

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.

CAREER NIGHT 2007

On Thursday evening, April 19th, the AABA presented its second annual Career Night for law students at the South Texas College of Law. A Welcome Reception catered by City View Cafe was hosted by the Asian Pacific Interest Section of the State Bar of Texas, followed by a panel discussion on "Making the Most of Your Summer Legal Experience." Our expert panelists from private law firm, corporate, and government practices discussed their summer clerkship programs and application procedures and provided advice on relevant topics such as supervisor and company expectations, common myths and mistakes, how to ask for interesting work and avoid tedious projects, and appropriate behavior at professional and social events. From U.S. Attorney's Office Deputy Chief Daniel David Hu, we also learned to "never wear khaki to federal prison."



Daniel Chen and law students Claire Le, Cynthia Tan, and Michael Lu at the Welcome Reception



Students closely attend the panel discussion



Our distinguished panel of speakers



Current and future IP lawyers

After the panel discussion, the audience separated for breakout sessions entitled "Perspectives from the Trenches," where law students were given opportunities to speak one-on-one with current practicing attorneys about different areas of the law, such as litigation, corporate, IP, employment, immigration, government, and public interest law. The newly published 2007 AABA Resume Books were also distributed to all attorney and law firm attendees.

Thanks to all of the law students who attended this event and to APALSA President **David Brogden** and the South Texas College of Law for their invaluable assistance in coordinating facility logistics. Special thanks also to the impressive speakers who gave generously of their time and advice in support of our law student members: **John Anaipakos**, Hiring Partner at Baker Botts L.L.P.; **Patty Harris**, Director of Attorney Employment and Development at Vinson & Elkins L.L.P.; **Daniel David Hu**; and **Jennifer Phan** of Shell Oil Company. The AABA also wishes to express its tremendous gratitude to its Mentorship and Law School Relations Committee Chairs, **Tan Pham** (who also moderated the panel discussion), **Eunice Song**, and **Jane Nguyen Vuong**, who all worked tirelessly to ensure the remarkable success of the evening.

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2007 Multi-Bar Mixer & Wine Tasting

On Wednesday, April 25th, the AABA and friends from the **Houston Lawyers Association**, **Hispanic Bar Association**, and the **Mexican American Bar Association of Houston** gathered at The Corkscrew for a multi-bar mixer and wine tasting event hosted by Merrill Lynch. The evening kicked off with mixing and mingling over complimentary hors d'oeuvres and a selection of wines provided by The Corkscrew, followed by brief presentations on a variety of financial and retirement planning topics given by **Mark Menard** of Merrill Lynch, **Ryan Muller** of AXA Distributors, and **James Rankin** of Transamerica Capital. Door prize drawings were also held for winners of four exquisite lever corkscrews and a special choice bottle of wine.



Nancy Nguyen, Kevin Chavez, Alix Smoots Hogan, and Laura Gibson



Bryan Ho, Mark Menard, and Anderson Lee



James Rankin speaks on retirement planning

Special thanks to our speakers and sponsors for the event, and thanks also to all who attended and to **Nancy Nguyen** and AABA Social Committee Chairs **Audrey Chang** and **Anderson Lee** for their assistance in organizing this event.

AABA Community Service and Pro Bono Update...

The AABA has been actively involved in several community service and pro bono activities in the past few weeks. On **April 21, 2007**, AABA members **Michael Cao, Daniel David Hu, Warren Huang, and Simon Nguyen** volunteered at a legal clinic in Port Arthur, Texas, held for Vietnamese-American survivors of Hurricane Rita.

In September of 2005, Hurricane Rita left over 6,000 Asian Americans in the Beaumont-Port Arthur area without homes, food, electricity, or employment. Almost 4,000 of these were of Vietnamese ancestry. Based on the 2000 census, 2,100 Vietnamese-Americans in the area live below the poverty level, and approximately 1,700 have limited English proficiency. To address this dire need, Houston's Asian American Legal Center, OCA-Greater Houston, and Boat People SOS organized the one day clinic to offer free legal services to over 40 individuals in a wide area of fields, including FEMA-related issues, immigration law, and estate planning. Public assistance was provided all day with the help of Vietnamese translators from the Beaumont and Galveston offices of Lone Star Legal Aid (the fourth largest legal aid program in the United States), Boat People SOS, and the AABA. The AABA is proud to participate in these efforts to support this historically underserved community in Port Arthur.



