary provided at each table. If possible, the assigned volunteer attorney should help facilitate the Execution Ceremony with the provided Will Ceremony Execution Script, which will be available at each execution table.
- 6. After the Execution Ceremony, volunteer attorneys will make two copies of the executed documents for HVLP's client file at the provided copier station. While the copies are being made, volunteer attorneys should complete the HVLP case disposition form, if not already completed, and return the completed form to an HVLP staff member.
- 7. Volunteer attorneys should provide their client a copy of "Client Information about Documents" (available on the day of clinic), and be available to answer any client questions.
- 8. Before the end of each appointment Volunteer attorneys should ensure that the client is given both the original and one copy of the executed will, and the other copy to Tyrone Lin or Christine Truong.



JOIN US FOR FREE FAMILY LAW RESEARCH TRAINING



AT THE HARRIS COUNTY LAW LIBRARY!*

WHEN: Tuesday, April 1, 2014

12:00 to 1:00 p.m.

WHERE: Driscoll Courtroom

16th Floor

1019 Congress Street Houston, TX 77002

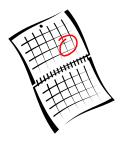
RSVP by Monday, March 31, to lawlibrary@cao.hctx.net How:

OR

Sign Up At The Law Library Reference Desk**

^{*} Approval is pending from the State Bar of Texas for 1.0 participatory hours of MCLE credit.

^{**}Space is limited. Only those who RSVP to the email address listed above or who have signed up in the Law Library will be given access to the Driscoll Courtroom.



SAVE THE DATE

The Asian Pacific Interest Section invites you to join <u>APIS's FIRST-EVER</u> <u>Corporate Counsel Annual Meeting!</u>

KEY PANEL TOPICS from the perspectives of Asian Pacific American attorneys, including:

- How to deal with outside counsel;
- Career advancement; and
- Diversity within legal departments.

NETWORKING SESSION with other in-house counsel.

DISCOUNT RATES for the 18th Annual APIS Conference & Retreat, Leaving a Legacy: Shaping Texas Leaders for Tomorrow, featuring:

- Over 6 hours of CLE credits, including ETHICS;
- APIS Gala at the stunning Blanton Museum of Art; and,
- Planned family activities, including FREE passes to the Texas Memorial Museum (with spectacular exhibits, including the largest flying creature ever found—the Texas Pterosaur) and the Bullock Texas State History Museum.

DATE: Corporate Counsel Meeting - April 5, 4:00PM
APIS Conference - April 4 & 5, 2014

LOCATION: University of Texas AT&T Executive Conference Center & Hotel

Please direct all questions regarding the meeting and the conference to APIS Chair, Alice Liu Cook, alice.liu.cook@gmail.com.



2014 NAPABA Law Foundation Public Interest Internship

Goal: The NLF Public Interest Internship will provide support for **at least one law student** to experience a meaningful 2014 summer internship at a public interest organization(s) that provides either direct legal services or impact litigation on behalf of the Asian Pacific American (APA) community.

Proposal:

- Public interest organizations will provide NLF with a legal intern summer project proposal. Organizations may submit more than one project proposal and are eligible to receive more than one NLF Public Interest Internship grant. In addition to the project proposal(s), applicants will provide a list of summer legal interns (hired or tentative) for consideration, along with their resumes and any additional supplemental materials for consideration.
- NLF will select a host organization(s) from these submissions.
- Once the host organization(s) is selected, NLF will conduct telephonic interviews
 with the submitted summer legal interns. The host organization(s) may submit a
 revised list of summer interns at its discretion prior to the telephonic interviews.
 NLF at its option may select to narrow the pool of eligible summer legal interns to
 interview.
- A grant of up to \$6,000 will be provided to the host organization(s). 100% of this grant must be used for the legal intern's salary. The host organization(s) is responsible for any administrative fees, payroll processing fees, federal withholding, taxes, etc.
- The selected intern(s) shall work at the host organization(s) for a minimum of 40 hours a week for 10 weeks during the summer.

Parameters:

- The NLF Public Interest Internship will provide up to \$6,000 in total for the summer per finalist.
- The funding for the internship will be **paid directly to the host organization(s) only**.

Criteria for Host Organization(s):

- The host organization(s) must be a non-profit organization which serves the APA community.
- The summer project must provide legal services or impact litigation that affects the APA community.
- Host organization(s) must have at least one lawyer on staff to supervise the legal intern.
- The goals and perceived benefits of the proposed project's goals as well as the applicant's competency, character, and commitment to the APA community will be considered.
- Internship must further the missions of the NLF.

