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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.

AABA GOLF TOURNAMENT Hermann Park Golf Course – May 19, 2006

On May 19, 2006, the AABA held its second annual golf tournament to benefit the Asian American Bar Foundation. Special thanks to our sponsors for the event, St. Luke's Episcopal Hospital Emergency Group, Gilbreth Roebuck, and Mark Lee!



AABA Golf Tournament (cont'd)

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Present

“Financial Planning for Attorneys & Professionals”



**Thursday, June 8, 2006
6:30 pm – 8:30 pm**

**Quan, Burdette & Perez, P.C.
5177 Richmond Avenue, Houston, TX 77056
9th Floor Conference Room**

Speakers

***Alice Chen, Agency Sales Director & Financial Planner –
MetLife***

Gordon Quan, Attorney & Houston City Council Member

**For AABA members and their guests only
Complimentary hors d'oeuvres and cocktails will be
served**

Save the Date!

2006 AABA GALA & SILENT AUCTION

September 29, 2006

Keynote Speaker

Catherine Lamboley

**Senior Vice-President, General Counsel and Corporate Secretary
Shell Oil Company**

AABA Impact Award Winner

Gordon Quan

Quan, Burdette & Perez, P.C.

Details to be announced

For sponsorship opportunities, please contact
Jason Luong at jluong@skv.com or
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OTHER AABA NEWS

The Minority Corporate Counsel Association recently awarded the AABA a \$3,000 grant for the AABA's Mentorship Program.

Special thanks to Jenny Phan, Catherine Than, Joe Tung, and Emily Kuo for preparing the grant application!

AABA MENTORSHIP PROGRAM

We are still seeking mentors for 2006! If you are interested in serving as a mentor, please complete the attached form and return to:

Jane Nguyen Vuong
Law Office of Jane D. Nguyen, PLLC
6220 Westpark Drive, Suite 116
Houston, TX 77057

SIDEBAR

Congratulations to AABA member Debra Baker of Connelly • Baker • Maston • Wotring • Jackson LLP on her selection as one of "Houston's Top Lawyers" by *H Texas Magazine*!

If you would like to publicize community news, job opportunities or personal SIDEBAR news, please contact Warren Huang at whuang@fulbright.com.

AABA MEMBER SPOTLIGHT – *LISA WANG, BAKER BOTTS L.L.P.*



Lisa is an attorney at Baker Botts L.L.P., where she has worked for the past eight months in the firm's Corporate Department on securities and mergers and acquisitions. Lisa performed her undergraduate studies at Rice University, where she graduated *magna cum laude* with a degree in Economics, Managerial Studies, and Policy Studies in 2002. Lisa went on to get her law degree at Boston College Law School, where she graduated *cum laude* in 2005 and served as Managing Editor of the Law Review.

Lisa informs us that becoming a lawyer was a sort of self-fulfilling prophecy, starting with her father's prediction very early on that she would someday become a lawyer. As to what she loves best about her job, Lisa notes that it is "the spectacular people" at Baker Botts and their "fantastic attitude" that make life at the firm so enjoyable. Like all new attorneys, Lisa observes that the most challenging aspect of her job simply has been learning the practice. When she is not working, Lisa enjoys dancing, playing tennis, reading a good book, singing, watching movies, and, best of all, having dinner with friends.

OPPORTUNITIES

ALCON – ASSISTANT GENERAL COUNSEL – INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY (FORT WORTH, TEXAS)

General Description: Incumbent will provide legal services to Alcon regarding patent-related issues; rendering opinions involving complex patent questions with minimum supervisory authorization / Responsibilities: Responsibilities/assignments commensurate with level of experience and technical background and patent-related experience. Responsibilities include writing legal opinions for corporate officers or other senior management; securing, protecting, and enforcing intellectual property interests; defending from intellectual property claims of others; and general client counseling on all technology-related matters / Qualifications: Typically, a J.D. or LL.B. degree, a license to practice before the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, and a license to practice law in Texas or another state, with four or more years experience in the legal profession after earning J.D. or six or more years in the legal profession, with five or more years patent law experience. The ideal candidate for this position is someone with a strong undergraduate/graduate background in a life science, preferably with an emphasis on biochemistry, and strong law school credentials, preferably at a nationally-recognized law school. Experience in the field of pharmaceutical/biotech patent application drafting and prosecution and be capable of working with little or no supervision in these areas. In addition to very solid experience in drafting and filing patent applications, the person will also have extensive experience with complex agreement work in an IP/Pharma context (*e.g.*, licensing, research collaborations, *etc.*), as well as patent validity and infringement analyses. This position will involve a great deal of direct interaction with both scientists and mid-level to senior management in both Research & Development and Marketing. Excellent "people skills" are required. Biochemistry/Biotech experience preferred / To apply online, go to: <http://www.alconcareers.com/careers.htm>.

COMMUNITY

June 22-23, 2006: The American Bar Association's Commission on Racial and Ethnic Diversity will be holding its National Conference for the Minority Lawyer in Philadelphia, PA. For more information, visit: www.abanet.org/minorities.

October 11-13, 2006: The Corporate Counsel Women of Color will be holding its Second Annual Career Strategies Conference in New York City, NY. For more information, visit: www.ccwomenofcolor.org.

MEMBERSHIP

Join us for the beginning of another exciting year! Please take a moment to complete the 2006 Membership Form below and send it to AABA, Attn: Membership, P.O. Box 1554, Houston, TX 77251. Our newly revised membership fees are:

- Free – Law Students/Retired Attorneys
- \$25.00 – Attorneys with less than 3 years in practice/In-House Counsel/Auxiliary Members*
- \$50.00 – Attorneys with 3 to 8 years in practice/Judges / Government Attorneys
- \$75.00 – Attorneys with 8+ years in practice

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

Please send all inquiries about AABA membership to membership@aabahouston.com.

We welcome the following new and renewing members:

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- Gala Fundraising Membership Programs Social/Networking Media Relations
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Please make checks payable to AABA and submit application and fee to:

AABA
Attn: Membership
P.O. Box 1554
Houston, TX 77251

Please send any inquiries concerning AABA membership to
membership@aabahouston.com,
or contact Emily Kuo at (281) 775-4869.

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2006 AABA Mentorship Form – Mentor

The Mentorship Program aims to match experienced attorneys with law students and/or attorneys with less than 2 years of experience to provide professional wisdom and guidance. Mentors are encouraged to meet with their Mentee once every month to six weeks. If you would like to participate in this program, please complete the form below.

Name _____

Employer _____

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City _____ State _____ Zip _____

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Law School _____

Year of Graduation _____

Year(s) in Practice _____

Practice Area(s) of Interest _____

Your Goals & Expectations from the Mentorship Program _____

Please mail/fax completed forms to:

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