Quy Phung and Tom Tong speaking at HISD's Asian Career Day on April 28th



Russell Wong presents to HISD students

On **April 28, 2007**, AABA volunteers also spoke at the Houston Independent School District's Asian Career Day, joining other Asian professionals from diverse backgrounds to educate HISD students on their professions and the importance of education in reaching one's professional goals. AABA members **Steve Bae, Warren Huang, Jason Luong, Quy Phung, Tom Tong, Russell Wong, and Steven Wu** participated in a law panel hosted by the AABA, offering students insights into the legal profession and their own legal careers.

Finally, on **April 30, 2007**, AABA Vice President of Community Relations Warren Huang attended the second Asian Pro Bono Summit in Houston, organized by the AABA's own Daniel Hu, board chair of Lone Star Legal Aid. The summit brought together statewide advocacy groups and local community organizations dedicated to providing legal and social services to Asian American residents in the Greater Houston Area, to discuss how the needs of that community can best be met. As the largest professional organization of Asian American attorneys in the Houston area, the AABA has much to offer the community, and we will be exploring new opportunities for partnering with other groups and organizations to provide legal services to Asian American residents in need. The AABA is committed to working with Lone Star Legal Aid, Boat People SOS, OCA-Greater Houston, and other groups to ensure that all Texans, including those isolated by language barriers, obtain necessary legal services.

If you have not already done so, we strongly encourage you to sign up for one of the remaining pro bono projects with which the AABA will be involved this year. The sign-up form may be found at the end of this newsletter. Thank you as always for your time and support.

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*In celebration of Asian Pacific American Heritage Month,
the Asian American Bar Foundation and
the Asian American Bar Association invite you
to an afternoon of Dim Sum in honor of our local judiciary*

Sunday, May 6, 2007

11:30 a.m.

FUNG'S KITCHEN SEAFOOD RESTAURANT

**7320 Southwest Freeway
713.779.2288**

All judiciary will be hosted by the AABF.
Other tickets are \$30 for AABA attorney members and \$45 for non-members.

*For sponsorship opportunities and to RSVP, contact
Catherine Than at ctha@delgadoacosta.com or 713.395.1681*

*All proceeds will benefit the AABA's charitable 501(c)(3) affiliate,
the Asian American Bar Foundation.*

UPCOMING CLE/CORPORATE COUNSEL PROGRAM...

Can We Talk?

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

Early June 2007

Gardere Wynne Sewell LLP

11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

**** 1.0 HOUR MCLE ETHICS CREDIT PENDING ****

Lunch will be provided

Organized and sponsored by the AABA and
Major, Lindsey & Africa and Dale Head, Managing Director

More details to follow

2007 AABA Resume Books

The Mentorship and Law School Relations Committee has published the 2007 AABA Resume Book, which is now available to all attorneys, recruiters, and other companies. For a free copy of the Resume Book, please contact Committee Co-Chair Eunice Song at esong@gardere.com or 713.276.5079.



Asian Pacific Interest Section



State Bar of Texas

11TH ANNUAL RETREAT: *Policy, Progress, and Empowerment*

SATURDAY, MAY 19, 2007

WESTIN GALLERIA

DALLAS, TEXAS

CLE, Networking, Corporate Counsel Reception, and Wine Tasting

REGISTER NOW!

