

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 MENTORSHIP PROGRAM AND SUMMER CLERK RECEPTION

On July 31, 2007, the AABA hosted a reception at Firkin & Phoenix Pub for members of the organization's Mentorship Program, as well as for Asian-Pacific American law students clerking in the Houston area this summer. Over 40 attendees came and enjoyed good food, drinks, and company.



Warren Huang, the AABA's Vice President of Community Relations, gave a brief presentation describing the AABA's history and the various programs and benefits offered by the AABA to law students and new attorneys. Patricia Lin, Chair of the Board of Trustees of the Asian American Bar Foundation (AABF), then presented the AABF's 2007 Summer Public Interest Stipend to Anna Bocchini, a 2L at the University of Texas School of Law who has spent the summer interning at Boat People SOS's office in Houston. Patricia also announced that the AABF is now accepting applications for the Ann-Hwa Kao Memorial Scholarship, a \$2,000 scholarship which will be awarded at this year's AABA Gala in honor of AABA Gala Co-Chair Joyce Kao Soliman's mother. Finally, Jane Nguyen Vuong, the Chair of the AABA's Mentorship Program, concluded the program by raffling off four free tickets to attending law students to the AABA's 2007 Gala & Silent Auction.

Many thanks to Warren Huang, Jane Nguyen Vuong, Jason Luong, and the owners of Firkin & Phoenix for their assistance in coordinating this worthwhile event!

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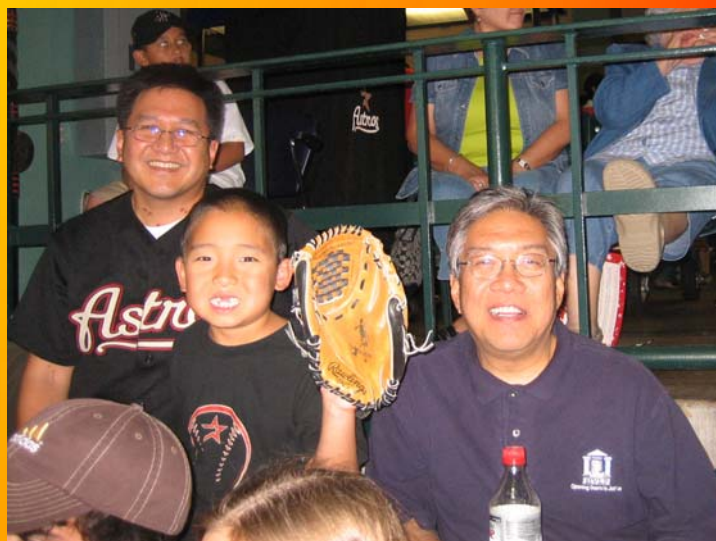
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## AABA Night at the Ballpark

**On Friday, July 27th, 19 AABA members and guests joined the Houston Astros in celebrating "Christmas in July" as the Astros took on the San Diego Padres at Minute Maid Park. Although the Astros quickly jumped ahead in the first inning and kept it close for much of the game, the 'stros would ultimately fall, but not without an impressive mini-rally in the 9th inning.**



*David Quan and son and Uncle Gordon Quan*



*AABA members and guests enjoying the game*

**Nevertheless, the AABA contingent cheered heartily for the hometown team as they were welcomed by the Astros with a message on the big scoreboard in the middle of the 6th inning and treated to Craig Biggio's 3,020th career hit in the 8th. Special thanks to Social Committee Co-Chair Anderson Lee for organizing this fun outing.**

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MetLife Financial Services and ING Investments are pleased to present:

## AN INTRODUCTION TO FINANCIAL PLANNING

Thursday, August 9, 2007

6:30 - 8:00 p.m.

The Houstonian Hotel ☞ 111 North Post Oak Lane

Join MetLife's Amit Jain as he and his team of CPAs and attorneys present an "Introduction to Financial Planning" to the AABA and guests from other local minority bar associations. Topics will include: developing investment strategies based on your time horizon and risk tolerance; developing creative solutions for small business owner needs and concerns; minimizing the impact of income and estate taxes; determining if any gaps exist in employer-sponsored plans; comparing your survivor and retirement plans to your current plan; establishing savings goals for children's future college education costs; explaining the financial and emotional impact of long-term care on elderly parents; and achieving any remaining accumulation goals, such as purchasing a second home. Hors d'oeuvres and cocktails will be served. RSVP with Amit Jain at [ajain1@metlife.com](mailto:ajain1@metlife.com) or 713.577.1134.

