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2014 Annual Gala & Silent Auction

On Friday, September 5, 2014, the AABA held its 30th Anniversary Gala & Silent Auction at the Royal Sonesta Hotel featuring Sandra Leung, General Counsel and Corporate Secretary of Bristol-Myers Squibb, as the keynote speaker. This year's Gala was co-chaired by Janet Brown, Jennifer Fung and Kate Suh, and the Silent Auction was chaired by Sandy Huynh. Many thanks to our underwriters, chairs, volunteers, performers, and speakers for their contributions in making this event a success!



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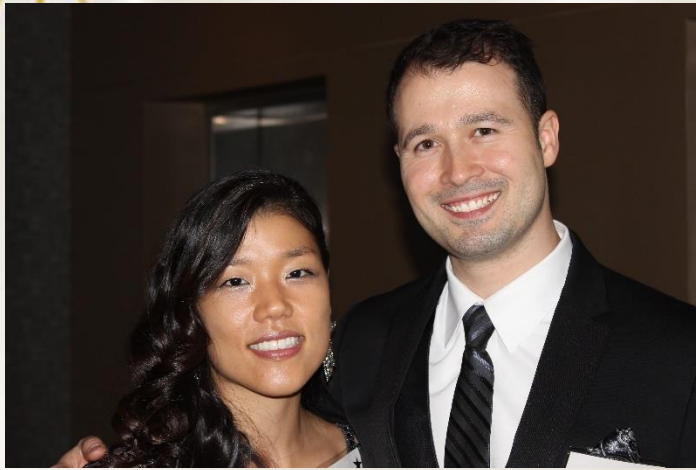
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AABA CLE Event

Basic Criminal Law for Non-Criminal Law Attorneys

Presenters:

Jason Luong

The Law Office of Jason Luong PLLC

&

The Honorable Judge Jay Karahan

Harris County Criminal Court at Law No. 8

Date:

Thursday, October 16, 2014

Time:

11:30am – 1:00pm

Lunch will be provided.

Location:

FosterQuan, LLP

600 Travis Street, 18th Floor

Houston, TX 77002

Admission:

Free for AABA members, \$15 for non-members

CLE Hours:

1.0 hour of CLE credit, including 0.5 hours of ethics credit*

Please RSVP online by Friday, Oct. 10th at www.aabahouston.com.

***Pending approval from the State Bar of Texas.**



10th Annual Corporate Counsel Dinner

Featuring Keynote Speaker:

Robert (Rob) B. Task

Deputy General Counsel

**Commercial, Marketing, Transportation and Business Development
*Phillips 66***

DATE:

Thursday, October 30, 2014

TIME:

Reception
6:00 PM

Dinner and Program
7:00 PM

PLACE:

Smith & Wollensky
4007 Westheimer Road
Highland Village
Houston, Texas 77027

TICKETS:

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

Please RSVP and purchase tickets by **October 27, 2014.**

In-house counsel, please RSVP with Corporate Counsel Committee Co-Chair,
Debbie Yee, at Debbie.Yee@lw.com.

Everyone else, please RSVP and purchase tickets online at www.aabahouston.com.
No tickets will be sold at the door. Space is limited!

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

SAVE THE DATE

Asian American Professional Development Seminar

Title:

**“Career Advancement for Asian Americans” - UC Hastings
Chancellor & Dean Frank H. Wu**

Description:

UC Hastings Chancellor & Dean Frank H. Wu, author of *Yellow: Race in America Beyond Black and White*, will offer advice and counsel on professional development for Asian Americans. Named the most influential dean in legal education two years ago, Wu has broken through the glass ceiling: after practicing law with a major firm in San Francisco, his career in academe has included becoming the youngest law school dean in the nation, serving on major boards and government commissions, and making media appearances ranging from Oprah to Bill O'Reilly to National Public Radio.

Date/Time:

Thursday, October 23, 2014

11:30 am – 11:45 am	<i>Safety brief/Opening remarks/Intro for Speaker</i>
11:45 am– 12:45 pm	<i>Presentation</i>
12:45 pm–1:00 pm	<i>Q&A</i>

Location:

To be determined.



Speaker Biography: Frank H. Wu was renewed unanimously in 2014 for a second term of service as Chancellor & Dean of University of California Hastings College of Law. The prior year, he was voted the most “influential” dean in legal education in a poll by National Jurist magazine.

Prior to joining UC Hastings, where he also holds the William B. Lockhart Chair, he was a member of the faculty at Howard University, the nation’s leading historically black college/university, for a decade. He served as Dean of Wayne State University Law School in his hometown of Detroit, and he has been a visiting professor at George Washington University, University of Maryland, University of Michigan; an adjunct professor at Columbia University; and a teaching fellow at Stanford University. He taught at the Peking University School of Transnational Law in its inaugural year.