- 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. **Optional informal networking lunch**
TBA – at a restaurant in or near the Galleria area
- 1:00 – 1:30 p.m. **Registration**
- 1:30 – 2:15 p.m. **CLE PANEL I – Privacy and Security: Information, Clients,
and Investigations**
- 2:15 – 3:00 p.m. **CLE PANEL II – Debate on Policy and Constitutional Issues
Related to Birthright Citizenship**
- 3:00 – 3:15 p.m. **Networking Break**
- 3:15 – 3:30 p.m. **Presentation of Justice David Wellington Chew Award to
Kathleen Wu, *Partner, Andrews Kurth LLP***
- 3:30 – 4:15 p.m. **Keynote Speech**
Karen K. Narasaki, *President and Executive Director, Asian American Justice Center*
- 4:15 – 5:00 p.m. **Ethics Jeopardy!**
- 6:00 – 9:00 p.m. **Corporate Counsel Reception**
at the Highland Park home of Professor Xuan-Thao Nguyen
*featuring heavy hors d'oeuvres, a wine tasting, and Professor Nguyen's
extensive collection of art and sculptures by Vietnamese artists*

3.0 Hours (0.75 Hours Ethics) of MCLE Credit Pending

More information about the retreat, including sponsorship opportunities, may be found at

www.texasapis.org

**ASIAN PACIFIC INTEREST SECTION
STATE BAR OF TEXAS**

**11th ANNUAL RETREAT
Saturday, May 19, 2007
Westin Galleria
Dallas, Texas**

Please indicate the number of passes and tickets requested:

Name

Program

Regular \$35.00 _____

Employer/School

APIS Members \$25.00 _____

Students \$10.00 _____

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At door +\$10.00 _____

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2 passes (included) _____

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1 pass (included) _____

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Reception and Dinner

Regular \$45.00 _____

E-mail

APIS Members \$25.00 _____

Please send form, payment, and inquiries to:

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Feel free to contact Albert also with any sponsorship inquiries.

TOTAL \$ _____

Save the Date!!!

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

\$50 law students / \$75 AABA members / \$100 non-members

Sponsorship opportunities and benefits:

Platinum Dragon Underwriter - \$7,500 **and Underwriter of the AABA 2007 Corporate Counsel Dinner**

Ten tickets to the Gala, VIP seating, and reserved table with underwriter placard
Four tickets to the VIP Reception preceding the Gala
Full page color advertisement in the printed Gala program
Special mention and prominent logo display during the Gala dinner and speaking program
Complimentary valet parking at the Gala
Logo on the AABA website as a Platinum Dragon Underwriter
Underwriter recognition in all 2007-2008 AABA monthly newsletters
Recognition as an Underwriter of the AABA 2007 Corporate Counsel Dinner
Four tickets to attend the AABA 2007 Corporate Counsel Dinner

Gold Dragon Underwriter - \$5,000

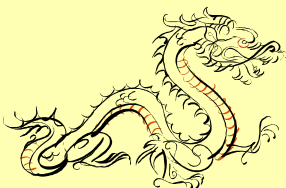
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Special mention and prominent logo display during the Gala dinner and speaking program
Complimentary valet parking at the Gala
Logo on the AABA website as a Gold Dragon Underwriter
Underwriter recognition in all 2007-2008 AABA monthly newsletters

Silver Dragon Underwriter - \$3,000

Ten tickets to the Gala and a reserved table
Full page color advertisement in the printed Gala program
Special mention during the Gala speaking program

Bronze Dragon Underwriter - \$1,500

6 tickets to the Gala
Half page color advertisement in the printed Gala program



All Underwriters for the Gala & Silent Auction are also:

- named in the Gala program and in the Gala slideshow presentation;
- listed on the AABA website as an underwriter of the Gala; and
- included in all printed promotional materials for the Gala.



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

**September 14, 2007
InterContinental Houston Hotel
Keynote Speaker: Tommy M. Shi, Esq.
Corporate Development and Transformation Officer, Mercedes-Benz USA**

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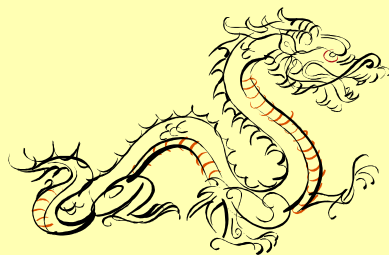
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Please return your completed form and check made payable to "AABA of Houston" to:

Joyce Kao Soliman, Gala Co-Chair
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*Advertising sponsorship opportunities are also available.
Questions? Feel free to contact Joyce at jsoliman@porterhedges.com or 713.226.6685.
Thank you for your interest and support.*

