

The Asian American Bar Association (AABA) of Houston is a voluntary organization of lawyers of Asian heritage or who have Asian American interests dedicated to promoting diversity within the legal profession and Houston community.

**ASIAN AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION**  
**CORPORATE**  
**counsel**

**RECEPTION & DINNER**

**Thursday, November 10, 2005**

**Reception at 6:30 P.M./Dinner at 7:30 P.M.**

**Smith & Wollensky – 4007 Westheimer (Highland Village)**

**Cost: \$100 for AABA members before Nov. 4<sup>th</sup>/\$120 for AABA members after Nov. 4<sup>th</sup>  
The cost of dinner for AABA members will go toward sponsoring an in-house counsel**

**Confirmed attendance by counsel from CenterPoint Energy, ChevronTexaco, Dow Chemical, ExxonMobil, Nabors Industries Ltd., Schlumberger, Shell Oil Company and Waste Management**

**Please RSVP with Emily Kuo at Emily.Kuo@nabors.com or 281.775.4869.**

**AABA CORPORATE COUNSEL RECEPTION & DINNER RESERVATION FORM**

**November 10, 2005 Smith & Wollensky 6:30 P.M Reception/7:30 P.M. Dinner  
Invitation Open to Corporate Counsel and AABA Members Only**

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**Complimentary for corporate counsel  
\$100 for AABA members with RSVP by November 4<sup>th</sup>  
\$120 for AABA members with RSVP after November 4<sup>th</sup>**

**\*\*\*Join the AABA today to participate in this networking event – See membership form below\*\*\***

**Make checks payable to the Asian American Bar Association. Return to AABA, P.O. Box 1554, Houston, TX 77251 by November 4, 2005. Please RSVP with Emily Kuo at 281.775.4869 or at Emily.Kuo@nabors.com. Payment will also be accepted at the door.**

AABA Halloween Costume Party  
October 28, 2005



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## MEMBERSHIP

We are now accepting members for 2006! In addition to the many benefits of AABA membership, you will also receive the following:

- Law student members - a submission for the 2006 AABA Resume Book.
- Attorney members - a listing in the 2006 AABA Pictorial Directory as well as a complimentary copy of the directory. Membership must be received by May 31, 2006 for members to be included in the directory.

Please take a moment to complete the attached membership form and send it to AABA, Attn: Membership, P.O. Box 1554, Houston, TX 77251. Membership is at no cost to law students and retired attorneys, and ranges from \$ 25.00 to \$ 75.00 annually for attorneys, depending on number of years in practice. We also offer an auxiliary membership, at a reduced cost of \$25.00 annually, for attorneys who reside and practice outside the Greater Houston area.

For more information, please e-mail Catherine Than at [membership@aabahouston.com](mailto:membership@aabahouston.com).

### We welcome the following new members

**Benjamin Bai**  
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## SIDEBAR

The AABA congratulates the following AABA members and APA attorneys who were named 2005 Super Lawyers by Texas Monthly magazine: Debra Baker (Connelly-Baker-Maston-Wotring-Jackson LLP), David Chang (Chevron Corporation), Harry Gee, Jr. (Law Office of Harry Gee, Jr. and Associates), Gordon Quan (Quan, Burdette & Perez, P.C.) and Russell Wong (Wong Cabello).

Andrea Tran has joined the Intellectual Property Law Firm of Gilbreth & Associates, P.C.

## OPPORTUNITIES

Volunteers Needed for Election Day. AABA Board Member Mark Lee is running for City Council District C. If you would like to provide help on election day Tuesday, November 8, 2005 from 7:00 to 9:00 A.M. and 5:00 to 7:00 P.M. please contact the Mark Lee Volunteer Line at 713.463.5785.