He is the author of *Yellow: Race in America Beyond Black and White*, which was immediately reprinted in its hardcover edition, and co-author of *Race, Rights and Reparation: Law and the Japanese American Internment*, which received the single greatest grant from the Civil Liberties Public Education Fund. He is writing a book on the Vincent Chin case, and his op-ed discussing the significance of the subject appeared in *The New York Times* on the thirtieth anniversary of the crime. Other op-eds have appeared in the *Washington Post*, *LA Times*, and *Chicago Tribune*. He blogs regularly for Huffington Post, and as an “Influencer” at LinkedIn and occasionally for Above the Law.

Over the years, Chancellor Wu has maintained an extensive schedule of media appearances and public speaking. His professional credits include commentary for National Public Radio and Now with Bill Moyers. He has appeared as a guest on the *Oprah Winfrey* show, *O’Reilly Factor*, and C-SPAN *Booknotes* with Brian Lamb, and as part of a roundtable hosted by George Takai (the original “Mr. Sulu”) discussing the restored Charlie Chan movies broadcast by Fox Movie Channel.

He is dedicated to civic engagement and volunteer service. He was appointed by the federal Department of Education to its National Advisory Committee on Institutional Quality and Integrity (NACIQI), which advises the administration on higher education accreditation, and by the Defense Department to the Military Leadership Diversity Commission, which submitted to Congress the report *From Representation to Inclusion*. He currently is a Trustee of Deep Springs College, a highly-selective full-scholarship all-male school enrolling twenty-six on a student-run cattle ranch near Death Valley, where he previously taught for several short periods. (The Trustees voted in 2011 in favor of transitioning to co-ed.) He was a Trustee of Gallaudet University, the only university in the world dedicated to deaf and hard of hearing persons from 2000 to 2010, and Vice-Chair of the Board for the final four years of his tenure; he participated in the presidential selection process. He served on the Board of the Leadership Conference on Civil Rights Education Fund from 2004 to 2010.

Prior to his academic career, he held a clerkship with the late U.S. District Judge Frank J. Battisti in Cleveland and practiced law with the firm of Morrison & Foerster in San Francisco – while there, he devoted a quarter of his time to pro bono work on behalf of indigent clients. He received a B.A. from the Johns Hopkins University and a J.D. from the University of Michigan. He completed the Management Development Program of the Harvard Graduate School of Education.



National Asian Pacific American Bar Association

NOMINATIONS FOR AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION MARGARET BRENT WOMEN LAWYERS OF ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Dear NAPABA Affiliates:

The NAPABA Awards Committee would like your help nominating a member on behalf of NAPABA for **the 25th Annual ABA Margaret Brent Women Lawyers of Achievement Award**. This award was established in 1991 to recognize and celebrate the accomplishments of women lawyers; and each year, the ABA honors five outstanding women lawyers who have achieved professional excellence within their area of specialty and who have actively paved the way to success for other women lawyers. Most recently, NAPABA nominated Senator Mazie K. Hirono and the Honorable Kathryn Doi Todd, both of whom were honored with this prestigious award in 2013 and 2014, respectively. The Awards Committee now seeks nominee recommendations from the pool of well-qualified NAPABA members for consideration of the 2015 award.

The Committee is looking for a NAPABA member who has:

1. achieved professional excellence in her field; and
2. influenced other women to pursue legal careers; or
3. opened doors for women lawyers in a variety of job settings that historically were closed to them; or
4. advanced opportunities for women within a practice area or segment of the profession.

Please email nominee recommendations to aberhanu@napaba.org by 5pm ET on **October 1, 2014**. You will be notified if the NAPABA Awards Committee selects your recommendation for nomination.

Announcing...
A Financial Fitness Mixer
@ Sonoma –Upper Kirby

Bellaire Capital Management
A Registered Investment Advisor
Part of our 2014 Speaker Series –
"Becoming Financially Fit"

Please join us on October 16th, 2014
@ Sonoma Retail Wine Bar & Restaurant
Located at 2702 Richmond St. near Kirby
From 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm

Wine & Hor D'oeuvres provided



***Understanding the Numbers
Behind your Retirement***

Kevin Spires, CFA®, FRM
President & CIO
Bellaire Capital Management, LLC

- How much savings do you need for Retirement?
- How much should you be saving for Retirement?
- Stocks or Bonds – which Asset Class is safer in retirement?

***Preparing Your Estate for
Retirement***

Molly Dear Abshire, Wright Abshire, Attorneys

**Board Certified in Estate Planning & Probate Law by
the Texas Board of Legal Specialization,
Certified as an Elder Law Attorney by the
National Elder Law Foundation, ACTEC Fellow**

- Will you have enough?
- Are your estate planning documents in order?
- Importance of coordinating beneficiary designations
- Options for financing long term care

Please RSVP by October 9th to insure your spot.

