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Habitat for Humanity

On Saturday, May 10th, members, friends and family of the AABA and members of the HBA joined together to help Habitat for Humanity build a home for a local family in need. Many thanks to all our volunteers for their hard work and special thanks to Clinton Yu and Albert Liou for organizing our participation with this worthy cause.







AABA • HVL • VN Teamwork • Boat People SOS

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 building, 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, 2014
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.***



Asian American Bar Foundation of Houston, Inc.

**P.O. Box 1351
Houston, Texas 77252**

Community Organization Grant
Community Organization Grant Guidelines
2014

The Asian American Bar Foundation of Houston, Inc. seeks to award up to 2 community organization grants to Texas-based charitable non-profit 501(c)(3) organizations whose pursuits will impact the Greater Houston Metropolitan Area by (1) expanding the scope of legal services available to the Asian American community; (2) increasing the number of Asian Americans working as lawyers or in legal services; (3) educating members of the Asian American community of their civil and legal rights; (4) stimulating legal discourse by and/or about Asian Americans, the Asian American cultures and Asian American communities; or (5) otherwise promoting the interests of Asian Americans.

The 2014 AABF Community Organization Grant is a grant of up to \$5,000 to a charitable non-profit 501(c)(3) organization that fulfills the aims described in the preceding paragraph. The foregoing criteria may be weighed in any order as determined by the AABF. Applicant organizations must be charitable non-profit 501(c)(3) organizations incorporated or formed under the laws of the State of Texas and/or otherwise demonstrate a substantial connection to the greater Houston metropolitan area. Applicant organizations should submit application packages containing the following information to the Scholarship/Grant Committee:

1. Name of applicant organization
2. Contact information (name, address, telephone number, e-mail address) of applicant organization and representative of applicant organization
3. Proof of 501(c)(3) status of the organization
4. Copy of the mission statement (or, if no official mission statement exists, a statement of the primary purpose) of the applicant organization and information and materials about the applicant organization sufficient for the Scholarship/Grant Committee to understand the purpose of and activities conducted by the applicant organization
5. Information regarding a few recent events held by the applicant organization, if any
6. Description of and information relating to the program or event for which the grant funds are to be applied (the more detail, the better). Please keep in mind that the AABF cannot fund programs or activities that are not in keeping with its mission; therefore, program and activity descriptions should be detailed enough for the AABF to discern whether it is within the AABF's mission or guidelines.



7. Any other information that applicant organization desires to provide to assist in the application process
8. Cover letter stating how a community organization grant will help the applicant organization to achieve AABF's purposes listed above and serve the public interest

The grant recipient will receive an award of up to \$5,000 and a ticket for one of its representatives to attend the Asian American Bar Association of Houston's annual gala, to be held sometime in the late Summer or early Fall 2014, where the grant will be presented. The grant recipient is required to submit a final report no later than thirty (30) days after completion of the program or event that is supported by the grant funds explaining how the grant funds were used and the results of the program or event. Failure to provide the report may jeopardize future grants to the recipient organization.

Applicant organizations 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 AABF Scholarship/Grant Committee may contact applicants if additional information is required, but the Scholarship/Grant Committee reserves the right to disqualify application packages from consideration if key information is not included. The AABF reserves the right to subdivide the grants or increase the number of grants in its sole discretion.

Application packages must be postmarked no later than August 1, 2014, and mailed to the following address:

Asian American Bar Foundation of Houston, Inc.
Attn: Scholarship/Grant Committee
P.O. Box 1351
Houston, Texas 77252

At this time, grant applications are not accepted by electronic mail unless approved by Catherine Than. For additional information, please contact Catherine Than at cthan@aol.com.



Asian American Bar Foundation of Houston, Inc.

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Houston, Texas 77252**

2014 AABF Honorable Herbert W. Gee Memorial Scholarship
Application Guidelines
2014

The Asian American Bar Foundation of Houston, Inc. seeks to award a \$2,000 scholarship in honor of the late Judge Herbert W. Gee, who was Associate Presiding Judge for the City of Houston Municipal Courts, a founding member and Past President of the Asian American Bar Association, and a recipient of the 2010 AABA Impact Award. The 2014 AABF Honorable Herbert W. Gee Memorial Scholarship will be awarded to an individual applicant who best embodies the spirit of the late Judge Gee who (1) was dedicated to serving the public, (2) supported the Asian American community in the greater Houston area, and (3) exemplified intelligence, generosity and leadership in his everyday life. The foregoing criteria may be weighed in any order as determined by the AABF.