Time Frame:

February 12 – March 28, 2014	Applications for host organization submitted
April 7, 2014	Host organization(s) chosen by grant making
	panel
April 8-14, 2014	Host organization(s) intern(s) interviewed
April 18, 2014	Finalists chosen
Summer 2014 (10 weeks)	Internship begins at host organization(s)

Past Recipients:

Asian American Legal Defense and Education Fund Asian Americans Advancing Justice | Asian Law Caucus Greater Boston Legal Services – Asian Outreach Unit

Host Organization Application

Name of Organization:
Contact Person:
Phone number:
Address of Organization:
Organization Website:
Year of Incorporation:
Please provide the answers to the following questions on a separate, typed document. Your answers should be 1,000 words or less.

- How many intern grants are you applying for (1, 2, or 3)?
- Do you have at least one lawyer on staff to supervise the legal intern?
- What were the purposes for which your organization was incorporated? (Refer to Articles of Incorporation)
- What are some of your current projects that benefit/impact the Asian Pacific American community?
- If your organization provides direct legal services, what is the ethnic composition of your client base?
- What is your organization's project proposal and how does it further the mission of the NAPABA Law Foundation?
- What do you hope to achieve with this project?
- What is the duration of this project?

If you are applying for more than one NLF Public Interest Internship grant, please include the additional project on the primary application. 250 additional words per additional project description are allowed. Proposed projects cannot exceed the number of grants your organization is applying for. Applying for multiple grants for a single project is allowed.

Please submit your application electronically to NLF at NLFStaff@NAPABA.org Applications are due by **6:00 ET/9:00 PT March 28, 2014.**



THURGOOD MARSHALL SCHOOL of LAW

JAMES M. DOUGLAS: BOARD OF ADVOCATES

Greetings!

We would be delighted to have you serve as a moot court judge for the Spring, 2014 Moot Court Competitions sponsored by the Board of Advocates at the Thurgood Marshall School of Law. The Board of Advocates Moot Court Program at the Thurgood Marshall School of Law is named after Dr. James M. Douglas, Executive Vice President and Distinguished Professor of Law at Thurgood Marshall School of Law.

This year's competitions are based on the Texas Young Lawyers' Association (TYLA) moot court problem, which will focus on the Texas Citizens Participation Act (TCPA), the latest version of a nationwide movement towards anti-SLAPP (Strategic Lawsuits Against Public Participation) cases. The problem presents interesting issues of First Amendment Speech, media, and civil procedure.

The Neal-Speedon 1L Moot Court competition will take place at the following times:

Thursday, March 20: 7 pm to 8 pm Friday, March 21: 7 pm to 8 pm Saturday, March 22: 11 am to noon

1 pm to 2 pm 3 pm to 4 pm

The Henry Doyle 2L/3L Moot Court competition will take place at the following times:

Tuesday, April 8: 7 pm to 8:30 pm Wednesday, April 9: 7 pm to 8:30 pm Thursday, April 10: 7 pm to 8:30 pm

We recognize that your time is quite precious and limited, so if your demanding schedule allows for you to judge any single round, we are quite grateful if you will take this opportunity to help train and prepare our future lawyers. If you are unavailable for these times, please let us know if you would be willing to serve as a brief judge. Please contact our student Judge Coordinator, Shantia Smith at shantiashah@yahoo.com or our attorney liaison, Joseph Tung at joe_tung@hotmail.com to indicate your availability. Parking will be provided at no expense to you as well as refreshments throughout the evening.

Thank you for your time and consideration. We look forward to your reply!