**MetLife**

The Asian America Bar Association of Houston proudly presents:

## *Can We Talk?*

**Ethical Considerations for In-House Lawyers Regarding  
Conflicts of Interest and the Attorney-Client Privilege**

Friday, August 10, 2007

Gardere Wynne Sewell LLP  
1000 Louisiana, Suite 3400

11:30 a.m. – Registration and Lunch

12:00 - 1:00 p.m. – Program and Q&A Session

### *Featured Speakers:*

**David Gerger**

*David Gerger & Associates*

**Gil Melman**

*The Phillips & Reiter Law Firm, PLLC  
Former counsel with Enron Corp.*

**Jason Luong (Moderator)**

*Smyser Kaplan & Veselka, L.L.P.*

Hear from one of the nation's best white collar criminal defense lawyers and the former lead attorney for Enron Corp.'s private equities group, as they discuss managing potential conflicts that may arise between a corporation and its employees in civil litigation and criminal investigations.

**\*\* Approved for 1.0 hour MCLE ETHICS credit \*\***

Cost: **FREE** for AABA members; \$25 for non-members (lunch will be provided)

**RSVP on-line at [www.aabahouston.com](http://www.aabahouston.com)**

**or with Lynn Chuang Kramer at [lkramer@munsch.com](mailto:lkramer@munsch.com)**

**Lunch program generously sponsored by  
Munsch Hardt Kopf & Harr, P.C.**

### *Correction to July Newsletter Community Service Corner*

In last month's AABA newsletter, we inadvertently neglected to mention that AABA member Lisa Tran also volunteered at the United States Citizenship Workshop on June 23, 2007. We apologize for the omission, and thank Lisa for her participation in this worthy program!



**Please join us for the AABA's  
END OF SUMMER  
FAMILY BAR-B-Q  
catered by James Coney Island!**

**Sunday, August 12, 2007  
11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.**

**at the home of  
Antje and AABA Director Harry Gee, Jr.  
306 Lodge Hollow Court**

**FREE for AABA members, significant others, and families  
\$10 for all other non-member adults**

**RSVP on-line at [www.aabahouston.com](http://www.aabahouston.com)  
or with Audrey Chang at [achang@gardere.com](mailto:achang@gardere.com) or 713.276.5711**

## **CORPORATE COUNSEL BULLETIN**

### **NAPABA In-House Counsel Mentoring Program Deadline to Apply: August 17, 2007**

After completing four successful years, the In-House Counsel Committee of the National Asian Pacific American Bar Association (NAPABA) will once again offer its Mentoring Program this fall. The NAPABA In-House Counsel Committee consists of NAPABA members who currently practice as in-house counsel and is a networking and support group that meets at least yearly at the NAPABA Annual Convention. The goal of the Mentoring Program is to foster relationships between NAPABA members who are experienced in-house counsel and other NAPABA members who are either (i) new to the in-house position and in need of guidance, including advice on professional development, career goals, and transitioning into the in-house position; or (ii) in-house practitioners who are at critical junctures in their careers and in need of guidance on how to move forward or position themselves to take advantage of future opportunities. The program lasts one year, and candidates for mentors and mentees are chosen from those individuals who apply to participate in the program. There are many benefits to serving as a mentor, including giving back to your community, developing effective communication and leadership skills, and facilitating personal development. Benefits for participating as a mentee include higher career satisfaction, professional networking, increased confidence and sense of direction, improved networking capability, and an enhanced perspective of the profession. For more information, and to download the mentor and mentee application forms, please visit the NAPABA Committee website at <http://www.napaba.org/napaba/showpage.asp?code=In-HouseCounsel>.