Chevron-Attorney (Houston, TX). Chevron Pipeline Company (CPL) is accepting online applications for the position of Attorney located in Houston, TX. This is a new position in Chevron Pipeline Company (CPL), the unit of Chevron Global Gas which is responsible for Chevron's U.S. pipeline assets, including transmissions lines for crude, refined products, natural gas, NGLs and petrochemicals, and natural gas storage facilities. The position reports to the Managing Counsel of Global Gas. Most of these assets are regulated by the federal government in whole or in part, and many are subject to significant state regulation, especially in Louisiana, Texas, and California. The position is currently located at the company's Hayes Road building in west Houston, but will relocate with CPL in the near future to the Bellaire facility. The position requires a high degree of recent specialized experience (a minimum of five years) in providing comprehensive legal advice to clients operating across the entire range of the complex energy pipeline industry. This position will require the attorney to provide experienced, high level legal advice and counsel to pipeline management and field teams in the following areas: Commercial regulatory issues involving pipeline regulation by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, the Minerals Management Service, the Surface Transportation Board, and state equivalents, under the Interstate Commerce Act, the Natural Gas Act, and similar state and federal laws and regulations; Pipeline safety and environmental regulation by federal and state authorities including DOT and state equivalents; Handling of litigation and agency proceedings in state and federal venues, with emphasis on environmental issues; Transactional matters, including purchase and sale of substantial assets such as pipeline companies or systems; General corporate legal advice and counsel, including areas such as antitrust, employment, permitting, procurement, corporate governance, bankruptcy, and real estate; Advice and counsel relating to business entity formation and governance, including joint ventures, partnerships, and LLCs. Relocation benefits will be a consideration. J.D. degree is required. Licensed to practice law in a U.S. jurisdiction is required. If you are interested in this position, please apply online at [www.chevron.com](http://www.chevron.com).

Volunteers Needed for Hurricane Relief Call Center. If you would like to volunteer at the call center during two hour shifts in the afternoon, please contact Melanie Richard at the Houston Volunteer Lawyers Program at 713.228.0735 ext. 119 or at [Melanie.richard@ehvlp.org](mailto:Melanie.richard@ehvlp.org). You may also contact Lilan Ren at 713.546.5191 or [lilan@ren@weil.com](mailto:lilan@ren@weil.com) for more information.

## COMMUNITY

University of Houston Lecture. The University of Houston Law Center is pleased to present the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Houston Law Review Frankel Lecture "Taking Affirmative Action Seriously: Getting Beyond the Numbers" featuring Dorothy A. Brown, Professor of Law at Washington and Lee University School of Law on Thursday, November 3, 2005. The lecture will take place from 10:00 A.M. to noon at the University of Houston Law Center's Krost Hall Auditorium. The event will offer 2.0 MCLE hours (1.0 ethics), pending approval. For more information or to RSVP, please contact [briefcase@uh.edu](mailto:briefcase@uh.edu) or 713.743.2201.

HOPE Benefit Concert. The HOPE Benefit Concert, Hope Initiative's 4<sup>th</sup> charity concert, will be held Friday, November 11, 2005 at the Kim Son Ballroom, 1503 St. Emanuel St. The concert will feature a fashion show, raffle and auction. The ticket cost is \$30 per person which will cover a buffet dinner and hors d'oeuvres. HOPE Initiative, established in Houston in 2000, is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization devoted to raising funds for orphanages in Vietnam. To learn more about Hope Initiative or the HOPE Benefit Concert, visit [www.hionline.org](http://www.hionline.org).

Please send any opportunities, community events or SIDEBAR news you would like publicized to [info@aabahouston.com](mailto:info@aabahouston.com).



Asian American Bar Association of Houston
2005-2006 Membership Application

- \$0 Law Student OR retired attorney
\$25 Attorney with less than 3 years in practice OR Auxiliary Member\*
\$50 Attorney with 3 to 8 years in practice OR Judge
\$75 Attorney with 8+ years in practice

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If you have any questions about AABA membership or the mentorship program, please e-mail membership@aabahouston.com.

\*Auxiliary membership is open to attorneys who do not reside or practice in the Greater Houston area.