Respectfully,

Shantia Shah Joseph Tung

Judge Coordinator Attorney Liaison
832-643-8891 281-989-0099



EIGHTEENTH ANNUAL ASIAN PACIFIC INTEREST SECTION **CONFERENCE AND RETREAT**

APRIL 4-5, 2014 | AT&T EXECUTIVE CONFERENCE CENTER & HOTEL | AUSTIN, TEXAS

	REGISTRATION	INFORMATION		
<u>Friday, April 5, 2014</u> :				
5:00 – 6:00 pm	Meet with statewide leaders of the Asiar	Asian Pacific American Bar Associations and Law Student Leadership Meeting (AT&T Center) Meet with statewide leaders of the Asian Bar and Asian Law Student organizations. Please email APIS Chair Alice Liu Cook at alice@lazarlaw.com if you or your group would like to participate.		
6:00 – 7:00 pm		APIS Retreat & CLE Welcome Social & Registration (AT&T Center) Kick-off the 18 th Annual APIS Conference and Retreat by meeting and mingling with other APA lawyers, corporate counsel, and law students across Texas.		
7:00 – 9:30 pm	Pro Bono/Public Service Workshops & Family-Friendly Dinner (AT&T Center) – 1.25 hours CLE pending. Join us for useful and informative workshops with experienced pro bono and public service professionals and/or enjoy a free casual dinner with your family and friends. Please RSVP to the APIS Chair if you are attending and/or bringing guests. Discounted Hotel Deadline: See Below Registration Deadline: March 21			
Saturday, April 6, 201				
8:30 am – 9:30 am	Registration & Breakfast (AT&T Center	Registration & Breakfast (AT&T Center)		
9:30 am – 3:00 pm	<u>CLE Conference</u> (AT&T Center) – 5 hours CLE pending (please register at least 20 minutes prior; includes lunch). Attend practical and informative CLE presented by leading attorneys from across the State. Lunch will begin at 12:15 pm and feature a special presentation and brief awards ceremony.			
3:00 pm – 5:30 pm	Museum Exploration & Austin Activities. Spend the afternoon with your family and friends at the Texas Memorial Museum—with spectacular exhibits, including the largest flying creature ever found, the Texas Pterosaur—and the Bullock Texas State History Museum. Enjoy Austin: go on a downtown bike tour, get a massage, or just relax by the pool. Contact the APIS Chair to schedule tours and massages.			
4:00 pm – 5:30 pm	<u>First Annual In-House Counsel Committee Meeting</u> (AT&T Center) – 0.75 hours CLE pending . Socialize with in-house counsel colleagues and learn from Asian American in-house attorneys.			
6:00 – 10:00 pm	music, and a private panel presentation w	n of Art). Join us on Saturday night for cocktails, dinner, live with Texas Asian American leaders. Additional tickets for this lt. Please RSVP to the APIS Chair if you are attending and/or		
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\$ 50.00	Law-students	\$50 per person
\$ 75.00	In-House, Gov't. & Public Interest Attorneys	
\$ 125.00	APIS/NAPABA Members	2013 APIS membership fee (if not already remitted)
\$ 150.00	Non-Members	\$ 15.00 (annual; per person)
GOLD - CLI	E CONFERENCE ONLY	**Student Volunteers receive free admission to all events upon
\$ 25.00	Law-student rate	commitment to assist for at least one four hour session. For details
\$ 50.00	In-House, Gov't. & Public Interest Attorneys	about time frame and duties, please contact APIS Chair Elect Ann
\$ 85.00	APIS/NAPABA Members	Chao for details: annrchao@gmail.com
\$ 110.00	Non-Members	

Conference fees do not include lodging. Attendees may take advantage of discounted hotel rates at the conference site, AT&T Executive Conference Center & Hotel: \$179.00 per room, per night (before taxes). For reservations, please call 877-744-8822 and use code "APISCO0414" or visit the reservation page https://resweb.passkey.com/go/APISCO0414. Deadline is March 14, 2014.

For questions or additional information, visit www.texasapis.org or contact:

Alice Liu Cook, APIS Chair | (512) 477-1600 | alice@lazarlaw.com

2014 ASIAN PACIFIC INTEREST SECTION CONFERENCE AND RETREAT **INDIVIDUAL REGISTRATION FEES WORKSHEET**

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Address:			
City:	State: Zip:	State Bar No:	
Law Firm/Company/School:	Email:		
<u>Package</u>	Cost	# of Tickets	Your Payment
ALL EVENTS on Friday and	\$150 General Attendee x	=	
Saturday	\$125 APIS/NAPABA Members x	=	
	\$75 In-house, Gov't, Public x	=	
	\$50 Law Students x	=	
A la Carte Events	Cost	# of Tickets	Your Payment
Saturday CLE Conference Only	\$110 General Attendee x	=	
(includes luncheon)	\$85 APIS/NAPABA Members x	=	
	\$50 In-house, Gov't, Public x	=	
	\$25 Law Students x	=	
Saturday Evening Gala Only	\$50 per person x	=	
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REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS MARCH 21, 2014! *Three or four digit Security Code listed on Credit Card

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February 12, 2014

Re: Sponsorship of the Asian Pacific Interest Section Conference and Retreat

Dear Friend of APIS:

On behalf of the State Bar of Texas Asian Pacific Interest Section (APIS), I invite you to be a sponsor of the Eighteenth Annual APIS Conference and Retreat, which will take place April 4-5, 2014 in Austin, Texas, at the AT&T Executive Conference Center. This year, APIS will host its first-ever **Annual In-House Counsel Committee Meeting** during the conference, and we welcome your support in making this landmark event a success.