**ASIAN AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION OF HOUSTON  
2007 GALA & SILENT AUCTION**

Friday, September 14, 2007  
InterContinental Houston Hotel & 2222 West Loop South

**Keynote Speaker:**  
**Tommy M. Shi, Esq.**  
Corporate Development and Transformation Officer, Mercedes-Benz USA

**AABA Impact Award Recipient:**  
**The Honorable Hannah Chow**  
Former Judge, Harris County Criminal Court at Law No. 5

*Many thanks to our*

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\*as of August 7, 2007

**ASIAN AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION OF HOUSTON  
2007 GALA & SILENT AUCTION  
SPEAKER AND HONOREE**



**TOMMY M. SHI, ESQ.  
KEYNOTE SPEAKER**

Tommy Shi is Corporate Development and Transformation Officer at the Montvale, New Jersey headquarters of Mercedes-Benz USA, reporting directly to the President and Chief Executive Officer. He provides strategic direction for the development and implementation of MBUSA's cultural transformation and diversity strategy.

Prior to this appointment, Mr. Shi served 10 years as Counsel in MBUSA's Legal Department and was an associate at Riker, Danzig, Scherer, Hyland & Perretti before joining MBUSA.

Shi received a 2002 National Asian American Corporate Achievement Award from the Organization of Chinese Americans and was selected by the American Council on Germany as an American representative to the Annual American-German Young Leaders Conference.

He also served on the New Jersey Supreme Court Committee on Character and is on the Leadership Advisory Council of the National Asian Pacific American Bar Association.

Tommy Shi received his law degree from Boston College Law School and earned his B.A. from The John Hopkins University.



**HON. HANNAH CHOW  
2007 IMPACT AWARD**

The Hon. Hannah Chow is a special assistant to Harris County Commissioner El Franco Lee. She presided over Harris County Criminal Court at Law No. 5 for twelve years, from 1987 to 1998. Prior to being elected, she was engaged in the private practice of law. Born in Hoiping, China, she grew up in Loughheed, Alberta and Houston, Texas.

Judge Chow is the first woman of Chinese origin to be licensed by the State Bar of Texas, and she is the first elected Asian American judge in the State of Texas, as well as the first Asian American elected to any public office in Harris County. She earned her B.A. from the University of Houston and received her law degree from South Texas College of Law.

Former president of the Asian American Bar Association of Houston, Judge Chow was awarded the 1995 National Asian Pacific American Bar Association's Trailblazer Award. Judge Chow has also been honored with the Robert W. Kneebone award as United Way's Volunteer of the Year and was named the Young Women's Christian Association's Woman of the Year in Government. She was also recognized as a Pioneer by South Texas College of Law at the 2004 State Bar Conference.

**ASIAN AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION OF HOUSTON  
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**Friday, September 14, 2007 ↻ InterContinental Houston Hotel**

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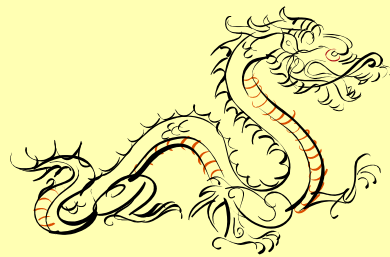
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Joyce Kao Soliman, Gala Co-Chair  
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Houston, Texas 77002

*Questions? Please contact us at [aaba.gala@gmail.com](mailto:aaba.gala@gmail.com) or 713.226.6685.*

*Thank you for your interest and support.*

\* Contact us for more information on the benefits of underwriting,  
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tax deductible as charitable contributions for federal income tax purposes, however.

**ASIAN AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION OF HOUSTON  
2007 GALA & SILENT AUCTION**

**Friday, September 14, 2007  
InterContinental Houston Hotel 2222 West Loop South**

**6:30 p.m. Reception & Silent Auction  
7:30 p.m. Dinner & Program**

**TICKET RESERVATION FORM**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Company/Law School: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Primary Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please indicate below the number of tickets requested:**

**Law Student: \$50 \_\_\_\_ / AABA Member: \$75 \_\_\_\_ / Non-Member: \$100 \_\_\_\_**

**TOTAL AMOUNT DUE: \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

For nametag purposes, please list the name and affiliation (if any) of each attendee:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Please indicate whether a vegetarian meal is requested: \_\_\_\_\_ (# of vegetarian meals)

Return this form and your check made payable to "AABA of Houston" to:

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1000 Main Street, 36th Floor  
Houston, Texas 77002

- Underwriting levels include tickets to the Gala. Feel free to contact us for more information!
- You will receive a confirmation of your ticket reservation via e-mail.
- The deadline to reserve tickets is September 7, 2007.
- Interested in joining the AABA? A membership form is attached and is also available at [www.aabahouston.com](http://www.aabahouston.com).
- Questions? Please contact us at [aaba.gala@gmail.com](mailto:aaba.gala@gmail.com) or 713.226.6685. Thank you for your support!