CORPORATE COUNSEL BULLETIN

Texas General Counsel Forum Baseball Social May 15, 2007 Minute Maid Park

Join the Texas General Counsel Forum on Tuesday, May 15th at Minute Maid Park as they watch the Astros take on the San Francisco Giants from the comfortable private suite of co-host Sterling Bank. Come and go as you please, network, and socialize with other General and Managing Counsel, and enjoy complimentary food and beverages. Game time is 7:05 p.m., and doors open at 5:35 p.m. Tickets are free but limited, and will be issued on a first-come, first-served basis. A small number of parking passes are also available and will be distributed accordingly. Please contact the Forum office at 214.999.4317 to register. Sign up today!

InsideCounsel Seventh Annual SuperConference May 15-16, 2007 Hyatt Regency, Chicago

Now in its seventh successful year, *InsideCounsel's* SuperConference is the must-attend event for senior in-house counsel. This year's conference includes 30 breakout sessions with peer-driven curricula that cover a range of relevant topics, including effective strategies for managing government investigations; doing business in China and India; managing a global IP portfolio; new tactics in e-discovery management; horizon issues on global warming; protecting attorney-client privileges; responding to corporate crises; and how better to manage your budget. It is also one of the few conferences of its kind that offers practical solutions to the problems in-house counsel face on a daily basis, in addition to a chance to network with peers and obtain advice and valuable information from companies that provide services to the in-house bar. CLE credits are available. Register at www.insidecounsel.com/superconference or call 800.831.8333.

AABA Babies!

Charlene Tsang-Kao, her husband Bruce, and their daughter Evie welcomed little sister:



Olivia Tseng-Hong Kao
March 7, 2007
6 lbs 6 oz * 19.5 inches



Past AABA President Lola Lin and Michael Tran are pleased to announce the birth of their first child:

Kenzo Robert Tran
April 4, 2007
7 lbs 4 oz * 19 inches



AABA Corporate Counsel Committee Co-Chair Phillip Woo, along with his wife Vicki and their daughter Hannah, are the proud family of:

Dylan Henry Woo
April 6, 2007
6 lbs 13 oz * 20 inches



Get to Know an AABA Member!



Michael Hoc T. Cao
Cao & Associates, P.C.

If I weren't an attorney, I would be... a businessman. Love doing transactions – buy low, sell high!

My favorite vacation is... Our next goal is to go to Vietnam for a 3 week vacation (my wife and I) and visit all the vacation spots, beaches, cities, etc. Not sure if we'll ever have the time, though, but that is our goal.

Most AABA members probably don't know that I... used to own Teaworks, a coffee and tea shop. It was pretty fun being the owner.

The best restaurant in Houston is... there are so many good restaurants, I can't name them all. I love food. I go to a particular restaurant for the type of food I'm looking to eat. E.g., for fajitas, it's gotta be Pappasito's; for Pho, it's Pho Binh or Pho 21; for steak, it's Perry's; for banh mi (Vietnamese sandwiches), it's Hoang My's banh mi thit nuong.

If I won the lottery, I would... continue to work as an attorney (I love my job). Take my wife on a long vacation. Put money in and do some repairs/enhancements to the house. Establish funds for the kids. Give some to charities of my choice (probably some orphanages in Vietnam, a church of my Mom's choice, etc.). That's pretty much it.

I recommend reading... I don't have much time to read nowadays, but if there's a recommendation, then it would have to go way back to when I was a kid. I would recommend stuff from Asimov – science fiction, Foundation Trilogy, etc. I think as children, science fiction allows the mind to wander and think about things from different angles and perspectives.

You forgot to ask me about... my hobbies. I like playing tennis when given time. I also play games such as chess, Chinese chess, and Warcraft III.

SIDEBAR

AABA Social Committee Co-Chair **Anderson Lee**, formerly of Vinson & Elkins L.L.P., recently joined the Legal Department of BJ Services Company as Compliance Counsel.

John Tang has joined the Houston office of Strasburger & Price, LLP as a Partner practicing patent law and patent and trademark litigation.