Every year, Asian Pacific American (APA) attorneys and those interested in APA issues gather from across Texas at the APIS conference and retreat to develop and nurture valuable business and personal connections. This year's event includes an outstanding CLE program and numerous networking opportunities for sponsors and attendees. This year's theme is **Leaving a Legacy: Shaping Texas Leaders for Tomorrow**, and we will focus on building a diverse leadership for the Texas legal community. In addition, the annual Justice David Wellington Chew Award will be presented at the retreat to an exceptional individual who has significantly contributed to the APA community in Texas.

As a sponsor, you will be prominently recognized in multiple ways, including recognition in the *Texas Bar Journal*, the APIS list serve, and the APIS website. **Your contribution will help APIS develop diverse legal leaders all across Texas.** Additionally, your company's logo will be displayed on slide shows, display boards, and marketing materials at the conference and retreat, including the Annual In-House Counsel Committee Meeting & APIS Gala. Our different sponsorship levels provide a variety of marketing and business development benefits for your organization. We are also in the process of finalizing the panels for the CLE program and would be happy to consider speaking opportunities for you or someone in your organization.

Our sponsorship levels can be found on the enclosed Sponsorship Form, which is due by **Friday, March 21, 2014**. Please send your company's completed Sponsorship Form and payment to: Sandra Carlson, State Bar of Texas Accounting, P.O. Box 12487, Austin, TX 78711-2487. Also, please submit your organization's logo and/or advertisement in high-resolution electronic format to APIS Secretary, Catherine Le, at catherinethile@gmail.com (Subject Line: "Logo") by March 21, 2014, to ensure inclusion in all advertising materials.

We hope that you will participate as a sponsor this year, and in doing so, make an important investment in the future of the APA legal community. We invite you to visit the APIS website for more information about our organization and this year's retreat. Please feel free to contact us with any questions, and we look very forward to seeing you in Austin!

Best regards,

Alice Liu Cook APIS Chair 512.477.1600

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SPONSORSHIP FORM

Advertising Materials

Deadline: March 21

\$5,000 Platinum Sponsor

- Six Complimentary Passes to all events at the Conference & Retreat; Four Additional Guest Passes for the APIS Gala
- · Full page, premium-placement advertisement in retreat program and headline recognition during CLE and APIS Gala
- Recognition as a Platinum Sponsor in the *Texas Bar Journal* and on the APIS website
- Recognition as a Platinum Sponsor to local Asian American bar associations across Texas
- Use of firm/company logo in program materials, on the APIS website, and on signs displayed during the Conference

\$2,500 Diamond Sponsor

- Four Complimentary Passes to all events at the Conference & Retreat; Two Additional Guest Passes for the APIS Gala
- Full page advertisement in retreat program given to all Conference attendees
- Recognition as a Diamond Sponsor in the Texas Bar Journal and on the APIS website
- Recognition as a Diamond Sponsor to local Asian American bar associations across Texas
- Use of firm/company logo in program materials, on the APIS website, and on signs displayed during the Conference

\$1,500 Gold Sponsor

- Three Complimentary Passes to all events at the Conference & Retreat
- One-half page advertisement in retreat program given to all Conference attendees
- Recognition as a Gold Sponsor in the *Texas Bar Journal* and on the APIS website
- Recognition as a Gold Sponsor to local Asian American bar associations across Texas
- Use of firm/company logo in program materials, on the APIS website, and on signs displayed during the Conference

\$ 1,000 Silver Sponsor

- Two Complimentary Passes to all events at the Conference & Retreat
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From: Jonathan W. Vickery, Associate Director and Director of Grants

To: Interested Persons

Re: Funding Opportunity for Civil Legal Aid to Low-Income Veteran's GY 2014-2015 Grant

Applications- DUE MARCH 31, 2014

Date: February 10, 2014

The Texas Access to Justice Foundation (TAJF) is pleased to announce its current application for proposals to support civil legal aid programs that provide legal services for low-income Texas veterans. The next funding opportunity is for the 2014-2015 grant year from September 1, 2014 through August 31, 2015. The application must be submitted online no later than Monday, March 31, 2014.