RSVP to:
info@bellairecapital.com

PORTRAIT DEDICATION CEREMONY

AABA members are cordially invited to attend a Portrait Dedication Ceremony honoring retiring Associate Presiding Judge Maria Casanova and retired Judge Gladys T. Bransford, as well as some past Municipal Courts Department staff members.

The event will take place on Saturday, November 1, 2014 at 2:00 p.m. at the HERBERT W. GEE COURTHOUSE at 1400 Lubbock, Houston, Texas 77002.

**Please RSVP to Lilly Warden at
lilly.warden@houstontx.gov.**



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.



Photo courtesy Tim Thompson/SACVB

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 - \$15000

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!



2014 Thomas Tang Moot Court Competition Announced

The Thomas Tang Moot Court Competition is an appellate advocacy competition sponsored annually by the National Asian Pacific American Bar Association Law Foundation (NAPABA Law Foundation), an IRC § 501(c)(3) non-profit, charitable and educational affiliate of the National Asian Pacific American Bar Association (NAPABA). The NAPABA Law Foundation works closely with the National Asian Pacific American Law Students Association (NAPALSA) and its local affiliates at law schools across the country. The purpose of this Competition is to develop advocacy skills without regard to the merit of the petitioner's or respondent's cases.

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.

REGISTER & DOWNLOAD MATERIALS TODAY

[The Official Rules](#)

[The Entry Form](#)

[The Regional Rounds](#)

[The Thomas Tang Moot Court Problem](#)

For more information contact [Hemanth Digumarthi](#)



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

April 16–18, 2015 🕒 Moana Surfrider – A Westin Resort & Spa, Honolulu, Hawaii

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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

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Chikeersha Puvvada

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Puvvada Law Office, PLLC

Practice Areas of Interest:

Divorce and Family Law

If I weren't an attorney, I'd try to be . . . a movie critic.

The oddest food I have ever eaten has been . . . alligator.

In my spare time, I enjoy . . . finding cool places to eat.

If my life were a movie, it would be called . . . *Ferris Bueller's Day Off*.

In my opinion, the best restaurant in Houston is . . . Luigi's Pizzeria.

The coolest store in Houston . . . Candylicious.

The sports team(s) I root for is . . . Texans and Rockets.

My favorite decade for music is the 90's, and my favorite song is . . . *Under the Bridge* by the Red Hot Chili Peppers.

My favorite quote is . . . "You don't win friends with salad," by Homer J. Simpson.

I recommend reading . . . *Great Expectations* by Charles Dickens.

Most AABA members probably don't know that . . . I have a baby boy on the way!

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If I weren't an attorney, I'd try to be . . . Probably teaching history or Latin. I majored in a combination of those subjects in college and would love sharing my enthusiasm with students. I think the ancient world isn't nearly as dry and dusty as its reputation might suggest.

The oddest food I have ever eaten has been . . . Haggis, without a doubt! The combination of ingredients, preparation, and texture make it an acquired taste.

In my spare time, I enjoy . . . Bowling, shooting, chess, and reading for pleasure.

If my life were a movie, it would be called . . . *I Fought the Law, and the Law Won.*

In my opinion, the best restaurant in Houston is . . . I loved Feast before it closed last year. The nose-to-tail trend leads to some wonderful food and an appreciation for the whole animal. These days I make the burgers from Stanton's City Bites a dietary staple. I head to Underbelly when I want something more upscale.

The coolest store in Houston . . . Boy, this one's tough since I do most of my shopping online to avoid the crowds. I'll probably go with Collectors Firearms on Fondren. Walking the aisles can feel like a great mix of museum and emporium, with historical pieces next to the best of modernity.

The sports team(s) I root for is . . . College football—Rice Owls, though they suffered some tough years during my time on campus. It's been great to see their more recent successes in C-USA.

NFL—I know it's apostasy around here, but I root for the Denver Broncos. I've been a fan of Peyton Manning since his Tennessee days and admire his methods of preparation and leadership on the field.

MLB—Houston Astros. It's been a long fall from the heights of the 2005 World Series, but at least Jose Altuve has been great to follow.

My favorite decade for music is the 80's—I was only vaguely aware of the music when I lived through it (too busy with Nintendo games!), but now it's my go-to musical decade—**and my favorite song is . . .** I'll cheat and say it's a tie between Survivor's Eye of the Tiger and Simple Minds' Don't You (Forget About Me). Both great songs in their own right, both inextricably tied to iconic 1980s movies.

My favorite quote is . . . "You have power over your mind, not outside events. Realize this, and you will find strength." —Marcus Aurelius, Meditations

I recommend reading . . . My favorite non-fiction tends to be historical or biographical. I'm working my way through Caro's LBJ biography—it's a totally engrossing portrait of a deeply flawed leader and his rise to power in a Texas very different than the one we experience.

Most AABA members probably don't know that . . . Taught upper elementary (4th/5th grade, all subjects) in Las Vegas for 2 years before law school.

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