COMMUNITY NEWS

May is National Asian Pacific American Heritage Month!

In June of 1977, Representatives Frank Horton of New York and Norman Mineta of California introduced a House resolution that called upon the President to proclaim the first ten days of May as Asian/Pacific Heritage Week. In May of 1990, the holiday was expanded further when President George H.W. Bush designated May to be Asian Pacific American Heritage Month. May was chosen to commemorate the immigration of the first Japanese immigrants to the United States in 1843.

COMMUNITY NEWS (continued)

Premier Edition of Houston Southwest Chinatown Guide Now Available

The Asian American Business Council, in cooperation with the Asian Chamber of Commerce, is pleased to announce the publication of the first edition of the *Houston Southwest Chinatown Guide*. This attractive 80 page, full color publication features information and articles on culture, shopping, dining, special events, entertainment, activities, transportation, housing, accommodations, local businesses, and other Chinatown organizations. A special section features reviews of over 30 Chinatown restaurants and also includes a color map of the area. 58 area merchants and professionals contributed to make this project possible. The guide is being provided FREE of charge to area businesses, merchants, and organizations. Please call 713.783.9090 to request copies for your company. Copies of the guide may also be picked up at various locations around town.

7th Annual Houston Dragon Boat Festival ~ May 5, 2007

The 7th Annual Dragon Boat Festival will take place Saturday, May 5, 2007 at Allen's Landing in Downtown Houston. Races begin at 9:00 a.m., with over 30 teams racing throughout the day alongside colorful entertainment, educational cultural booths, delicious cuisine, and fun games for kids and adults alike. The Honorable M.J. Khan, Houston City Council Member District F, and Bob Eury, President of Central Houston, Inc. are Honorary Co-Chairs of the Festival. Please note: the park at Allen's Landing does not allow pets (except for working dogs), alcohol, or glass. Contact the 2007 Regatta Hotline at info@texasdragonboat.com or 832.687.7208 for more information.

2007 Asian/Pacific American Heritage Month Festival ~ May 6, 2007

Open to the public and free all day, the 2007 Annual Asian/Pacific American Heritage Festival takes place at Miller Outdoor Theatre in Hermann Park from 2:00 - 9:00 p.m. on Sunday, May 6th. The festival features cultural performances, a booth village, cultural foods, and children's activities, followed by a Music Showcase at 7:30 p.m. entitled "Opening Doors: Asian Americans on Broadway." This spectacular free evening music showcase presents live performances of Asian American Broadway stars from such musicals as *Rent*, *Beauty and the Beast*, *Miss Saigon*, *The Music Man*, and *The King and I*. The 90 minute concert will weave songs from some of Broadway's most beloved shows with personal anecdotes from the performers.

United Nations Association International Choir Presents Songs From Asia ~ May 6, 2007

The United Nations Association International Choir, under the direction of Phillip Kloeckner and in collaboration with the Yellow River Chorus, presents "Songs From Asia: Embracing the Eastern World," featuring songs from Azerbaijan, the People's Republic of China, India, Iran, Israel, Japan, South Korea, Lebanon, the Philippines, and Vietnam, as well as performances by Space City Gamelan and violinist Namdar Llampour. The concert will be presented at 4:00 p.m. in Zilkha Hall at the Hobby Center for the Performing Arts, 800 Bagby. Tickets are \$20 for adults (\$25 at the door) and \$15 each for seniors, students, and groups of ten or more. For reservations, please visit www.unahouston.org/unachoir or call Geneva at 281.498.7562.

APA Heritage Month Artist Exhibition Opening Reception ~ May 9, 2007

Join the Asian/Pacific American Heritage Association (APAHA) and The Art Institute of Houston as they exhibit works of local visual artists that celebrate the culture and contributions of Houston's Asian Pacific Americans. The opening reception will be held at 6:00 p.m. on May 9th at The Art Institute of Houston, 1900 Yorktown. For more information, please contact Jerome Vielman at jerome@apaha.org or 713.784.1112.