## SIDEBAR

On August 13, 2007, AABA President Emily T. Kuo will be joining The University of Texas M. D. Anderson Cancer Center as Associate General Counsel.

### NAPABA OFFICER ELECTIONS

AABA President Emily T. Kuo and AABA Director Alexander C. Chae are running in contested races for positions on the 2007-2008 board of the National Asian Pacific American Bar Association (NAPABA). Emily is running for the position of Vice President for Membership, and Alex is running for the position of Vice President for Communications. The AABA strongly supports both of their candidacies and encourages you to do the same. Statements of endorsement may be sent to [elections@napaba.org](mailto:elections@napaba.org) and [jyang@wileyrein.com](mailto:jyang@wileyrein.com). In addition, NAPABA election ballots will be mailed to all AABA attorney members by the end of August, to be submitted by September 21. Please remember to vote for Emily and Alex, and encourage your friends and colleagues to vote also!

## OPPORTUNITIES

### Ann-Hwa Kao Memorial Scholarship ~ Application Deadline August 17, 2007

Attention, all law students! The Asian American Bar Foundation is pleased and privileged to announce the presentation of a \$2,000 scholarship at the AABA's 2007 Gala & Silent Auction on September 14th. The scholarship will be awarded in memory and honor of Mrs. Ann-Hwa Kao, mother of AABA Gala Co-Chair Joyce Kao Soliman. Further details and scholarship application guidelines are attached at the end of this newsletter.

### AABC Design Competition ~ Entry Deadline August 31, 2007

Help design a Landmark Monument for Houston Southwest Chinatown! The Asian American Business Council (AABC) is holding a design competition to create a Landmark Monument to promote the new Houston Southwest Chinatown. The goal of the monument is to create a landmark image that will better define the entrance to Chinatown, help enhance quality of life and improve the pedestrian experience along Bellaire Boulevard between Beltway 8 and South Gessner Road, and also generate increased public awareness to provide an environment to attract more businesses and customers to the area. There are no experience requirements – whether you are a student, architect, artist, or just a creative person with a great idea – you can enter your design. Winning entries will be selected based on the quality, creativity, and feasibility of presented projects, as well as clarity in communicating and reflecting Asian culture. The first place winner will receive \$500 and a Yao Ming-autographed basketball, and the top three winning entries will also be featured in *Yellow Magazine* and *E-bao Magazine*. Rules and regulations, along with a downloadable entry form, are available at [www.aabctx.com](http://www.aabctx.com) or at [www.yellowmags.com/aabc](http://www.yellowmags.com/aabc).

**If you would like to publicize job opportunities, community news, or personal SIDEBAR news, please contact AABA Secretary Julie Pi Evans at [juliepievans@gmail.com](mailto:juliepievans@gmail.com)**

# COMMUNITY NEWS

## **Asia House Model ~ on display through August, 2007**

Catch a glimpse of the Museum District's future! Asia Society Texas Center's new Asia House model will be on display at the City Hall Visitor's Center through the month of August. The Center is located at 901 Bagby (at Walker). Hours are Monday through Saturday, 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Free parking is available for one hour on Walker Street.

## **NAAAP National Convention and Diversity Career Fair ~ August 16-19, 2007 in Atlanta**

The National Association of Asian American Professionals (NAAAP) announces its 21st Annual National Convention & Diversity Career Fair, entitled "Catalyst for Growth: Awareness, Opportunity, Leadership." The NAAAP convention will be held at the Hyatt Regency Atlanta Hotel from August 16-19, 2007, and will include more than 20 workshops/seminars/panels, a diversity career fair, keynote speakers (including U.S. Secretary of Labor Elaine Chao), Friday and Saturday galas, and exciting entertainment. Through these events and programs, the NAAAP convention will bring forth awareness and tools that will empower convention participants to seek personal and career growths. By helping to promote career opportunities and professional education, the NAAAP convention also provides both attendees and sponsors an annual forum to contribute to the growth and vitality of the North American workforce and to the communities which they serve. For more information, contact [info@naaapconvention.org](mailto:info@naaapconvention.org) or visit [www.naaapconvention.org](http://www.naaapconvention.org).

