

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.

The Asian American Bar Association of Houston*cordially invites you to its***2007 INSTALLATION BANQUET**

Thursday, January 11, 2007

Café Le Jadeite

1952 West Gray

Reception at 6:30 p.m. ∞ Dinner at 7:15 p.m.

\$10 for law students / \$20 for AABA members / \$35 for non-members / cash bar

New and renewing member applications will be accepted

Please join the Asian American Bar Association at the beautiful Café Le Jadeite as we welcome the incoming Officers for 2007. The Honorable Wanda McKee Fowler, Justice of the Fourteenth Court of Appeals (and an AABA member), will preside over the installation ceremony. The Reception and Installation Banquet immediately follow the 2007 Annual Meeting of the AABA.

∞ 2007 AABA OFFICERS ∞**Emily T. Kuo**, President
*Nabors Industries Ltd.***Catherine Than**, President-Elect
*Delgado, Acosta, Braden & Jones, P.C.***Judy Y. Liu**, V.P. of Membership
*CenterPoint Energy Service Company, LLC***Lynn Chuang Kramer**, V.P. of Programs
*Munsch Hardt Kopf & Harr, P.C.***Warren S. Huang**, V.P. of Community Relations
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Please respond by January 8th to Anderson Lee at anderlee@alumni.rice.edu or 281.660.4381.

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New Committee Chairs for 2007

The AABA is grateful for these individuals' commitment and willingness to serve, and we look forward to their enthusiasm and many enjoyable and worthwhile events this year!

Social Committee:

Anderson Lee

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2007 ANNUAL MEETING

Thursday, January 11, 2007

6:00 p.m.

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The AABA's Annual Meeting of the Membership jump starts the AABA's 2007 year. Come to meet and hear from the Officers and Directors and get a preview of upcoming programs for 2007. In addition, the Membership will consider and vote on a few proposed amendments to the Bylaws of the AABA. All AABA members and friends are invited to attend.

RSVP with Julie Pi Evans at 713.270.8080 or
juliempi@earthlink.net.

HOLIDAY PARTY 2006



On December 9, 2006, the AABA held its annual Holiday Luncheon at the home of 2006 AABA President, Andrea Tran. In the left picture (from the left): Cuong Le, Emily Kuo, Warren Huang, Catherine Huang & Monica Huang. In the right picture (from the left): Emily Kuo, Sylvia Quan & Gordan Quan.



The Holiday Luncheon was also a chance to hear presentations from the 2007 AABA Officer and Director candidates. In the left picture (from the left): Catherine Than, Daniel Chen, Julie Pi Evans & Emily Nguyen. In the right picture (from the left): Jack Soliman, Joyce Kao Soliman & Isabel Soliman.

AABA NIGHT AT THE SYMPHONY



Yo-Yo says: Be like Emily! Join the AABA!

Come join the AABA for a night at the Symphony, featuring world renowned cellist **Yo-Yo Ma**.

Ma performs Dvorák's beloved Cello Concerto, a cornerstone of the cello repertoire. The concert also showcases Maestro Han Graf leading the Houston Symphony in Dukas's popular symphonic poem, "The Sorcerer's Apprentice" (made famous in Walt Disney's *Fantasia*).

The AABA has reserved orchestra seating at a discount for its members and guests.

- DATE:** Thursday, January 18, 2007
- TIME:** 7:00 p.m. ~ AABA Pre-Concert Reception
8:00 p.m. ~ Concert
- PLACE:** Jones Hall, 615 Louisiana Street
- COST:** \$65 tickets for AABA members and guests
- R.S.V.P.** by January 8th to Emily Kuo at Emily.Kuo@nabors.com or 281.775.4869

**This performance is sure to be a sell-out,
so reserve your seats today!**

**HYLA is proud to invite members of the Asian American Bar Association to:
“Language, Lunch and Learn” Spanish Classes!**

In a dynamic and diverse city like Houston, there is no doubt that the ability to understand and speak Spanish is an important skill for lawyers and other business professionals. In response to the ever-growing need, the Houston Young Lawyers Association (HYLA) is pleased to continue expanding its **Spanish Language Classes** and offer its next semester of classes (Spring 2007). Diana Gruber, owner of **H.A.B.L.A., Houston Associations Building Language Awareness**, is a corporate language instructor who specializes in teaching Spanish to professionals. She will continue to lead the classes, which meet for one hour over lunch.