To be eligible, an applicant must be (1) a member of the AABA, (2) enrolled in an ABA-accredited law school in Texas, and (3) intend to reside and seek employment in the greater Houston metropolitan area after graduation. Applicants should submit application packages containing the following information to the Scholarship/Grant Committee, where applicable:

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 ABA-accredited law school in Texas
8. Educational background
9. Course work, clinics or other relevant extracurricular activities at current or previous schools relevant to AABF's purposes listed above
10. Employment history (if any)
11. Employment experience relevant to the criteria listed above
12. Community and volunteer experience relevant to criteria listed above
13. Involvement with Asian American community relevant to criteria listed above



14. Leadership experience relevant to criteria listed above
15. Independent research or publications relevant to criteria listed above
16. Awards, honors, scholarships received
17. Other activities, hobbies, skills, positions held in any organizations, etc.
18. Any other information that applicant desires to provide to assist in the application process
19. Cover letter stating how the applicant demonstrates or embodies the criteria set forth above

The scholarship recipient will receive a \$2,000 scholarship to help cover tuition and academic expenses and 1 ticket to the Asian American Bar Association of Houston's annual gala, to be held sometime late Summer or Fall 2014, where the scholarship will be presented. The scholarship recipient is required to submit a final report at the following year updating the AABF on the status of the recipient's studies and activities and how the scholarship has helped the recipient.

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 AABF Scholarship/Grant Committee may contact applicants if additional information is required, but the Scholarship/Grant Committee reserves the right to disqualify application packages from consideration if key information is not included. The AABF reserves the right to subdivide the scholarship or increase the number of scholarships in its sole discretion.

Application packages must be postmarked no later than August 1, 2014, and mailed to the following address:

Asian American Bar Foundation of Houston, Inc.
Attn: Scholarship/Grant Committee
P.O. Box 1351
Houston, Texas 77252

At this time, grant applications are not accepted by electronic mail unless approved by Catherine Than. For additional information, please contact Catherine Than at cthan@aol.com.



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AABF Pro Bono Scholarship Summer 2014 or Fall 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 summer of 2014 or 2014 fall semester) to commence no earlier than June 1, 2014 and to end not later than December 15, 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 **May 27, 2014** 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 May 27, 2014, and mailed via U.S. Certified Mail/Return Receipt Requested to the following address or sent by email in PDF format (the recipient must receive a reply confirmation that the application has been received by email):

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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Dear Friends and Colleagues,

The Asian American Bar Association of Houston (AABA) cordially invites you and your company to attend and underwrite our *Gala & Silent Auction*, which will be held at the Royal Sonesta in Houston, Texas on September 5, 2014. The Gala is the organization's flagship event of the year and attracts over 400 guests and celebrates the extraordinary diversity of our city and state. We are pleased to announce *Sandra Leung, General Counsel and Corporate Secretary of Bristol-Myers Squibb*, as our special guest speaker commemorating our 30th year.

Celebrating three decades of success, the AABA is a voluntary association of attorneys, judges, and law students of Asian-Pacific heritage or who have interests in Houston's Asian-Pacific community. Founded in 1984, the AABA is Texas' largest organization of lawyers advocating for Asian-Pacific American concerns, representing the interests of nearly 600 attorneys in the Greater Houston area. In keeping with tradition, the AABA will donate a portion of the proceeds from its Gala & Silent Auction to its charitable affiliate organization, the Asian American Bar Foundation, whose mission is to advance the participation of Asian-Pacific Americans in all areas of legal practice, seeking to promote diversity in the legal community and to improve access to justice for all Texans.

Past keynote speakers include The Honorable Wallace B. Jefferson, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Texas; The Honorable Julian Castro, Mayor of San Antonio, Texas; Tommy Shi, Chief Diversity Officer of Mercedes-Benz USA; The Honorable Bill White, former Mayor of the City of Houston; Cathy Lambole, General Counsel of Shell Oil Company; Larry Tu, General Counsel of Dell, Inc.; Don Liu, General Counsel of Toll Brothers, Inc.; Texas Governor Rick Perry and more.

Enclosed is information on becoming an underwriter. Your generous support of this year's Gala & Silent Auction will help fund scholarships, grants and programs in furtherance of the AABA's and the AABF's missions.

Thank you for your consideration and continued commitment to diversity in our community. We look forward to seeing you at the Gala.