## **Japan Photography Exhibition ~ on display through August 19, 2007**

The Houston Center for Photography presents images by Amelia D'Entrone, 2007 HCP Fellowship Recipient: "While in Japan, my reading list consisted of Japanese contemporary literature from authors like Haruki Murakami, Yukio Mishima, Kenzaburo Oe, and Banana Yamamoto. The novels I read were powerful, mournful, and rich. I was surprised to find from this diverse list that a thematic thread connected the stories to one another. A sense of a solitary inner life searching for acceptance from a rigid society settled on me and inspired my shooting process. The images I shot resonate with the themes expressed by some of Japan's most famous contemporary authors." The Houston Center for Photography is located at 1441 West Alabama. Admission is free, although donations are welcome. For more information on the gallery and the exhibit, visit [hcponline.org](http://hcponline.org).

## **Eat Your Heart Out: An Evening of Epicurean Delights ~ August 22, 2007**

The Asian Chamber of Commerce presents this Epicurean event from 6:30 - 9:30 p.m. at the Health Museum, 1515 Hermann Drive. Several local businesses and restaurants will be displayed and promoted at various booths, including Costco, Edible Arrangements, Fleming's Steakhouse, Oceanaire Seafood Room, The Palm Restaurant, Panera Bread, and Todai. Approximately 500 individuals are expected to attend. Great raffle and door prizes will also be available. Tickets are \$30 per person, with a cash bar. Attire is business casual or Asian chic. RSVP at [www.asianchamber-hou.org](http://www.asianchamber-hou.org) or to [faye@asianchamber-hou.org](mailto:faye@asianchamber-hou.org).

## **Pearl of the Orient Gala ~ August 25, 2007**

The upcoming Pearl of the Orient Gala benefits Filipino Disaster Relief Texas (FDRT) and other Filipino educational and social action initiatives. The Gala will begin at 7:00 p.m. at the InterContinental Houston Hotel, 2222 West Loop South. Tickets are \$50 each. Volunteers are welcome to join.

## **Indo-American Chamber of Commerce Gala and Awards Banquet ~ August 25, 2007**

The Indo-American Chamber of Commerce of Greater Houston is pleased to host its Eighth Annual Gala and Awards Banquet on August 25th. The mission of IACCGH is to: facilitate commerce between the United States and India; enable Indo-American business to succeed; facilitate access to the Indo-American market; and be the voice of the Indo-American business community. Awards will be presented at the banquet for Outstanding Entrepreneur, Outstanding Woman Entrepreneur of the Year, Outstanding Community Service, and Outstanding Young Entrepreneur; and a keynote address given by Dr. Shashi Tharoor, well-known author and ex-United Nations Under Secretary General for Communications and Public Information. For more information, visit [www.iaccgh.com](http://www.iaccgh.com).

## COMMUNITY NEWS (continued)

### **Mercedes-Benz C-Class Ride & Drive Promotional Event ~ August 25-26, 2007**

Mercedes-Benz is touring its highly anticipated 2008 C-Class to 11 cities across the country, beginning on August 4th. The C-Class Ride & Drive Promotional Event will arrive in Houston on August 25-26th, and Mercedes would like to extend invitations to participate to members of the AABA. Unlike traditional ride-and-drive events in the automotive industry, The C Drive gives guests a chance to drive the vehicle on the streets of the city where they live, in addition to experiencing a closed-course route. The dual test drives allow participants to put the C-Class through its paces and experience the unparalleled combination of performance, handling, and safety available in the 2008 C-Class. At each venue, guests will be treated to a custom music soundtrack mixed by on-air talent from SIRIUS Satellite Radio. Other corporate partners for the C Drive tour include Bon Appétit, Continental Tires, FIJI Water, Harmon/Kardon, Mercedes-Benz Financial Services, Kinerase, KitchenAid, Miele, Mitchell Gold + Bob Williams, Redken, Supersmile, and W Hotels. The event will be held at Warehouse Live, located at 813 St. Emanuel Street, and is free to those consumers interested in attending. Pre-event registration is required, however, on a first-come, first-served basis, through the event's web site at [www.TheMercedesCDrive.com](http://www.TheMercedesCDrive.com), or by calling 888.863.2251.

