

MARCH 2017 NEWSLETTER

2017 OFFICERS

Albert Liou
President
Jones Day

Sang Shin
President-Elect
Foster, LLP

Nickie Tran
Vice President of Community
Relations
Porter Hedges LLP

Jennifer Fung
Vice President of Development
Family Care

Janet Brown
Vice President of Membership
CEVA Logistics

Tom Nguyen
Vice President of Programs
Pintail Oil & Gas, LLC

Nadine Chen
Secretary
*Law Office of Kathryn N. Karam,
P.C.*

David Hsu
Treasurer
Givens and Johnston PLLC



www.aabahouston.com



[@HoustonAABA](https://twitter.com/HoustonAABA)



Asian American Bar
Association of Houston

AABA Spring Happy Hour

On March 29, the AABA held our Spring Happy Hour at Axelrad. Members enjoyed the calm after a heavy storm with great company and good food and drinks.



APIS Conference/NAPABA Southwest Regional Conference

On April 6-7, members of the AABA attended the Annual APIS Conference, which was held in conjunction with the NAPABA Southwest Regional Conference, in Austin, Texas. Joined by attorneys from around the state of Texas, attendees listened to panel discussions on immigration, the Johnson Amendment, lobbying, language access, and other pertinent issues. Attendees also heard from Justice Goodwin Liu of the Supreme Court of California, Judge Ravi Sandill from the 127th District Court in Harris County, and several national NAPABA leaders.



2017 COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Corporate Counsel Committee

Mai Huynh
Texas United Corporation

Judith Kim
Dynegy Inc.

Melody Wang
Kane, Russell, Coleman & Logan P.C.

Gala Committee

Ray Chung
Blank Rome LLP

Michele Nguyen
Law Office of Michele Nguyen

Minnie Tsai
Quan Law Group PLLC

Amelia Xu
Paul Hastings LLP

Mentorship and Law School Relations Committee

Cathleen Chang
Andrews Kurth LLP

Cindy Dinh
U.S. District Court, S.D. Tex.

Li Money Penny
Shell Oil Co.

Technology and Web Committee

David Hsu
Givens and Johnston PLLC

James Vergara
Patterson & Sheridan LLP

Social Committee

Stephanie Chi
TMK IPSCO

Tina Huynh
Duff & Phelps

Tony Shih
Norton Rose Fulbright US LLP

Minnie Tsai
Quan Law Group PLLC

Solo & Small Firm Committee

Tina Li
Hao Law, P.C.

Cory Liu
Reynolds Frizzell LLP

AABA Upcoming Events

- *Minority Bar Association Spring Mixer*
Wednesday, April 19
Laurenzo's Bar & Grill, 4412 Washington Ave
5:30 PM - 8:00 PM
RSVP at <http://events.r20.constantcontact.com/register/event?oeidk=a07edya3ibnefeea20c&llr=fjfcldktab>
- *Luncheon & Panel Discussion:
Nonprofit and Public Sector Boards*
Thursday, April 20
United Way of Greater Houston, 50 Waugh Dr.
11:30 AM - 1:00 PM
RSVP by April 18 www.aabahouston.com
- *Volunteer Attorney Training for AABA Wills Clinic*
Thursday, April 27
Porter Hedges LLP, 1000 Main St. Suite 3600
11:45 AM - 1:00 PM
RSVP by April 21 at www.aabahouston.com
- *AABA Wills Clinic*
Saturday, June 24
VN Teamwork, 11210 Bellaire Blvd. #118
9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Congratulations!

The AABA congratulates Danielle Harris of River Oaks Elementary School, who participated in the AABA's Law Week Poster Workshop in February and won 1st place overall in the Houston Bar Association Law Day Poster Contest, K-2nd category. Thanks to all of the AABA's volunteers who participated the poster workshop.