Sincerely,

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ASIAN AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION OF HOUSTON 2014 GALA & SILENT AUCTION

Royal Sonesta ♦ September 5, 2014

DIAMOND DRAGON UNDERWRITER - \$10,000

And Underwriter of the AABA 2014 Corporate Counsel Dinner

- ♦ Ten tickets to the Gala, reserved table with underwriter placard
- ♦ Six tickets to the VIP Reception preceding the Gala
- ♦ Full page color advertisement in the printed Gala program
- ♦ Logo display in the printed Gala program
- ♦ Special mention and prominent logo display during the Gala dinner
- ♦ Logo on the AABA website as a Diamond Dragon Underwriter
- ♦ Underwriter recognition in all 2014 AABA monthly newsletters
- ♦ **Recognition as an Underwriter of the AABA 2014 Corporate Counsel Dinner**
- ♦ **Six tickets to attend the AABA 2014 Corporate Counsel Dinner**

PLATINUM DRAGON UNDERWRITER - \$7,500

And Underwriter of the AABA 2014 Corporate Counsel Dinner

- ♦ Ten tickets to the Gala, reserved table with underwriter placard
- ♦ Four tickets to the VIP Reception preceding the Gala
- ♦ Half page black and white advertisement in the printed Gala program
- ♦ Logo display in the printed Gala program
- ♦ Special mention and prominent logo display during the Gala dinner
- ♦ Logo on the AABA website as a Platinum Dragon Underwriter
- ♦ Underwriter recognition in all 2014 AABA monthly newsletters
- ♦ **Recognition as an Underwriter of the AABA 2014 Corporate Counsel Dinner**
- ♦ **Four tickets to attend the AABA 2014 Corporate Counsel Dinner**

GOLD DRAGON UNDERWRITER - \$5,000

- ♦ Ten tickets to the Gala, reserved table with underwriter placard
- ♦ Two tickets to the VIP Reception preceding the Gala
- ♦ Logo display in the printed Gala program
- ♦ Special mention and prominent logo display during the Gala dinner
- ♦ Logo on the AABA website as a Gold Dragon Underwriter
- ♦ Underwriter recognition in all 2014 AABA monthly newsletters

SILVER DRAGON UNDERWRITER - \$3,500

- ◆ Ten tickets to the Gala, reserved table
- ◆ Special mention during the Gala dinner and slideshow
- ◆ Logo display in the printed Gala program

BRONZE DRAGON UNDERWRITER - \$2,500

- ◆ Five tickets to the Gala
- ◆ Special mention during the Gala dinner

JUDICIAL SPONSORSHIP - \$350

- ◆ For current sitting members of the judiciary only
- ◆ Two tickets to the Gala
- ◆ Name printed in Gala program
- ◆ Quarter page black and white advertisement in the printed Gala program

All Underwriters for the Gala & Silent Auction are also named in the Gala program and in the Gala slideshow presentation, listed on the AABA website as an underwriter of the Gala, and included in all printed promotional materials for the Gala.

We sincerely appreciate your support!



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2014 GALA & SILENT AUCTION

Royal Sonesta ♦ September 5, 2014

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Underwriter Name: _____

Contact Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip Code: _____

Telephone: _____ Facsimile: _____

E-mail: _____

Please select your level of underwriting*:

_____ \$10,000 Diamond Dragon Underwriter

_____ \$7,500 Platinum Dragon Underwriter

_____ \$5,000 Gold Dragon Underwriter

_____ \$3,500 Silver Dragon Underwriter

_____ \$2,500 Bronze Dragon Underwriter

_____ \$350 Judicial Sponsorship**

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**For current sitting members of the judiciary only.

Please return your completed form and check made payable to "AABA of Houston"
by no later than **August 1, 2014** to:

Kate Suh at Fulbright & Jaworski LLP, 1301 McKinney, Suite 5100, Houston, Texas 77010

Questions? Feel free to contact us at aaba.gala@gmail.com

Thank you for your interest and support.



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**ASIAN AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION OF HOUSTON
2014 GALA & SILENT AUCTION**

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If you or your company are interested in purchasing an advertisement in the 2014 Gala & Silent Auction printed program, please complete the form below.

THE DEADLINE TO PURCHASE AND SUBMIT AN ADVERTISEMENT IS AUGUST 1, 2014.