15th Anniversary APAHA Gala ~ May 18, 2007

APAHA celebrates 15 years of service to the City of Houston and honors Former U.S. Secretary of Transportation Norman Mineta for his major contribution to the celebration of APA Heritage Month! The 15th Anniversary Gala will take place at the Westin Oaks Hotel, 5011 Westheimer, with the theme of "Lighting the Past, Present, and Future," honoring the past presidents of APAHA. Cocktail reception and Silent Auction begin at 6:00 p.m., and the Dinner and Program begin at 7:00 p.m. The Gala will benefit APAHA's educational programs and scholarships, as well as academic research at The University of Houston's Asian American Studies Center. Tickets are \$100 per person, and table sponsorships are also available. Please visit www.apaha.org for more information.

Looking East: A Concert for Asian Heritage Month ~ May 18, 2007

On May 18th at 7:30 p.m., the Rothko Chapel will present *Looking East*, a concert honoring Asian Heritage Month. Houston composer Robert Bridges will open the program with a world premiere of his string quartet *Kinhin Twelve Minutes*, followed by a performance by Adam Tendler on prepared piano of John Cage's complete *Sonatas and Interludes*. *Looking East* is presented with support from Rothko Chapel, The Jung Center, The Consulate General of India, Multicultural Education and Counseling through the Arts (MECA), and the Foundation for Modern Music. Admission is free, but seating is limited, with a two ticket maximum per person. Tickets may be picked up at the Rothko Chapel, 1409 Sul Ross (at Yupon) from 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. from May 7-11.

COMMUNITY NEWS (continued)

NEA Big Read: Multimedia Productions and Film Screening of Amy Tan's *The Joy Luck Club* ~ May 18-20 and 22, 2007

In partnership with Houston's Nova Arts Project, Dance of Asian America, and the Maggini String Orchestra, The Big Read will create a multimedia production of *The Joy Luck Club*, combined with music and dance. Performances run each evening at 8:00 p.m. from May 18-20, 2007, at the Barnevelter Arts Complex, 2201 Preston (in downtown Houston). Tickets are \$20.00 per person until May 4th and \$25 thereafter. For tickets, log onto www.joyluckclub.eventbrite.com or call the RSVP ticket line at 832.487.8624. In addition, the Harris County Public Library, APAHA, and MFAH Films will present a free, public feature of Wayne Wang's celebrated 1992 film *The Joy Luck Club* at 7:00 p.m. on May 22nd at the Museum of Fine Arts, Houston. The presentation will be preceded by Karen Lin's short film, *Perfection*. For more information and free tickets to the film screening, contact MFAH Films at film@mfa.org or 713.639.7531. For more information about The Big Read, visit www.bigreadtexas.org.

Houston Dynamo v. New England: Asian Pacific American Heritage Night ~ May 19, 2007

The Houston Dynamo is proud to host Asian Pacific American Heritage Night at Robertson Stadium at the University of Houston. This evening of culture, food, music, and soccer, and a rematch of the MLS Cup, begins at 7:30 p.m. Discounted game tickets are available by calling the Dynamo front office at 713.276.7500 with the password **Heritage**. As an added bonus, individuals or companies purchasing tickets as a group of 15 or more will receive memorabilia autographed by Dynamo forward Brian Ching.

MFAH Family Day: Legacy of the Dragon ~ May 20, 2007

The Great Wall of China stretches like a sinuous dragon across the Chinese landscape. Come to the MFAH's FREE Family Day to discover the myths and the legacy of this legendary structure, as seen in the exhibition *The Great Wall of China: Photographs by Chen Changfen*. Explore Chinese culture through special performances; sketch in the exhibition; sculpt the Great Wall or a guard tower in clay; create your own Chinese scroll; and enjoy refreshments and more. Family Day is scheduled from 1:00 - 4:00 p.m. For more information, contact the Museum of Fine Arts, Houston at 713.639.7589. The exhibition is on view through August 12, 2007 at the Audrey Jones Beck Building, 5601 Main Street.

