

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.

Asian Professional Organizations Mixer

Thursday, June 14, 2007
Momentum BMW Southwest

The Asian American Bar Association joined with Hope Initiative, Houston Asian Jaycees, the National Association of Asian American Professionals (NAAAP), and *Yellow Magazine* to host a professional mixer in Momentum BMW's spacious showroom. Over 100 guests enjoyed complimentary hors d'oeuvres and beverages provided by G.H. Mumm Champagne, Martell Cognac, and Tiger Beer. *Yellow Magazine* celebrated its recent *Wedding Issue* with a bridal show featuring fashions from Misora Bridal and models supplied by Hope Initiative. Flower Art from the Heart contributed floral arrangements, and La Victoria Bakery showcased an elegant traditional wedding cake and a delicious chocolate "BMW"-themed groom's cake. In addition, five lucky individuals won fantastic door prizes – free weekend BMW rentals and tickets to performances of the Yamato Drummers – donated by Momentum BMW and Society for the Performing Arts. Many thanks to *Yellow Magazine* and publisher Viet Hoang for organizing such a fun and fabulous event!



Lalana Pundisto, *Yellow Magazine* publisher
Viet Hoang, and Linhuyen Pham



Tony Vu Dinh, An Phong Vo, and Stephen Arong



The crowd surveys the Misora Bridal fashion show



Law student Gene Wu and Benjamin Bai

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AABA Community Service Corner: Members Volunteer at U.S. Citizenship Workshop

On Saturday, June 23, 2007, AABA members Chia-Ching Cheng, Jennifer Haluptzok, Warren Huang, Simon Nguyen, Quy Phung, and Michael Roebuck volunteered at the United States Citizenship Workshop held at the George R. Brown Convention Center. Members helped permanent residents complete applications for naturalization and answered questions about the naturalization process. All told, over 800 permanent residents received assistance at the workshop. Special thanks to these members for their hard work and commitment to this worthy cause.

The Asian American 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
(rescheduled from June 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 ****

Lunch will be provided

Cost: **FREE** for AABA members; \$25 for non-members

**RSVP with Lynn Chuang Kramer at lkramer@munsch.com
by August 8, 2007.**

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

AABA Night at the Ballpark!



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7:05 p.m.

Friday, July 27, 2007

Join the AABA as we watch our home team Astros take on the San Diego Padres in Minute Maid Park. We will be close to the action in the field boxes near first base. As part of "Christmas in July," the Astros will be giving away free Astros-logo Santa hats. The game will also be followed by a Friday night fireworks show.

Kids and families are welcome!

AABA discounted group tickets are \$35 each and will be distributed on a first-come, first-served basis.

RSVP TODAY with Anderson Lee at
anderlee2@yahoo.com or 281.660.4381

PLAY BALL!

AABA MENTORSHIP PROGRAM AND SUMMER CLERK RECEPTION



Tuesday, July 31, 2007

5:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Firkin & Phoenix Pub
1915 Westheimer
(between Shepherd & Dunlavy)

FREE ADMISSION

*Mentors, reconnect with your mentees!
Summer clerks and law students, come see what the AABA is all about!
All AABA attorneys, law students, mentors, and mentees welcome.
One complimentary drink ticket and happy hour appetizers will be provided.*

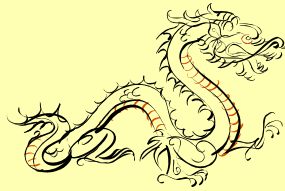
RSVP with Jane Nguyen Vuong at jnv@njclaw.com or 713.780.4982.

**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



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Friday, September 14, 2007 ↻ InterContinental Houston Hotel

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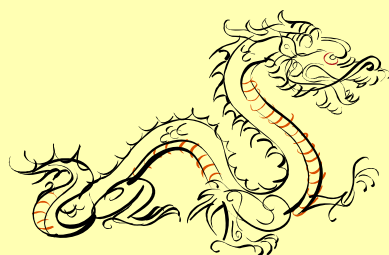
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Questions? Please contact us at aaba.gala@gmail.com or 713.226.6685.

Thank you for your interest and support.

* Contact us for more information on the benefits of underwriting,
which include tickets to the Gala, program advertisements, and more.

The AABA of Houston is a tax-exempt organization. Contributions or gifts to the AABA are not
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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- 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 5, 2007.
- Interested in joining the AABA? Membership forms are available at www.aabahouston.com.
- Questions? Please contact us at aaba.gala@gmail.com or 713.226.6685. Thank you for your support!