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Name of Advertiser: _____

Contact Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City/State/Zip Code: _____

Telephone: _____ Facsimile: _____

E-mail: _____

Please select the size of your advertisement:

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| _____ Quarter page (4" x 5") black & white advertisement | \$250.00 |
| _____ Half page (8" x 5") black & white advertisement | \$500.00 |
| _____ Full page (8" x 11") color advertisement | \$1,000.00 |

TOTAL AMOUNT DUE: \$_____

Please return this form and your check made payable to "AABA of Houston" to:

Jennifer Fung at the Rabie Law Firm, LLP, P.O. Box 42245 Houston, Texas 77242

- You will receive a confirmation of your sponsorship via email.
- Advertisement content may be sent via e-mail.
- Questions? Please contact us at aaba.gala@gmail.com.



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Royal Sonesta ♦ September 5, 2014

Advertisement Format Instructions

- PDF (portable document format) or TIFF (tagged image file format) files are requested for all advertisement submissions.
- Color advertisement files should be created using CMYK (cyan-magenta-yellow-black).
- Preferred document format/application is Adobe Illustrator or Adobe Photoshop.

Size	Width	Depth
Full Page	8-1/2"	11"
Half Page horizontal	8-1/2"	5-1/2"
Quarter Page	4-1/4"	5-1/2"

**PLEASE SUBMIT YOUR AD AS A DIGITAL FILE
BY NOT LATER THAN AUGUST 1, 2014**

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Jennifer Fung at the Rabie Law Firm, LLP, P.O. Box 42245 Houston, Texas 77242

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Thank you for your interest and support.*



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Thursday, May 22, 2014

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7:45 **At-the-Door Registration**

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8:25 **Welcoming Remarks**
Course Director
Lisa J. Soto, *El Paso*
Clinical Associate Professor
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8:30 **Best Practices in State Court 1 hr**
(.5 ethics)
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Judge, 327th District Court
Hon. Thomas Spieczny, *El Paso*
Judge, County Court at Law #7

Hon. Carlos Villa, *El Paso*
Judge, County Court at Law #5

9:30 **Protecting Your Legal Reputation
and Practicing Ethically .5 hr**
ethics
Hon. Annabelle Perez, *El Paso*
Judge, 41st Judicial District Court

10:00 **Break**

10:15 **Mandatory Minimum Sentences
in Federal Criminal Cases .5 hr**
Leon Schydlower, *El Paso*
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10:45 **Prevalent Immigration Law
Issues On the Border .75 hr**
Melissa M. Lopez, *El Paso*
Diocesan Migrant & Refugee
Services, Inc.

Carlos Spector, *El Paso*
Attorney at Law

11:30 **Changes to the Texas Rules of
Civil Procedure: Expedited Trials
and Dismissal of Baseless Claims
.5 hr**
Henry Paoli, *El Paso*
ScottHulse, PC

12:00 **Break for Lunch (lunch provided)**

12:30 **Keynote Luncheon Presentation:
Why Professionalism Matters—
Everything Hangs in the Balance
.5 hr ethics**
Hon. William R. Furgeson Jr., *Dallas*
Founding Dean, University of North
Texas Dallas College of Law
Senior U.S. District Judge (*Retired*)

1:00 **Break**

1:15 **"What? I'm Really Married?"
Common Misconceptions About
Common Law Marriage .5 hr**
Lisa Aceves Hayes, *El Paso*
Attorney at Law

1:45 **The Aftermath of the Fall of
DOMA: A Survey of Same-Sex
Marriage Cases and What It
Means For Us 1 hr**
Shelly Skeen, *Richardson*
Blume, Faulkner, Skeen & Northam,
PLLC

John Treviño, Jr., *Plano*
Hewlett-Packard Company

2:45 **Break**

3:00 ***El Camino in Federal Courts 1 hr***
(.5 ethics)
Moderator
Hon. William R. Furgeson Jr., *Dallas*
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Hon. David Briones, *El Paso*
Senior U.S. District Judge, Western
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Hon. Philip R. Martinez, *El Paso*
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4:00 **Adjourn**

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8:50 **Welcoming Remarks**

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Cynthia Neumann, *Richmond*
Neumann and Rodriguez, P.C.

