On February, 16, 2006, a mixer for members of various local bar associations was held at Deco. There was a great turnout from the following participating groups: the AABA, State Bar of Texas Asian Pacific Interest Section (APIS), Hispanic Bar Association (HisBa), Houston Lawyers Association (HLA), Houston Young Lawyers Association (HYLA) Minority Affairs Committee, Mexican-American Bar Association (MABAH), and South Asian American Bar Association (SAABA). Special thanks to Deco and Gilbreth Roebuck for sponsoring the refreshments. Additional photos from the event are posted at www.aabahouston.com.
You are cordially invited to attend the

**2006 Asian American Bar Association Career Night**

South Texas College of Law
Emelie Slohm Conference Room
March 30, 2006

**6:30 – 7:00 P.M. Welcome Reception & Mentorship Program Kick-Off**

Hosted by the State Bar of Texas Asian Pacific Interest Section (APIS)
*Food and Beverages Provided*

**7:00 – 8:00 P.M. Panel Discussion: “Opening Doors & Creating Opportunities in the Legal Profession”**

**Moderator:** Anton Montano, Associate – Littler Mendelson, P.C.

**Panelists:**
- Alex C. Chae, Partner – Gardere, Wynne & Sewell, L.L.P.
- Richard F. Phillips, Chief Patent Counsel – ExxonMobil Chemical Company
- Gordon Quan, Partner – Quan, Burdette & Perez, P.C.
- Hon. Jay Karahan, Judge – Harris County Criminal Court at Law No. 8
- Jontae Chatman, Shareholder – Chatman & Griffith, PLLC

**8:00 – 8:30 P.M. Break-Out Session: “Perspectives from the Different Areas of Legal Practice”**

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Please RSVP with Anton Montano at amontano@littler.com or 713.951.9400.
Together in a New Decade:

Celebrating the 10th Anniversary of the Asian Pacific Interest Section of the Texas State Bar

CLE Panels:
Business Developments in the Pacific Rim
Tort Reform
Developments in Intellectual Property Law
Government Participation by APAs – Developments in Politics and the Judiciary

Keynote Speech, APIS Business Meeting, and Presentation of the Justice David Wellington Chew Award to the Honorable Peter Sakai

April 8, 2006 – 8:30 AM
Texas Law Center
1414 Colorado Street
Austin, Texas

Registration Fees (includes CLE Program and Luncheon):
$35 APIS Members
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$10 Students

Dinner Celebration at Z Tejas, 6:30 PM (includes two drink tickets, tax, and tip):
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For more information, please contact APIS Chair Wesley K. Young at (214) 521-3605 or wyoung@baronbudd.com, or visit www.texasapis.org.
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

Details to be announced

For sponsorship opportunities, please contact:

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AABA Mentorship Program

If you are interested in serving as a mentor, please complete and send the form below to:

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2006 AABA Resume Book

The AABA Resume Book is almost ready for publication! If you are a law student and would like to submit your resume, please send your one-page resume to Anton Montano, Chair of Law School Relations, at amontano@littler.com. If you are an attorney and would like to request a copy of the Resume Book, please contact Andrea Tran at atran@gilbrethroebuck.com.

Corporate Counsel Section Bulletin

MCCA CLE EXPO

The Minority Corporate Counsel Association (MCCA) is hosting a two-day CLE EXPO in Chicago on March 16-17th. The event features CLE programs concentrating on Intellectual Property Law, Litigation and Corporate Law. Only reservations will be taken for In-House Counsel. Register online at www.mcca.com.

28th Annual Corporate Counsel Institute

The University of Texas School of Law is presenting the 28th Annual Corporate Counsel Institute offering 14.75 hours of credit for In-House Counsel. The event takes place at the Hilton Post Oak in Houston on April 6-7, 2006 and at the Cityplace Conference Center in Dallas on May 11-12, 2006.

If you would like to publicize community news, job opportunities or personal SIDEBAR news, please contact Warren Huang at whuang@fulbright.com.
The American Bar Association Commission on Racial and Ethnic Diversity in the Profession presented the 2006 Spirit of Excellence Award to AABA Board Member Harry Gee, Jr.

Congratulations to the following AABA members who have been selected as 2006 Texas Super Lawyers Rising Stars: Lynn Chuang Kramer, Warren Huang, Joyce Kao Soliman, Hoang Quan Vu, and Hsiao-Cheng Wu.

AABA Board Member John S. Tsai will be presenting “Securities Law and Corporate Governance Update” at the 28th Annual Corporate Counsel Institute presented by the University of Texas in Houston on April 6, 2006.
ASIAN/PACIFIC AMERICAN HERITAGE ASSOCIATION – HARRK RECOVERY OUTREACH COORDINATOR

APAHA seeks a Recovery Outreach (RO) Coordinator to implement coordination and information sharing initiatives among the Houston Asian Relief From Rita/Katrina collaborative (HARRK), disaster relief agencies, and APA Evacuees in Houston, Texas. The Coordinator will utilize the current coalition network of HARRK to effectively communicate resources and actionable information to community-based and faith-based organizations (CBOs & FBOs). The Coordinator will also focus on efforts to communicate, monitor, and achieve the implementation of local, state, and federal policy recommendations from the HARRK Report, Thousands in the Gap: Exposing the Needs of the Underserved Asian/Pacific American Community (access to the Report through the web at www.apaha.org). The RO Coordinator will represent APAHA in outside activities, including community meetings and board meetings, and will represent the organization at speaking engagements. The RO Coordinator will report to the Executive Director.

The RO Coordinator is a part-time position. Salary is competitive and commensurate with experience. Applications are due March 10, 2006, but will be accepted until the position is filled. Please e-mail a cover letter, resume, and short writing sample (2 pages maximum) to: jerome@apaha.org. Please contact Jerome Vielman, Executive Director, APAHA, 6220 Westpark, Suite 245B, Houston, Texas 77057, Phone: 713.784.1112, Fax: 832.201.8228, for more information.

DOW CHEMICAL – INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY COUNSEL

General Description: This position is for an attorney for the Intellectual Property Section of the Legal Department in Freeport or Houston, Texas. Typical responsibilities include: patent application drafting and prosecution, counseling business and research clients, and drafting and negotiating licenses and other agreements. Some travel required.

Position Requirements: Technical undergraduate degree required. Discipline in Chemical engineering, chemistry, or biology preferred. Must be a member of a State Bar or become a member within 18 months. Member of the Texas or Michigan State Bar preferred. Minimum of two years experience in chemical or petrochemical industry required. Must register to practice before the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office. Minimum of 3 years legal experience required. 5-10 years work experience preferred. Minimum of 3 years intellectual property experience required. Must be knowledgeable of patent preparations and prosecutions. Must have knowledge of agreements – licenses, joint development and other agreements of significant business and legal complexity. To apply on-line, go to: http://dow.taleo.net/servlets/careersection.

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General Description: Effectively handle the legal needs of the real estate function for the Company through active participation in the real estate process and use of real estate background and experience in the legal field.

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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.

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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.

AABA members will be featured in the 2006 Pictorial Directory if you join before June 30, 2006. For questions regarding the Directory, contact Andrea Tran at 713.400.1100 or atran@GilbrethRoebuck.com.

Please send all other inquiries about AABA membership to Emily Kuo at Emily.Kuo@Nabors.com or membership@aabahouston.com.

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