### **Meet the Author ~ August 26, 2007**

#### ***The Elephant, the Tiger, and the Cell Phone: India, the Emerging 21st Century Power***

Asia Society Texas Center presents a reading and book signing by celebrated author and compelling speaker Dr. Shashi Tharoor from 4:00 - 5:00 p.m. at Brazos Bookstore, 2421 Bissonnet. Dr. Tharoor, Chairman of Dubai-based Afras Ventures, former UN Under Secretary General for Communications, and India's nearly successful candidate for the post of UN Secretary General in 2006, is also an award-winning author of both fiction and nonfiction. Born in London in 1956 and educated in India and the United States, he completed a Ph.D. in 1978 at the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy at Tufts University. There, he helped found and was the first editor of the *Fletcher Forum of International Affairs*, a journal now in its 31st year. Many of his books -- *Reasons of State* (1981), *India: From Midnight to the Millennium* (1997), *Nehru: The Invention of India* (2003), *Bookless in Baghdad* (2005), *The Great Indian Novel* (1989), and *Show Business* (1992) -- have been translated into French, German, Italian, Malayalam, Marathi, Polish, Romanian, Russian, and Spanish. Over the past twenty-five years, India has moved from a largely impoverished, underdeveloped country to a bustling, innovative, fast-changing society. Dr. Tharoor's latest book, *The Elephant, the Tiger, and the Cell Phone: India, the Emerging 21st-Century Power*, shows how and why. Admission is free of charge; however, reservations are requested (by calling 713.439.0265), and donations to support Asia Society programs are always greatly appreciated.

### **Asian Chamber of Commerce Golf Mixer ~ August 28, 2007**

Join the Asian Chamber of Commerce from 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. at Post Oak Grill Uptown, 1415 South Post Oak Lane (713.993.9966), as they explain why tournament play is the perfect opportunity to play golf. A brief explanation of tournament terms and rules will be provided. Even if you've never played before, you'll be ready for the ACC's tournament at Bear Creek on October 29th. Sponsorship opportunities for the golf tournament will be available. For more information, please call 713.654.9100.

### **An Enchanted Traveler's Impressions of India's "Little Tibet" ~ August 29, 2007**

Renowned for its remote mountain beauty and Buddhist culture, the Ladakh region of India is one of the country's most sparsely populated areas. Also known as "Little Tibet," Ladakh is nestled between the Kuen Lun mountain range to the north and the Himalayas to the South. After traveling in Ladakh with a group from the Asian Civilizations Museum in Singapore, Shelly Dee shares her verbal and visual impressions of one of the most isolated regions in the world. Shelly Dee has lived most of her adult life in Asia. Now a Houstonian, she travels annually to various Asian countries to visit out-of-the-way cultural hotspots and to inspect humanitarian projects funded by her family's foundation. Presented by Asia Society Texas, this event will be held from 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. at River Oaks Compass Bank, 2001 Kirby. Admission is free of charge; however, reservations are requested (by calling 713.439.0265), and donations to support Asia Society programs are always greatly appreciated.

## Get to Know an AABA Member!



**Daniel Nguyen**  
*Locke Liddell & Sapp LLP*

**If I weren't an attorney, I would be...**

an astronomer, because it would help me keep things in proper perspective.

**My favorite (or fantasy) vacation is...**

a trip to Euro Disney, because you can see Europe and Disneyworld in one trip.

**The best dessert (or other food) in the world is...** Blue Bell ice cream, all flavors.

**In my spare time, I enjoy...** reading suspense thrillers and science fiction novels.

**In my iPod (or other mp3 device) you will find...** audio books, the suspense thriller and science fiction variety.

**Most AABA members probably don't know that I...**

was the starting nose tackle for my high school football team.

**The best restaurant in Houston is...** Vic & Anthony's, for their premium steaks and superior service.

**The sports team I root for is...** the Tennessee Titans, because they are the original Houston Oilers.

**If I won the lottery, I would...** take a year off and travel around the world.

**I recommend reading...**

*A Brief History of Time* by Stephen Hawking, because it helps put things in proper perspective.

