

## MAY 2006 NEWSLETTER

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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.

#### STATE BAR OF TEXAS **ASIAN PACIFIC INTEREST SECTION (APIS)** 10<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY RETREAT & CELEBRATION - AUSTIN, TX Cocktail Reception Sponsored by the AABA



APIS Council Members Charlene Tsang-Kao, Albert Lin, Patsy Yung, Wesley Young, Lesley Varghese, Emily Kuo, Al Li, Michael Chu, Caren Hanson and Daniel Hu.



Daniel Hu, State Representative Martha Wong and APIS Chair Wesley Young.

The Asian Pacific Interest Section (APIS) of the State Bar of Texas hosted its Annual Retreat and CLE to celebrate the 10th Anniversary of the Section on April 8, 2006 at the Texas Law Center in Austin, Texas. The CLE program featured panel presentations on Business Developments in the Pacific Rim, Changes in Tort Law, Developments in Intellectual Property Law and Government Participation by APA's – Developments in Politics and the Judiciary. The group presented the Justice David Wellington Chew Award to the Honorable Peter Sakai of San Antonio, Texas. To kick off the evening festivities at Z' Tejas restaurant in downtown Austin, the AABA hosted a cocktail reception to congratulate and support APIS for 10 years of serving the Texas Asian and legal communities.



Jason Luong, Austin Council City Member Jennifer Kim, Emily Kuo Emily Kuo, Andrea Tran and Lola Lin. and Albert Lin.



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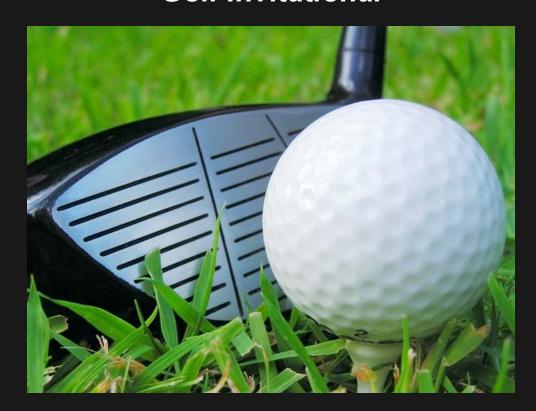
AABA MEMBERSHIP DRIVE & JOINT NETWORKING MIXER WITH APAHA, ASYP, NAAAP, ASIA HOUSTON NETWORK & HOPE INITIATIVE – APRIL 20, 2006







# 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Asian American Bar Association Golf Invitational



## Friday, May 19, 2006 Hermann Park Golf Course 1:30 PM Shotgun/6:30 PM BBQ Dinner

A portion of the proceeds will benefit the Asian American Bar Foundation

\$500 Hole Sponsorship – Company name and logo displayed on banner \$1,000 Grand Sponsor – Benefits of Hole Sponsor & Drink Cart duties

#### **FEES**

|  | Goir Tournament & Dinner | <u>Dinner Only</u> |
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| RSVP on or before May 10 <sup>th</sup> | \$65 Members             | \$15 Members       |
|  | \$75 Non-members         | \$25 Non-members   |
| RSVP after May 10 <sup>th</sup>        | \$80 Members             | \$25 Members       |
|  | \$90 Non-members         | \$35 Non-members   |

Questions regarding the tournament, registration or sponsorship may be directed to Tournament Director Mark Gilbreth at 713.400.1100 or jmgilbreth@gilbrethroebuck.com.



June 22-23, 2006

## ABA National Conference for the Minority Lawyer

### Westin Philadelphia Hotel Philadelphia, PA

Co-sponsored by the AABA

To register online, visit www.abanet.org/buslaw/2006minoritylawyer/

The ABA Section of Business Law and the ABA Commission on Racial and Ethnic Diversity in the Profession invite you to participate in the National Conference for the Minority Lawyer: A Unique Program for Litigators, Business Lawyers, In-House Counsel, Solo Practitioners, and Government Lawyers

#### **SIDEBAR**

Daniel D. Hu will present "Service of Process, Pleadings and Extraordinary Remedies" at the Texas Bar CLE Federal Court Practice Program in Houston on May 5, 2006.

#### **OPPORTUNITIES**

Korean Translator (Houston, TX). A translator is needed to translate from English to Korean a summary of charges for the USM-94 form for "Request for Service Abroad of Judicial or Extrajudicial Documents." The translation is being provided for a *pro bono* action being brought on behalf of an indigent corporation against a South Korean corporation on fraud and other related charges. If you are interested in assisting, please contact Alexis E. Hernandez at alex.e.hernandez@gmail.com or the court-appointed handling attorney, Lawrence Hanson, at lwhanson@lwhansonassociates.com or (713) 961-8000.