COURSE DETAILS:

Location: Greenberg Traurig, **1000 Louisiana, Houston, TX 77002.** Please report to the **18th floor.**

Levels and Times*:

SPRING:

- Beginners-1 Spanish **Tuesdays**, 11:30 – 12:30, January 9 – May 22
- Beginners-2 Spanish **Tuesdays**, 12:35 – 1:35, January 9 – May 22
- Intermediate-1 Spanish **Wednesdays**, 11:30 – 12:30, January 10 – May 23
- Intermediate-2 Spanish **Wednesdays**, 12:35 – 1:35, January 10 – May 23

SUMMER:

- Beginner -1 and -2 **Tuesdays**, 11:30 – 12:30, May 29 – June 19
- Intermediate-1 and -2 **Tuesdays**, 11:30 – 12:30, May 29 – June 19

COST: This semester there are three options:

- 1) Spring (January – May: 20-hour class) – \$225 HYLAs members, \$250 non-members
- 2) Summer (4 weeks in May/June – 4-hour class) – \$50 HYLAs members, \$65 non-members
- 3) *Best value!* Spring + Summer (24-hour class) -- \$250 HYLAs members, \$275 non-members

Class size will be kept small. HYLAs members will be given preference for class seats if there are more applications than available spots. Your spot cannot be reserved until payment has been received. Please submit the completed registration form below to the address indicated. For questions, please contact Melody Wirz at melody.wirz@bakerbotts.com or 713-229-1244.

**If you are unsure of your level, please e-mail the instructor, Diana Gruber, at dmgruberlanguages@yahoo.com. She will send you a quick self-evaluation test, or will conduct a phone interview to place you at the right level. There may also be classes available after work. Please contact Diana for this, as well.*

HYLA Language, Lunch and Learn Spanish Class Registration Form – Spring 2007

COMPLETED APPLICATION FORMS, ALONG WITH THE CORRESPONDING PROGRAM FEE, SHOULD BE SENT TO:

ATTN MELODY WIRZ, ONE SHELL PLAZA, 910 LOUISIANA STREET, HOUSTON, TEXAS 77002. PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO HYLAs.

Name: _____ Firm, Corporation, or Gov't Agency: _____
Mailing Address: _____ City: _____ State: TX Zip Code: _____
Telephone: _____ E-Mail Address: _____
Are you a HYLAs Member*? _____ Payment enclosed in the amount of _____

I wish to enroll in:

- Beginners-1 Spanish Tuesdays** (please circle one: “fall”, “summer”, “fall+summer”)
 - Beginners-2 Spanish Tuesdays** (please circle one: “fall”, “summer”, “fall+summer”)
 - Intermediate-1 Spanish Wednesdays** (please circle one: “fall”, “summer”, “fall+summer”)
 - Intermediate-2 Spanish Wednesdays**
 - I wish to enroll, but have a different level or schedule preference (please specify: _____)
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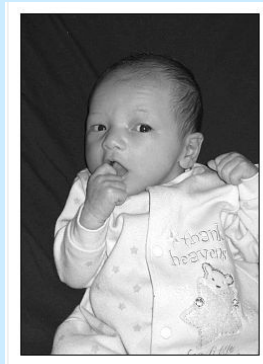
This is the 10th anniversary of the Houston Bar Association's (HBA) involvement with Habitat for Humanity, and they are trying to build two houses to mark this milestone.

**So far the HBA has only raised \$52,120.
In order to build two houses, they have to raise \$118,000.**

Please support this cause by sending a check to:

**Houston Bar Association
Attention: Rusty Bienvenue
1001 Fannin, Suite 1300
Houston, TX 77002**

The AABA hopes to volunteer to help build these houses in the Spring of 2007!