Over the past four years, the annual Texas Access to Justice Commission's Champions of Justice Gala has raised a total of \$1.4 million in support of legal services for Texas veterans, or an average of \$350,000 annually. The Foundation applauds this effort and will, as we hope you will, be an active partner in the Commission's efforts to make the 2014 Gala a banner year for generating funds for Veterans Legal Services. We will not know the level of funding for GY 2014-2015 legal aid to veterans until after the event which is May 13th. Also, as we cautioned last year, we must remain mindful that there are no assurances that this pool of money will be available in future years, or at what level so it is vital that programs seek alternative resources to sustain this important work.

Veteran grant applications may be submitted by any Texas 501 (c) (3) non-profit organization who fits within the grant funding criteria Grant applications will only be accepted through the online grants system.



Client Eligibility Requirements

Only clients and cases eligible under this funding source may be supported with TAJF funds. (See http://www.tajf.org/grants/faq.aspx). Selected applicants' screening and intake procedures must include instructions to solicit sufficient questions from the applicant to determine the total amount of household income for eligibility and must be able to demonstrate that staff practice and follow these procedures uniformly and consistently.

Screening and Reporting Requirements

TAJF requires, as a condition to the granting of funds to any eligible organization, that adequate provision be made for reports to TAJF as to the actual use of the funds so granted and for audit of such reports. Each such selected organization receiving funds from TAJF shall keep its financial records in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles for organizations of its type and shall furnish reports to TAJF in such form and containing such information as shall be reasonably requested. Minimally, TAJF will require quarterly financial expenditure reports, bi-annual programmatic reports, and annual programmatic and financial reports.

Selected grantee shall utilize a case management systems and procedures that ensure that information necessary for the effective management of cases is accurately and timely recorded in a case management system. Such systems and procedures shall ensure that program management has timely access to accurate information, ensure that cases involving the same client and same legal problem are not recorded and reported to TAJF more than once and the capacity to meet funding sources' reporting requirements. Grantees will also be required to ensure that non-eligible clients and or cases are not funded with TAJF funds.

Geographic Service Area

Applicants must limit proposed TAJF funded legal services to Veterans to one of the three service areas of TAJF (see Attachment I for listing of counties by region) unless your proposal is offering statewide services. For example, if you are awarded a Veterans grant for the East and Gulf Coast area, TAJF funds are limited to services to residents within that region, which should also be consistent in your grant application. Applicants may not support funded legal services in counties outside their awarded service area unless TAJF approves statewide services. TAJF Board makes grant decisions based on the allocation rule to ensure funds awarded are proportionate to regions' targeted poverty populations.

Online Grants System

You can access the online grants system by going to http://grants.tajf.org. You must register before you can submit an online application. If new to the system click on "register" and enter applicable information. Once approved, you will be able to access funding opportunities. To access the new funding opportunities, select Funding Opportunities from the Main Menu. This system offers convenient features such as:

- Previewing & printing application before starting & at any point before submission
- Copying old applications and editing and updating for new application(s)
- Saving work and returning to it later
- Easy editing of forms
- NOTE that in the fields for narrative responses that there is a character limit of 3,500 maximum so please be concise and brief- answer only the question asked- no exceptions.
- Copying and pasting text from word-processed documents into Web forms
- Required fields to help make sure that all necessary data was included
- Error notices that is a required field is not filled out, or if incorrect information is entered (such as text in a numeric field), you will receive clear and simple feedback about what the error is and how to fix it
- Easily file attachments
- Convenient & informative drop-down lists and check boxes

Please reference the formal grant application protocol listed in this section of the website.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at jvickery@teajf.org, or if you have any questions concerning the online grants system, you can contact Jessica Murray at jwickery@teajf.org, or if you have any questions concerning the online grants system, you can contact Jessica Murray at jwickery@teajf.org, or if you have any questions concerning the online grants system, you can contact Jessica Murray at jwickery@teajf.org, or if you have any questions concerning the online grants system, you can contact Jessica Murray at jwickery@teajf.org.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The South Texas College of Law Board of Advocates is seeking volunteers to serve as judges for its upcoming Moot Court and Mock Trial Tournament.