Cendant – Claims Counsel (Dallas, TX). Juris Doctorate required. Courses taken include property law, probate and trust and family law preferred. Must have thorough knowledge of the title insurance rates and rules for all states licensed and be abreast of all current developments in rules in the licensed and assigned states. Must be aware of claims handling procedures for each state assigned and proper methods of seeking information, responding to and handling of claims in states assigned. Ability to read, analyze, and interpret the most complex documents. Ability to make effective and persuasive speeches and presentations on developments in law or cases to agents, management and public groups. Ability to work with business mathematical concepts such as probability and statistical inference. Ability to apply concepts such as fractions, percentages, ratios, and proportions to practical situations and to balance a closing statement for a complex real estate transaction. To apply on-line, go to: http://www.cendant.com/careers/ (Ref. No. CEN000037O).

#### **MEMBERSHIP**

Join the mid-year rush to sign up for AABA membership! If you haven't done so already, please complete the 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 or to Emily Kuo at Emily.Kuo@Nabors.com or 281.775.4869.

We welcome the following new and renewing members

Pam Rea Jimmy Doan

Delgado, Acosta, Braden & Jones, P.C. The Law Offices of Jimmy Doan

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#### COMMUNITY

BPSOS Fundraiser. Boat People SOS ("BPSOS") is hosting the "Return to the Sea Fundraiser" on May 13, 2006 at 8:00 pm at Ocean Palace Restaurant. The event will raise funds in support of 1500 Vietnamese fishermen from Plaquemines Parish in New Orleans, Louisiana, who were affected by Hurricane Katrina. Ticket prices are \$30 pre-paid, \$35 at the door and \$50 VIP (donations are accepted and tax-deductible). Please contact Trish Nguyen at 281.530.6888 or at Trish.Nguyen@bpsos.org to reserve your seats.

14<sup>th</sup> Anniversary APAHA Gala. The Asian/Pacific American Heritage Association (APAHA) celebrates its 14<sup>th</sup> Anniversary by highlighting the accomplishments and achievements of Asian/Pacific Americans: Chloe Dao, Mindy Lam, Sachi Koto and the WWII Veterans of the 442<sup>nd</sup> Regimental Combat Team. The celebration will take place on May 19, 2006 at 6 pm at the Hilton of the Americas, 1600 Lamar. For information or reservations, please contact APAHA Executive Director Jerome Vielman at Jerome@apaha.org or 713.784.1112.

## September 29, 2006

### 2006 AABA GALA & SILENT AUCTION

InterContinental Hotel 2222 West Loop South 6:30 Reception/7:30 Dinner

Keynote Speaker

Catherine A. Lamboley
Senior Vice-President, General Counsel and Corporate Secretary
Shell Oil Company

\$40 Law Students/\$70 Members/\$85 Non-members

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For sponsorship opportunities or to reserve seats, please contact Jason Luong at 713.221.2306 or jluong@skv.com or Judy Liu at Judy.Liu@Centerpointenergy.com

### **Corporate Counsel Section Bulletin**

## Association of Corporate Counsel Houston Chapter Events

May 4 & 11, 2006: The Association of Corporate Counsel (Houston Chapter) will be hosting two panel discussions on the topic of "Managing Your In-House Career." The panel discussions will be held on May 4, 2006, 11:30 am – 1:00 pm, at Bracewell & Giuliani and on May 11, 2006, 11:30 am – 1:00 pm, at the Anadarko Conference Room at 1201 Lake Robbins Drive. For more info, please contact Kathleen Yarborough at kathleen@amchouston.com or (713) 830-0808 or visit www.acca.com/chapters/houst.php.

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



## Asian American Bar Association of Houston 2006 Membership Application

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| □ \$25<br>□ \$50       | Attorney with less than 3 years in practice • In-House Counsel • Auxiliary Member* Attorney with 3 to 8 years in practice • Judge • Government Attorney |  |  |
| □ \$30<br>□ \$75       | Attorney with 8+ years in practice  Attorney with 8+ years in practice  | dovernment Attorney                            |  |
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| Would you              | like your business contact information publish  | hed in the 2006 AABA Directory? □ Yes □ No     |  |
| Please give            | e us any comments or programming suggestion   | ns you might have:                             |  |
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