**You forgot to ask me about...** my family – my wife and I have three children, two boys (9 and 7) and a girl (5).

## The AABA welcomes the following new and renewing members!

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### NEW ON-LINE MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY!

The newly updated AABA website now contains an on-line membership directory, searchable by name, practice area(s), and language capability(ies). Participation by AABA members is completely voluntary, and members may edit their directory information themselves through the on-line profile editor, using their e-mail address and an assigned password. If you would like to be included in the on-line membership directory, please contact AABA Vice President of Membership Judy Liu at [membership@aabahouston.com](mailto:membership@aabahouston.com).



**Asian American Bar Foundation of Houston, Inc.**  
**P.O. Box 1351**  
**Houston, Texas 77252**



**Ann-Hwa Kao Memorial Scholarship**  
**Application Guidelines**

The Asian American Bar Foundation of Houston, Inc. (AABF), along with its sister organization the Asian American Bar Association (AABA), is pleased and privileged to announce the presentation of a **\$2,000** scholarship at the AABA's annual Gala & Silent Auction on September 14, 2007. The scholarship will be awarded in memory and honor of Mrs. Ann-Hwa Kao, mother of AABA Gala Co-Chair Joyce Kao Soliman.

Mrs. Kao immigrated to the United States from Taiwan at the age of 23 to train and work as a nurse. After meeting and marrying her husband, Dr. Yuan-Shiang Kao, and eventually settling in New Orleans, Mrs. Kao continued to work as both a nurse and a realtor while raising three daughters. Mrs. Kao was active in both the Asian community and her church.

The AABF seeks to award this scholarship to a law student who demonstrates independence and self-reliance similar to Mrs. Kao's, and whose enthusiasm for cross-cultural and multi-disciplinary pursuits benefits the community of the Greater Houston metropolitan area. The Ann-Hwa Kao Memorial Scholarship is a one-time \$2,000 award. Applicants must be residents of the greater Houston metropolitan area, be enrolled in an accredited law school in Texas, intend to reside and seek employment in the greater Houston metropolitan area after graduation, or otherwise demonstrate a substantial connection to the greater Houston metropolitan area.

Applicants should submit application packages containing the following information to the Scholarship Committee:

1. Name of applicant
2. Contact information (name, address, telephone number, e-mail address)
3. Name of school
4. School address and contact information for registrar's office
5. Degree sought
6. Expected graduation date
7. Copy of transcript, GPA, class rank (if available), and curriculum for current course period
8. Educational background
9. Employment history (if any)
10. Community and volunteer experience
11. Awards, honors, scholarships received
12. Other activities, hobbies, skills, positions held in any organizations, etc.
13. Concise 1-2 page cover letter summarizing how applicant embodies the values and pursuits that were important to Mrs. Ann-Hwa Kao

Much of the above-requested information may be outlined in a single resume, if appropriate.

The scholarship recipient will receive a \$2,000 award that is to be applied towards tuition, fees, books, or other educational expenses, and one ticket to the Asian American Bar Association's annual gala, to be held September 14, 2007 at the InterContinental Houston Hotel, where the scholarship will be awarded. The scholarship recipient is also requested to submit a brief final report explaining how the scholarship funds were used and updating the AABF on the status of the recipient's studies and activities.

Scholarship applicants are advised to use these application guidelines as a reference and checklist to ensure that all necessary information is provided with the original application package. The AABF Scholarship Committee may contact applicants if additional information is required, but the Scholarship Committee reserves the right to disqualify application packages from consideration if key information is not included.

Application packages must be postmarked no later than **Friday, August 17, 2007**, and mailed to the following address:

Asian American Bar Foundation of Houston, Inc.  
Attn: Scholarship Committee  
P.O. Box 1351  
Houston, Texas 77252

The scholarship recipient will be notified around **August 31, 2007**, and is strongly encouraged to attend the AABA Gala on **September 14, 2007**. At this time, scholarship applications are not accepted by electronic mail. For additional information, please contact Patricia Lin at 713.754.7844 or PatriciaLin@Chevron.com.



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