Tournament Dates:

Moot Court = March 31st through April 3rd Mock Trial = April 14th through April 17th.

Each moot round is about 1.5 hours each, and each mock round is about 2.5 hours. Rounds start at 8:30am, 12:00pm, and 5:30pm.

Volunteer judges are eligible to receive self-study CLE credit for their participation. Parking validation and light refreshments will be provided.

If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Ms. Vy Hoang at tuongvy.hoang@stcl.edu or (832)859-2118 for more information.



Deborah G. Hankinson Award

The Deborah G. Hankinson Award honors local bar associations and young lawyer affiliates that demonstrate a commitment to access to justice in their communities and to raising financial support for legal service providers on a local and statewide basis. There will be only one award recipient for each division. In 2013, the Texas Access to Justice Commission began using an application process to determine local bar associations and young lawyer affiliates award recipients.

Each bar association has an opportunity to receive this award based on its division. The divisions are:

Division I: local and district bar associations with a membership of 500 or less **Division II:** local and district bar associations with a membership of 501 to 1,999 **Division III:** local and district bar associations with a membership of 2,000+

Each young lawyer affiliate also has an opportunity to receive this award. There is one division for the young lawyer affiliate.

Award Criteria (Criteria and application can also be found online www.texasatj.org/awards)

Financial Support for Access to Justice (50%)

- ✓ Rate of voluntary ATJ contributions made at the suggested \$150 level or more through State Bar dues statement (15 points). This information will be determined by the State Bar Membership Department.
- ✓ Local bar fundraising and donation efforts; examples include: bike ride, gala, golf tournament, pro bono prom, etc., with proceeds benefitting local legal aid organizations (15 points)
- ✓ Number of first time donors (15 points)
- ✓ Largest donation contributed (5 points)

Access to Justice – Initiatives and Awareness (50%)

- ✓ Specific efforts to increase *access* to legal aid services. Examples include hosting free legal advice clinic; creating a local lawyer referral service or reduced fee panel on the local lawyer referral service; efforts to increase pro bono participation; etc. (25 points)
- ✓ Specific efforts to increase *awareness* of access to justice issues on a local or statewide basis. Examples include inviting speakers to give presentations on access to justice, limited scope representation or other related topics; developing and providing presentations on topics related to access to justice and pro bono work; visiting local legislators to educate them about the importance of legal services to the poor; encouraging attorneys to bank at a Prime Partner Bank; etc. (25 points)

NOTE: To streamline award applications, you may have the access to justice portion of the State Bar of Texas Award of Merit application or the TYLA Awards of Achievement sent to the Texas Access to Justice Commission to be considered in your application for the Deborah G. Hankinson Award. You will need to check a box on the enclosed Deborah G. Hankinson Award Application to release this information to us.



Deborah G. Hankinson Award Nomination

The award honors local bar associations and young lawyer affiliates that demonstrate a commitment to access to justice in their communities and to raising financial support for legal service providers on a local and statewide basis. There will be only one recipient for each award category. Each category is worth 50 points for a total 100 point judging scale. **Deadline for submission is April 4, 2014, at NOON.**

Nominee information

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Name of	Bar Association		
Name of	Bar President		
Address		City	Zip Code
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b.	. Largest donation amount contributed:	(5 points)	

c. Rate of voluntary ATJ contribution made at the suggested \$150 level or more through State Bar dues statement: <u>(Information will be provided by the State Bar Membership Dept.)</u> (15 points)

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2)	Please describe the bar association/young affiliates fundraising and donation efforts. Examples include bike rides, gala, golf tournament, pro bono prom, etc. (15 points)
В.	Initiative and Awareness
1)	Please list specific efforts to increase access to legal aid services. Examples include hosting free legal advice clinics, creating local lawyer referral service/reduced fee panels, efforts to increase pro bono participation (25 points)
2)	Please list specific efforts to increase <i>awareness</i> of access to justice issues on a local or statewide basis. Examples include inviting speakers to give presentations on access to justice, limited scope representation or other related topics, developing and providing presentations on topics related to access to justice and pro bono work, visiting legislators to educate them about the importance of legal services to the poor encouraging attorneys to bank at a Prime Partner Bank, etc. (25 points)

NOTE: If more space is needed for any question on this page, please supplement with attachments and



JAMES B. SALES BOOTS ON THE GROUND AWARD 2014 Official Nomination Form

Overview & Criteria

Nominations are currently being accepted for the Texas Access to Justice Commission *James B. Sales Boots on the Ground Award*. The award is given to a legal services program attorney or a pro bono attorney who is an exemplary advocate and who gives selflessly of his/her time and talent to provide legal help to those who have no voice.