CORPORATE COUNSEL BULLETIN

MCCA 2007 Diversity Dialogue Series: X and Y and Baby Boomers Too!

July 17, 2007 ~ 5:30 - 8:00 p.m.

**American Airlines Training & Conference Center Flagship Auditorium
Fort Worth, Texas**

Join the Minority Corporate Counsel Association (MCCA) for a reception and panel discussion on "The Ins and Outs of Generational Diversity in Law Firms and Legal Departments," hosted by American Airlines and sponsored by Weil, Gotshal & Manges LLP. For more information, visit www.mcca.com, or contact Jennifer Chen at jenchen@mcca.com or 202.739.5902.

Texas General Counsel Forum Quarterly Event:

The Attorney General and the Business Community

July 18, 2007 ~ 7:30 - 9:00 a.m.

The Houstonian Hotel

111 North Post Oak Lane

How should your company best respond when facing an investigation or litigation from the Office of the Attorney General? More broadly, what is the proper role of the state Attorneys General concerning business? R. Ted Cruz, Texas Solicitor General and the state's chief appellate lawyer, discusses his views on how robust consumer protection can exist alongside an environment that promotes free markets and competition. Admission is free for members of the Texas General Counsel Forum and \$45 for non-members. For more information, contact Carrie Eger at ceger@txgcf.org or 214.999.4317.

HBA Seminar: What Corporate Clients Want to Know Regarding Litigation

July 26, 2007 ~ 8:00 - 9:30 a.m.

The Junior League of Houston

1811 Briar Oaks Lane

Corporate clients want information regarding litigation, and effective and valued representation requires lawyers to know what information clients need. Communications should be focused and contain the right level of information regarding risk assessment and case activity relating to the key legal and factual issues that drive risk. David T. Chang, counsel at Chevron Services Company, will be presenting this seminar on behalf of the Houston Bar Association. The seminar is free to HBA members and \$25 for non-members. 1.5 hours of MCLE credit will be available.

SIDEBAR

On June 21, 2007, at the State Bar Convention in San Antonio, Texas, the Asian Pacific Interest Section (APIS) of the State Bar of Texas held its annual meeting, where it elected new Officers and Council members for the 2007-2008 term. Andrea Tran, immediate past president of the AABA, succeeded Patsy Yung Micale as APIS Chair. AABA Corporate Counsel Committee Co-Chair Jason Luong was also elected Vice Chair of the Section. Other AABA members continuing their terms on the APIS Council are Daniel David Hu, Emily Kuo, Charlene Tsang-Kao, and Russell Wong. Congratulations to all, and thank you for your important service to the State Bar!



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

OPPORTUNITIES

Ann-Hwa Kao Memorial Scholarship

Attention, all 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 honor and memory of Mrs. Ann-Hwa Kao, mother of AABA Gala Co-Chair Joyce Kao Soliman. Further details and scholarship applications will be available in mid-July.

Partner – Energy, Chemicals & Utilities Assurance – Ernst & Young China

Heidrick & Struggles, a retained search firm, is assisting Ernst & Young recruit a Partner for its Transaction Advisory Services Practice in Beijing or Shanghai, China. This Partner will lead an immediate team of individuals providing Transaction Advisory Services to clients in the energy, chemical, utility, and mining industries. These consulting services advise and support clients throughout the lifecycle of a transaction, from early stage due diligence to execution and post-deal activities. Critical requirements of prospective candidates include:

- 10+ years of consulting experience;
- Has sold and managed projects delivering assurance and/or transaction support/IPO advisory services – experience in leading teams to deliver and sell complex service offerings such as risk advisory services (internal and external business audit and assurance), risk and controls, and corporate governance would also qualify;
- Industry sector experience must include Energy (O&G, utilities, mining, or chemicals);
- Strong leadership skills; can attract, build, mentor, and direct a high-performing, cohesive team;
- CPA certification preferred; and
- Fluency in Mandarin and English is desired.

Interested candidates should contact Charles LeMaster at clemaster@heidrick.com or 214.706.7700.

Get to Know an AABA Member!



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

If I weren't an attorney, I would be... a missionary in southeast Asia, Thailand, or Vietnam; or a professional dancer; or owner of a café or spa.