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Keshia Rodriguez, *Houston*
Sedgwick LLP

9:00 **Employment Law .5 hr (.25 ethics)**

Daniel N. Ramirez, *Houston*
Monty & Ramirez LLP

9:30 **Family Law .5 hr**

Speaker to be announced

10:00 **Criminal Law: A Roadmap From
Arrest to Trial .75 hr**

Hon. Denise Collins, *Houston*
Judge, 208th District Court

Emily Detoto, *Houston*
Law Office of Emily Detoto

Veronica Nelson, *Houston*

10:45 **Break**

11:00 **Keynote Presentation .5 hr**
Senator Sylvia Garcia, *Houston*
Texas State Senate: District 6
Harris County Commissioners Court

11:30 **Break for Lunch (lunch provided)**

11:45 **Entertainment Law .5 hr**
Ricky Anderson, *Houston*
Anderson & Smith P.C.

12:15 **Break**

12:30 **A Few Things to Know If One
Crosses Over Into Immigration
Law .5 hr**

Alexandre Afanassiev, *Houston*
FosterQuan, LLP

Danuta "Danka" Villarreal, *Houston*
Law Office of Danuta Villarreal

1:00 **Successfully Settling a Personal
Injury Case Without Filing a
Lawsuit .5 hr**

Janeri Rivero, *Houston*
Law Offices of Janeri J. Rivero

1:30 **Transactional Law .5 hr**
Al Benoit, *Houston*
Benoit Law, PLLC

2:00 **Update on Civil Procedural Rules
Changes .5 hr**

Keshia Rodriguez, *Houston*
Sedgwick LLP

2:30 **Break**

2:45 **Why and How You Should Do
Pro Bono .5 hr ethics**

Alissa Rubin Gomez, *Houston*
Houston Volunteer Lawyers
Program

3:15 **Judges Panel 1 hr (.5 ethics)**
Moderator

David A. Chaumette, *Houston*
Chaumette, PLLC

Hon. Nancy Atlas, *Houston*
Judge, U.S. District Court, Southern
District of Texas

Hon. Vanessa Gilmore, *Houston*
Judge, U.S. District Court, Southern
District of Texas

Hon. Michael Gomez, *Houston*
Judge, 129th District Court

Hon. Robert K. Schaffer, *Houston*
Judge, 152nd District Court

4:15 **Adjourn**

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Get to Know an AABA MEMBER!



Name: Chris Koa

Firm/Company: BP America Inc.

Practice Areas of Interest:
Information Technology Mergers
and Acquisitions

If I weren't an attorney, I'd try to be . . . *a venture capitalist.*

The oddest food I have ever eaten has been . . . *while living in Ecuador on a volunteer summer community health project, unknowingly eating guinea pig (a local delicacy) served by a host family.*

In my spare time, I enjoy . . . *live theater and music (especially jazz).*

If my life were a movie, it would be called . . . *"Mission Impossible 6".*

In my opinion, the best restaurant in Houston is . . . *San Dong Noodle House (Bellaire Rd. / Beltway) and Sweet Tomatoes (I-10 / Voss).*

The coolest store in Houston . . . *US Coins (I-10 / Voss).*

The sports team(s) I root for is . . . *Seattle Seahawks (I am the 12th man).*

My favorite decade for music is the 80 's, and my favorite song is . . . *Phil Collins' "In The Air Tonight" (great for air drumming).*

My favorite quote is . . . *"Why are such questions relevant?"- former art history professor from my alma mater when stumped by student questions.*

I recommend reading . . . *"The Road Less Traveled", Dr. M. Scott Peck.*

Most AABA members probably don't know that . . . *I grew up playing 5 musical instruments.*

Get to Know an AABA MEMBER!



Name: Clarissa Salazar

Firm/Company:
Law Office of Clarissa Salazar

Practice Areas of Interest:
Wills, Probate, Family,
Immigration and Business Law

If I weren't an attorney, I'd try to be . . . *a television news producer.*

The oddest food I have ever eaten has been . . . *sisig (a delicious Philippine dish).*

In my spare time, I enjoy . . . *spending time with my son and participating in various volunteer activities with the AABA and FYP (Filipino Young Professionals) of Houston.*

If my life were a movie, it would be called . . . *"Insomnia".*

In my opinion, the best restaurant in Houston is . . . *Aka Japanese Cuisine.*

The coolest store in Houston . . . *Sweets (I recommend the red velvet macarons).*

The sports team(s) I root for is . . . *Houston Texans and my University of Houston Cougars (Go Coogs!)*

My favorite decade for music is the *80's, and my favorite song is . . . "All of me" by John Legend.*

My favorite quote is . . . *"You've got enemies? Good. That means you've stood up for something, sometime in your life." - Winston Churchill.*

I recommend reading . . . *"11-22-63" by Stephen King*

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