Nominations must be received **no later than 5 p.m., Friday, April 11, 2014**. Submit the original nomination form, a description of the nominee's achievements, and any additional supporting materials via email to: atjmail@texasbar.com.

This award will be presented at the 2014 Champions of Justice Gala Benefiting Veterans in May.

Name of Nominator: Phone: Email: Nominee Information Name: State Bar Card #: Address: City: State: Fax: Email: Name of legal services organization where nominee is either currently employed or ceased to work within the last two years: Length of Service:

Please describe nominee's achievements in the delivery of legal services to the poor on a separate sheet(s) of paper.



2014 Women and Minority Scholarship Application

The Intellectual Property Law Section of the State Bar of Texas will award two \$5,000 scholarships, each to a woman and/or minority law student. Any woman or member of a recognized minority group, including but not limited to African Americans, Hispanics, Asian Americans, and Native Americans who intends to practice IP law in the State of Texas, is eligible to apply. Applicants must be enrolled in an ABA-accredited law school in Texas at the time the application is submitted. Thus, persons who have been accepted to law school but have not yet started classes at the time the application is filed are ineligible. However, persons who have graduated at the time the scholarship is awarded are eligible for the scholarship.

The purpose of this scholarship is to facilitate and encourage women and minorities to enter the practice of intellectual property law in Texas, and to become active members of the State Bar IP Section, by assisting these students with their financial needs. Selection criteria of the scholarships include: merit, scholastic performance, and financial need. Consideration is also given to extracurricular activities both inside and outside law school.

This application should be completed and returned either by: (1) mail to the SBOT IP Section's Women and Minority Scholarship Selection Committee, c/o Bhaveeni D. Parmar, Law Office of Bhaveeni Parmar PLLC, 4447 N. Central Expressway, Suite 110-295, Dallas, Texas 75205; or (2) email to Bhaveeni Parmar at bhaveeni@parmarlawoffice.com (entire applications only (e.g., applications including the recommendations, essays, and transcripts)).

Completed applications must be postmarked or time stamped by no later than May 12, 2014. The scholarships will be awarded at the IP Section's meeting during the 2014 State Bar of Texas Annual Meeting held in Austin.

Please print or type in black ink.

I. GENERAL INFORMATION

NAME:				
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African American _	Asian A	merican	Hispanic	Caucasian
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MARITAL STATUS:	Single	Married		
NUMBER OF DEPENDE	NTS:			

II.	EDUCATIONAL INFORM	ATION		
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(c)	c) (Optional) Any issues of financial neo	ed that you would like the Committee to consider.		
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The OnRamp Fellowship was launched to help experienced women lawyers re-enter the profession through one-year paid fellowships with law firms.

Four major law firms: Sidley Austin, Hogan Lovells, Baker Botts, and Cooley are offering fellowships in 15 cities across the U.S. including Houston, Dallas, and Austin as part of the pilot program this year.

The goal is to give returning women an opportunity to broaden their legal experience, skills, and contacts while also increasing gender diversity in law firms.

For more information about this fellowship visit the OnRamp Fellowship website at onrampfellowship.com.



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LITIGATION

IF I WEREN'T AN ATTORNEY, I'D TRY TO BE ... a journalist.

THE ODDEST FOOD I HAVE EVER EATEN HAS BEEN . . . starfish.

In my spare time, I enjoy ... running and spending as much time as possible outside with my husband and dog.

IF MY LIFE WERE A MOVIE, IT WOULD BE CALLED . . . Forever Young.

In my opinion, the best restaurant in Houston is . . . $\mathcal{H}ugo^2s$.

THE COOLEST STORE IN HOUSTON ... The Chocolate Bar.

THE SPORTS TEAM(S) I ROOT FOR IS ... my Rice Owls.

MY FAVORITE DECADE FOR MUSIC IS THE 80's, AND MY FAVORITE SONG IS . . . Jessie's Girlby Rick Springfield.

"My FAVORITE QUOTE is . . . "The pain of parting is nothing to the joy of meeting again."

I RECOMMEND READING . . . The Road.

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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!

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