My favorite (or fantasy) vacation is... wandering the streets of Paris.

The best dessert (or other food) in the world is... Bête Noire with raspberry vodka sauce.

In my spare time, I enjoy... my husband and my children.

In my iPod (or other mp3 device) you will find... I don't have one.

Most AABA members probably don't know that I... used to be an aerobics instructor.

The best restaurant in Houston is... Ruggles, where I had my first dinner date with my husband.

The sports teams I root for are... the New York Yankees and Boston Bruins.

If I won the lottery, I would... be a missionary in Southeast Asia.

I recommend reading... any of John Grisham's or Henri Nouwen's books.

You forgot to ask me about... yes, I drive a minivan!
Ugh!

COMMUNITY NEWS

Picnic Benefiting CARE ~ July 4, 2007

Please mark your calendars to come celebrate Independence Day at the newly renovated gym at the Chinese Community Center, 9800 Town Park (at Sovereign). The picnic will be held from 11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. and will feature Asian and Texas style barbeque, cotton candy, kids' games, casino games, entertainment, and raffle prizes (including toys, Chinese handicrafts, furniture, gift certificates, a television, and many more prizes). All proceeds go to CARE to provide school supplies to low-income children. Admission and parking are **free**. Co-sponsoring organizations include the Chinese Community Center, the Chinese Civic Center, the Asian Chamber of Commerce, the Chinese American Citizens Alliance, the Chinese Professional Club, the Institute of Chinese Culture, and others.

Asian Chamber of Commerce Monthly Luncheon ~ July 11, 2007

The Asian Chamber of Commerce cordially invites you to its July monthly luncheon, which will be held from 11:30 a.m. - 1:15 p.m. in the Monarch Room of the Westin Galleria Hotel, 5060 West Alabama (24th floor). The keynote speaker will be J. Edward Lee, Chief Operating Officer of ImaginAsian Entertainment, Inc. in New York City. Admission is \$30 for ACC members, \$35 for non-members, and \$40 for walk-ins. Reservations may be made on-line at www.asianchamber-hou.org or by calling the Chamber office at 713.782.7222.

CCC Summer Open Table Tennis Tournament ~ July 14, 2007

The Chinese Community Center will hold its Summer Open Table Tennis Tournament on July 14th in its multi-purpose gymnasium, located at 9800 Town Park. The tournament is a single giant round robin event accommodating players of any age, gender, or skill level, and is limited to the first 60 paid entries. All USATT rules will govern play, including USATT dress code and use of only USATT-approved equipment. All matches throughout the tournament will be best three out of five games. Division A awards range from \$50 for fourth place to \$150 for first place. First and second place trophies will be awarded to winners of four other divisions. Entry fee is \$20. Please submit your entry no later than Wednesday, July 11th. The registration form may be downloaded at cchouston.org/tt. For more information, contact Frank Cheng at fcheng49@yahoo.com or 832.633.8209.

Houston Minority Business Council Networking Luncheon ~ July 18, 2007

The Houston Minority Business Council (HMBC) presents its Minority Business Enterprise Executive Scholarship Networking Luncheon from 12:00 - 1:30 p.m. on Wednesday, July 18th at the J.W. Marriott Exhibition Center, 5150 Westheimer. Craig B. Clayton, Sr., the founder and executive director of the Global Center for Diversity, will deliver a presentation on "Making Supplier Diversity a Profit Center, NOT a Cost Center." Mr. Clayton will provide actual data showing how certain organizations are leveraging their supplier diversity programs to generate revenue. An HMBC Review and Mini-Trade Fair precede the luncheon, where participants will have the opportunity to learn about the Council's programs and services, network with major corporations, and visit with qualified, professional minority business enterprises. For more information, or to register, visit www.hmhc.org or contact terry.williams@hmhc.org.

The AABA welcomes the following new member!

Jennifer C. Chiang

University of Houston Law Center

***** Sign up today for 2007 AABA Membership! *****

If you are not a current member of the AABA and would like to join or renew,
please submit the attached membership form,
or contact AABA Vice President of Membership Judy Liu at judy.liu@centerpointenergy.com.



Asian American Bar Association of Houston
2007 Membership Application/Renewal

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

Bar Number and Jurisdiction

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

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

- Gala Fundraising Programs Social/Networking Communications
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*Auxiliary membership is open to attorneys who neither reside nor practice in the Greater Houston area.