



Asian American Bar Association of Houston

July 2004 Newsletter

The Asian American Bar Association is dedicated to promoting the Houston society of Asian American lawyers and to addressing the needs and interests of Houston's Asian American community.

AABA's June Lecture – "Ensuring Continuity of Government after 9/11 -Anticipating the Unthinkable"

**Presented by James C. Ho, Chief Counsel of the United States Senate Judiciary Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights, and Property Rights
Chaired by Senator Cornyn**

On Wednesday, June 30, James C. Ho presented an insightful lecture on the succession of the US Presidency in the event of terrorist attack to the Asian American Bar Association and the Asian Law Students Association at the University of Houston Law Center. Following the lecture, attorneys and law students mingled at the reception held for Mr. Ho. Turnout was great and a good time was had by all!!

Membership

The AABA is always welcoming new members and law students!! We are still in the process of planning more exciting events and lectures for the current year. If you have not done so already, please take a moment to fill out the attached membership application. Membership is at no cost to law students, and ranges from \$ 25.00 to \$ 50.00 annually for attorneys, depending on years of practice.

*Remember that membership with the AABA includes a free membership to the National Pacific American Bar Association. For more information, please contact Hoang Quan Vu at (713) 546-0518 or by e-mail at hvu@mayerbrownrowe.com.

UPCOMING EVENTS

AABA/VN Teamwork Pro-Bono Immigration Law Seminar Sunday, August 1, 2004

The AABA and VN Teamwork will be hosting an Immigration Law Seminar to the Vietnamese Community on Sunday, August 1, 2004 from 3:00 - 5:00 p.m. The event will be held at VN Teamwork at 11210 Bellaire, Suite 118 and is free to the public. Topics and speakers are the following:

Anne Nguyen - Family Based Sponsorship
Simon Nguyen - Affidavit of Support for Sponsorship
Quynh Nguyen - Naturalization
Maurice Hew, Jr. - Deportation/Bonds
Tony D. Vu - Student Visas/Consulate Processing
Kevin Huy Pham - Fiancé/Fiancée Visa

Each attorney will make short presentations, followed by Q&A. Afterwards, AABA attorneys will be available to assist attendees in filling out the affidavit of support form. Drinks and snacks will be provided. For more information, please contact Kristy Ton at Kristy.P.Ton@conocophillips.com.

AABA Mixer with the Asian Chamber of Commerce August 24, 2004

Please save this date. The AABA will provide further details on this event soon.

Annual NAPABA Convention

This year's National Pacific American Bar Association annual conference will be held in Dallas, Texas on November 11-14, 2004. AABA members and officers are in the process of making group travel plans. If you are interested in attending the NAPABA convention as part of the Houston contingency, please contact Andrea Tran at atran@powersfrost.com. Let's plan to give our visitors a warm Texas welcome!

AABA WEBSITE

The future website of the Houston AABA is now under construction. The site will include:

Event information and pictures
Membership database
Background on Officers and the Board of Directors

www.aabahouston.com

Opportunities

AABA Subcommittees. If you are interested in serving on a subcommittee related to any of AABA's upcoming events, we welcome you. Please contact Lola Lin at (713) 470-6106 or by e-mail at lola.lin@sablaw.com.

AABA 20th Anniversary Banquet. The AABA will begin actively planning its 20th anniversary banquet and creating the AABA foundation for scholarships in the near future. If you are interested in serving on the Scholarship and Banquet Committee, please contact Patricia Lin at patricialin@andrewskurth.com or (713) 220-4036.

Additional Job Postings. MICJob posts additional job opportunities at <http://www.abanet.org/minorities/jobs/home.html>. Everyone is welcome to sign up to receive job posting via e-mail or view job postings on the website.

WSBA Indian Law Section and NIBA Award \$30,000 in Scholarships. Native Indian Bar Association (NIBA) is a non-profit organization founded in 1991 and consists of 175 Native Indian attorneys, judges, spokespersons, and students in Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Alaska, British Columbia, and the Yukon territory. NIBA is committed to increasing the number of Native Indian attorneys in the Pacific Northwest through education and advocacy. WSBA Indian Law Section (Indian Law Section) was formed in 1988 and seeks to develop Indian law in the bar. During 2003, the Indian Law Section and NIBA awarded over \$30,000 in scholarships to aspiring Native American lawyers from Washington, Oregon, Idaho, and Alaska. NIBA's former president and the current Chair of the Indian Law Section, Gabriel Galanda, emphasized the organizations' commitment to provide the Native Americans with resources to access the legal profession. According to Galanda, Native Americans are the most under represented ethnic group in the nation. The 2000 National Census reported 4.1 million people identify themselves as Native Americans, but there are only 3,000 Native Americans practicing attorneys. For more information about the Indian Law Section or NIBA visit www.wsba.org/lawyers/groups/indianlaw/default1.htm and www.nwiba.org.

Let it be known NAPABA will announce significant job promotions of all Asian Pacific American lawyers in the next issue of its newsletter. Please let us know or contact Yabo Lin at ylin@blackwellsanders.com if you know any APA attorney who has been appointed as a judge or promoted to partnership or significant in-house position.

Community

Japanese American Citizens League. The Japanese American Citizens League, along with other Asian organizations, are promoting their efforts to change the name of "Jap Road" in Jefferson County, Texas. For a history of this road as well as information on how to get involved, please visit www.jacl-houston.org.

Anything to add??? If you would like to publicize events involving the legal or Asian American communities, please e-mail Andrea Tran at atran@powersfrost.com.