The AABA welcomes the following new and renewing members in

March:

Dollar Hoang
Daniel Hu
Sandy Huynh
Eric Lai
Mark Lee
Jennifer Lin
Saima Makhdoom
Michele Nguyen
Geraldine Young

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Audrey Chang, Chair
Greenberg Traurig, LLP

Michael Chu
U.S. Department of Justice

Anna Ha
Sidley Austin, LLP

Vinh Ho
*South Texas College of Law
Houston*

Warren Huang
Norton Rose Fulbright US LLP

Gary Ilagan
*Munsch Hardt Kopf & Harr,
P.C.*

Philip Lau
Locke Lord LLP

Chris Lee
Superior Energy Services

Judy Liu
CenterPoint Energy

Eunice Song
Gardere Wynne Sewell LLP

Russell Wong
Blank Rome LLP

2017 NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE

Heaven Chee
Hogan Lovells, LLP

Alison Chen
*Akin Gump Strauss Hauer &
Feld, LLP*

Helene Dang
Foster, LLP

Sang Shin
Foster, LLP

Joseph Tung
Tung Law Firm, PLLC

Wills Clinic Attorney Volunteer Training

The AABA, Houston Volunteer Lawyers (HVL) and VN TeamWork (VNTW) will be hosting a Wills Clinic on June 24, 2017, in which pro bono attorneys will prepare wills and associated legal documents for underprivileged members of the Houston Asian community. All AABA members and other attorneys who wish to participate as attorney volunteers **must** register in advance and participate in the Wills Clinic Volunteer Training (more information below). Attorney volunteers should register and RSVP for the Clinic and Training by e-mailing Nickie Tran (ntran@porterhedges.com) before Friday, April 21. Attorneys (who cannot attend training) and law students may also volunteer as translators (Vietnamese), witnesses or notaries.

Attorney Volunteer Training for Wills Clinic

Thursday, April 27

11:45 am - 1:00 pm

Porter Hedges LLP

1000 Main St. Suite 3600, Houston
TX 77002

Attendees will receive 1.25
participatory hours (0.25 hours
ethics) of CLE credit, pending
approval.

Wills Clinic

Saturday, June 24

9:00 am – 11:00 am //

11:00 am – 1:00 pm

VN Teamwork

11210 Bellaire Blvd #118,
Houston, TX 77072

We also need volunteers to help
serve as translators
(Vietnamese), witnesses and
notaries.

Apply for or renew your membership online at www.aabahouston.com or by completing and submitting the attached form and dues to gain access to all of the networking, career enhancement, mentorship, and volunteer opportunities and resources that the AABA has to offer!

Founded in 1984, the AABA's membership reflects all aspects of Houston's Asian-Pacific legal community. Its mission is to promote the professional development of its members and to serve the Houston community at large.



Save the Date!

AABA *of Houston*

Nonprofit and Public Sector Boards: A Call to Action

The Asian American Bar Association of Houston and
The Asian American Bar Foundation of Houston
present
a Luncheon and Panel Discussion

Date:

Thursday, April 20, 2017

Time:

11:30 AM Registration

12:00-1:00 PM Luncheon and Panel Discussion

Location:

United Way of Greater Houston
50 Waugh Dr, Houston, TX 77007

Featured Panelists:

Danielle Bartz

Director, Boards and Commissions Mayor's Office

Becky Jasso

Director, United Way of Greater Houston

Claudia Gee Vassar

Claudia Gee Vassar Consulting

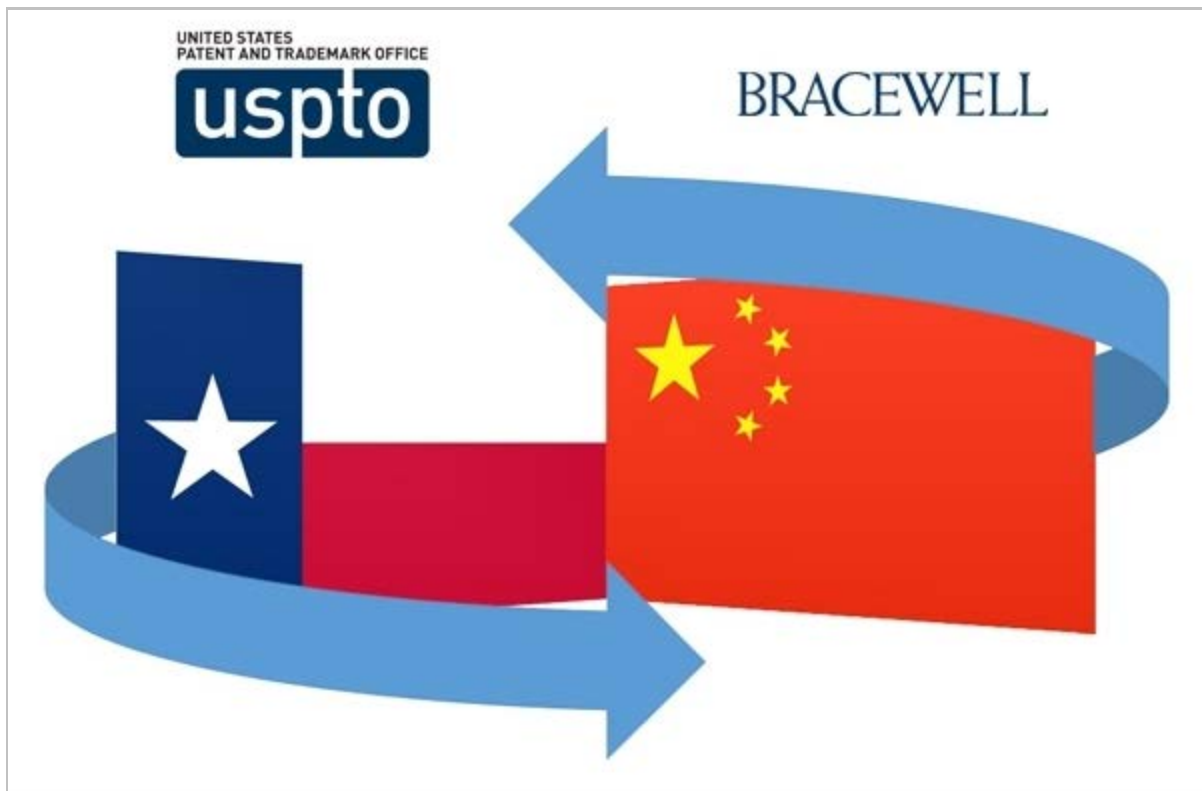
Moderator:

Mark Lee

Our panelists will discuss:

- How lawyers can be helpful to the management of nonprofit and other organizations
- How Asian-Americans and other minority groups can become more involved in the community and in the City
- The effect of board involvement on your professional and personal growth
- and more!

Attendance is free. Please RSVP at www.aabahouston.com before Tuesday, April 18.



Lone Star Strategies for IP in China - What Texas Companies Need to Know Now

Please join the USPTO for an educational seminar featuring a full agenda of distinguished panelist and speakers. This day-long event will provide in-depth strategies for Texas companies to protect IP in China.

View the full agenda [here](#).

Friday, May 5, 2017

8:30 am - 5:30 pm CT

[Add to Calendar](#)

Bracewell LLP

711 Louisiana Street, Suite 2300

Houston, TX 77002

[Directions](#)

RSVP

Please click [here](#) to respond.

Questions?

Please contact [Dana Morris](#)

7.25 MCLE participatory hours pending by the State Bars of Texas and New York.

- ☐ \$60 General Member
☐ \$30 Public Interest Attorney
☐ \$30 Government Attorney • Judge
☐ \$30 Solo Practitioner
☐ \$30 First Time New Members
☐ \$0 Law Student • Retired Attorney • Transitional Attorney*

Bar Number and Jurisdiction _____**Last Name** _____ **First Name** _____**Employer** _____**Address** _____**City** _____ **State** _____ **ZIP** _____**Office #** _____ **Home #** _____**Fax #** _____ **E-Mail** _____**Area(s) of Practice** _____**Law School and Graduation Year** _____**Language(s) Spoken** _____Would you like to receive the AABA Newsletter by E-Mail? ☐ Yes ☐ NoWould you like your business contact information listed in the 2017 AABA Online Directory? ☐ Yes ☐ No***By completing this membership application, I hereby consent to the receipt of notice of meeting through electronic means.***

Please give us any comments or programming suggestions you might have: _____

Please indicate any committees on which you would be interested in serving:

- ☐ Gala/Silent Auction ☐ Social ☐ Mentorship/Law School Relations ☐ Community Service/Pro Bono
☐ Solo and Small Firm ☐ Corporate Counsel ☐ Technology/Social Media

Make checks payable to **AABA** and submit application and fee to:

AABA
ATTN: Membership
P.O. Box 1554
Houston, Texas 77251

Send any inquiries concerning AABA membership to
VP of Membership Janet Brown at Janet.Brown@Cevalogistics.com.

You may also apply and pay online at www.aabahouston.com

**Many Thanks to the AABA's Top
Underwriters of 2016-2017!**

PLATINUM UNDERWITER

GARDERE

GOLD UNDERWRITERS

**JONES
DAY**

BLANK  **ROME** LLP
COUNSELORS AT LAW

Locke
Lord LLP

LATHAM & WATKINS LLP

SIDLEY
150 YEARS