CONGRATULATIONS!

**To our own Vice President of Programs,
Lynn Chuang Kramer, & her husband, Donald,
on the birth of their son, Garek.**

**November 12, 2006
9:16 p.m.
6 lbs 8.5 ozs
19 inches**

If you would like to publicize community news, job opportunities, or personal SIDEBAR news, please contact Julie Pi Evans at juliempi@earthlink.net

OPPORTUNITIES

Shell – Senior Litigation Attorney – Environmental Litigator (Houston, TX)

Responsibilities: In this position, you will be responsible for managing environmental litigation in coordination with outside counsel. The environmental litigation includes UST, RCRA, CRELA, Superfund, private remediation actions, state and local government remediation actions, nuisance, gasoline contamination, and environmental holdover rent cases.

Key accountabilities include: Having significant knowledge of jurisdictional laws (including removal jurisdiction), venue statutes and applicable concepts, and class action procedural requirements; having knowledge of and experience with the interplay between state and federal regulatory schemes and product liability law; having demonstrated experience in successfully developing and implementing strategic case management plans and budgets for significant litigation. Maintaining the relationship with outside counsel will be a partnership, with the Shell attorney serving an active role in overall supervision, case strategy, all phases of discovery, hearings, legal analysis, and trial.

Requirements: To be considered for this position, you must possess outstanding academic credentials: approximately top 30% or better at a tier one law school or top 20% or better at a tier two law school. You must have significant experience and a thorough working knowledge of products liability law in the context of class action and multi-party litigation. You must be a member in good standing of the State Bar of Texas or another state bar in the U.S. and eligible to apply immediately for admission to the Texas bar. You must have significant expertise in products liability litigation, including development and implementation of case management plans and budgets. Significant trial experience is required, first chair trial experience is preferred and approximately ten years or more experience at an excellent law firm, corporate legal department or governmental agency.

Additional Requirements: Strong communication (both verbal and written) and analytical skills – self-motivated, energetic, enthusiastic and demonstrable leadership skills, pursuit of excellence, while being thoughtful of colleagues at all levels. In addition to the tasks outlined in this job description, you may be assigned other responsibilities as needed.

To apply on-line, go to: http://www.shell.com/home/PlainPageServlet?FC=/careers-en/html/iwgen/professionals/find_a_job/app_xp_find_a_job_08092006.html

Dell, Inc. – Counsel (Round Rock, TX)

Requirements: Prefer a minimum of 6 years related experience in law firm or corporate legal environment. Requires JD degree and at least one state bar admission. Other necessary skill sets include: strong teamwork commitment; ability to assess legal risks pragmatically; strong analytical and problem-solving skills; comfort dealing with work confidently with executive management and aggressive client sets; negotiation and drafting.

To apply on-line, go to:

<http://www.dell.com/content/topics/topic.aspx/global/hybrid/careers/content/396947de-1167-4244-b54b-d89c077774da?c=us&l=en&s=corp#top>

OPPORTUNITIES (cont.)

Lockheed Martin – General Attorney Sr Stf (Ft. Worth, TX)

General Position Description: Provides legal advice and service concerning legal rights, obligations, and privileges of corporations. Draws up contracts involving leases, licenses, purchases, sales, real estate, employment, insurance, mergers, acquisitions and related matters. Keeps current on legislative issues, statutes, decisions, and ordinances of quasijudicial bodies. Examines legal data to determine advisability of defending or prosecuting lawsuit. May act as agent of corporation in various transactions. Classifications require undergraduate and law school LL.B. or J.D. degrees and may have admission to practice.

Typical Minimums: Bachelors degree from an accredited college in a related discipline, or equivalent experience/combined education, with 14 years or more of professional experience; or 12 years of professional experience with a related Masters degree. Considered as expert, authority in discipline.