Houston Minority Business Council Sports Classic ~ May 20-21, 2007

The Houston Minority Business Council will hold its 29th Annual Sports Classic from May 20-21, 2007 at South Shore Harbour in League City, Texas. Sunday's festivities begin at 12:30 p.m. with basketball and tennis tournaments and end with an evening yacht dinner cruise. Monday morning features a golf tournament, putting contest, and golf clinic, followed by a Texas Hold 'Em Poker Tournament and Awards Luncheon. For more information, please visit www.hmbc.org/Event_Information.aspx?id=119 or e-mail terry.williams@hmbc.org.

Houston World Affairs Council: North Korea and a Short History of Regime Change ~ May 23, 2007

North Korea is a closed society, a difficult intelligence target, and the actions of its leader, Kim Jung Il, have been unpredictable to say the least. All of this makes North Korea a complex and dangerous policy challenge. Though regime change has been one of the options considered, recent history indicates that it also poses problems. The package of financial incentives for North Korea seems to be working, and its nuclear reactor may be closed on schedule. What is the best policy toward North Korea, and how can the United States move toward more stable and constructive relations? Join Donald P. Gregg, president and chairman of the board of The Korea Society in New York City, for this World Affairs Council program. Ambassador Gregg is a former National Security Advisor with a foreign policy focus on Asia, and he has also been awarded the CIA's highest decoration, the Distinguished Intelligence Medal. This event will be held in the Ballroom of The Junior League, 1811 Briar Oaks Lane. Registration begins at 6:00 p.m., and the program will be held from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. Free for HWAC members and \$20 for non-members. For more information and to register, please visit www.hwac.net.

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

OPPORTUNITIES

Third Annual AABA Impact Award

The Asian American Bar Association of Houston is pleased to announce the presentation of its third annual **Impact Award** at the AABA's 2007 Gala & Silent Auction on Friday, September 14th. The award recognizes an outstanding Asian American attorney in Houston who has demonstrated exceptional qualities of legal expertise, leadership, community service, and/or dedication to the AABA and to the local Asian American community. Previous recipients of the award are AABA Director Harry Gee, Jr. and former Houston City Council Member and Mayor Pro Tem Gordon Quan. The AABA is now accepting nominations from its membership for the 2007 award. Any AABA attorney member may make a nomination. Nominations should be sent to AABA President Emily Kuo at emily.kuo@nabors.com and must be received by **May 21, 2007**.

Cantonese-Speaking Attorney or Paralegal Needed for Pro Bono Case

A Cantonese-speaking attorney or paralegal with advanced Cantonese vocabulary is needed for in-court interpretation for a pro-bono domestic violence case. The client speaks only Cantonese and has already been turned away from HVLP, Lone Star Legal Aid, and various other community advocacy groups due to lack of language capabilities to handle her case. The client is currently working with Annette Lamoreaux and Angela Lee of the Texas Advocacy Project (formerly Women's Advocacy). Ms. Lamoreaux and Lee have been working on this case from Austin, as the client has been unable to obtain assistance from anyone else, and her need is dire. Any help in finding a suitable interpreter is greatly appreciated. Please contact Angela Lee at angela@angelalee.net if you can provide information.

2007 Diversity Summit: Maximizing the Potential of a Global Workforce ~ May 4, 2007

The Association of Chinese-American Professionals presents its 7th Annual Diversity Summit at the Sugar Land Marriott Town Square, 16090 City Walk, Sugar Land, Texas, to bring together business leaders and scholars to discuss how diversity is playing an ever-increasing role in the business world. The objectives of the summit are to understand the impact of globalization for both companies and employees; learn how to attract and retain a diverse workforce; leverage supplier diversity for competitive advantage; create inclusive work environments to enable peak employee performance; and maximize personal and career potential. The Rice University School of Continuing Studies will award registered participants with certificates denoting 0.6 general Continuing Education units. Registration begins at 8:00 a.m. and featured speakers include Kenneth Sample, General Manager of Chevron North America Exploration and Production; Dr. Harry Gibbs, Vice President of MD Anderson Cancer Center; Jay Gogue, Chancellor of the University of Houston; and U.S. Congressman Nick Lampson. On-line registration is available at www.DiversitySummit.org.

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