To apply on-line, go to: <https://www.lmpeople.com/careers/search/search.asp>

COMMUNITY NEWS

Donations for Victims of Typhoon Reming: The National Federation of Filipino American Associations (NaFFAA) is seeking contributions to help the victims of Typhoon Reming. Donations are being collected by the Philippine National Red Cross. Typhoon Reming (known internationally as Typhoon Durian) in the Southern Tagalog and Bicol regions of the Philippines has left death and destruction in its wake. Since the typhoon hit the Philippines on November 30th, many families have lost their homes and property after a series of mudslides and flash floods displaced by the mudslides. Schools and other makeshift centers are now crammed with thousands of evacuees with no other place to stay. For more details about how to donate, please contact NaFFAA Executive Director Doy Heredia at (202) 986-1153. You can also visit <http://www.redcross.org.ph> for more information.

The Asian Chamber of Commerce January Monthly Luncheon

Keynote speaker: KarenBeth Glunz

Westin Galleria Hotel - 5060 West Alabama; 11:30 a.m. – 1:15 p.m.

Members: \$35 NonMembers: \$40 RSVP at: <http://www.asianchamber-hou.org/>

Save the date: April 21-22 & April 28-29, 2007

The Houston International Festival: China – An Ancient and Future Celebration 2007

For more information visit: <http://www.ifest.org/ifest2007/index.html>

Save the date: Sunday – May 6th, 2007

2007 Asian / Pacific American Heritage Month Festival

Miller Outdoor Theatre, Hermann Park

NEW MEMBERS

The AABA would like to welcome the following new and renewing members!

Steve C. Bae
Germer Gertz L.L.P.

Michael Cao
Cao & Associates, P.C.

Theresa Chang
Harris County Attorney's Office

Julie Pi Evans
David M. Verbit & Associates, PC

Eun-Hwa (Anna) Ha
Jones Day

Natasha Jabbar
Quan, Burdette & Perez, P.C.

Judy Lee
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Andrea E. Tran
Gilbreth Roebuck

John Tsai
Waste Management, Inc.

An Phong Vo

Steven Wu
Chevron Services Company

Naomi Bang
Quan, Burdette & Perez, P.C.

Audrey Chang
Gardere Wynne Sewell

Helene Dang
Quan, Burdette & Perez, P.C.

Henry Garrana
Dell, Inc.

Daniel David Hu
U.S. Department of Justice

Fu-Chin Kuo
Retired Attorney

Mark D. Lee
AIG American General

Jason Luong
Smyser, Kaplan & Veselka, L.L.P.

Nick Slavin
Fulbright & Jaworski L.L.P.

Catherine Than
Delgado Acosta Braden & Jones, P.C.

Minh Tran
Minh Tran, P.C.

Charlene Tsang-Kao
Solvay America, Inc.

Russell Wong
*Wong, Cabello, Lutsch, Rutherford &
Bruculeri, LLP*

William (Bill) Richmond
SMU Dedman School of Law

Now is the perfect time to become a new member or renew your membership with the AABA!
Simply fill out the following form and send us money.
You know you want to; all the cool kids are doing it.



**Asian American Bar Association of Houston
2007 Membership Application/Renewal**

- \$0 Law Student • Retired Attorney
- \$25 Attorney with less than 3 years in practice • In-House or Non-Profit Counsel • Solo Practitioner • Auxiliary Member*
- \$50 Attorney with 3 to 8 years in practice • Judge • Government Attorney
- \$75 Attorney with 8+ years in practice

Bar Number and Jurisdiction (or if Student, expected graduation date) _____

Last Name _____ **First Name** _____

Employer _____

Address (including City, State, Zip) _____

Office # _____ **Home #** _____

Fax # _____ **E-Mail** _____

Area(s) of Practice _____

Law School _____ **Language(s)** _____

How would you like to receive the AABA Newsletter? E-Mail Fax

Would you like your business contact information published in the 2007 AABA Directory? Yes No

Please give us any comments or programming suggestions you might have: _____

Please indicate any committees on which you would be interested in serving:

- Gala Fundraising Programs Social/Networking Communications
- Community Relations/Pro Bono Corporate Counsel Mentorship/Law School Relations

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 Judy Y. Liu at (713) 207-5465.

*Auxiliary membership is open to attorneys who neither reside nor practice in the Greater Houston area.