On March 27, 2008, The AABA hosted its first continuing legal education program of the year on the subject of “Doing Business in China.” AABA members Tom Tong (Tong & Sung, P.C.) and Benjamin Bai (Jones Day) shared their expertise on a wide range of topics, including the general legal framework for doing business in China, the protection of intellectual property rights in China, and the impact cultural factors can have on the practice of law and commerce in China. Special thanks to Joyce Kao Soliman (AABA Vice-President of Programs) for organizing this educational event as well as Mayer Brown L.L.P. for graciously hosting the event and providing lunch for the attendees!
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AABA CHINESE COOKING CLASS AT CENTRAL MARKET
On March 10, 2008, AABA members gathered at Central Market to learn how to prepare delicious Chinese dishes under the guidance of renowned local chef Dorothy Huang. Members learned, among other things, how to properly fold and pan-fry dumplings, why General Tso’s Chicken is called General Tso’s Chicken (sorry, you had to be there), and that being a terrific lawyer does not necessarily make you a terrific cook. Special thanks to AABA Social Committee Co-Chairs Kay-Linh Pham and David Chang for organizing this fun (and filling) event!
AABA CAREER NIGHT

April 21, 2008
South Texas College of Law
Emily Sloan Room
Attendance Is Free

6:00 P.M. – 6:40 P.M.  Panel 1: Workplace Etiquette and Do’s and Don’ts
6:40 P.M. – 7:00 P.M.  Break-Out Session
7:00 P.M. – 7:40 P.M.  Panel 2: Choosing a Career Path
7:40 P.M. – 8:00 P.M.  Break-Out Session

As part of its annual Career Night presentation, the AABA is pleased to be hosting panel discussions addressing two significant issues facing law students entering the workplace. The first panel will offer advice on the sensitive but important topic of workplace etiquette as well as things you should (and should not) do to advance your career. The second panel will offer advice on choosing a career path, with advice provided by experienced attorneys practicing in private law firms, corporate law departments, the government, and public interest organizations. Following each panel will be a break-out session during which students can talk one-on-one with practicing attorneys and ask questions.
AABA CLE SEMINAR SERIES:

RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN THE GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE AND HOW THEY WILL AFFECT YOUR LAW PRACTICE

Featured Speaker:

Robert S. Bennett (Bennett Law Firm)

April 25, 2008

Registration: 11:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Program and Q&A Session: 12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Porter & Hedges L.L.P.
1000 Main Street, Suite 36th Floor

Free for AABA Members / $20 for Non-Members
Lunch Will Be Provided, Courtesy of Porter & Hedges L.L.P.

RSVP Online at www.aabahouston.com

Come learn about some of the common problems facing attorneys that may result in professional misconduct, and hear an overview of the new attorney grievance procedure in Texas. For over twenty years, Mr. Bennett’s law firm has represented attorneys and judges in administrative and grievance matters involving professional misconduct. ** Approved for 1.0 hour MCLE Ethics credit **

Visitor parking in the Reliant Energy Plaza parking garage (subject to space availability) will be validated.
SAVE THE DATE!

AABA SOFTBALL GAME & FAMILY PICNIC

Saturday, April 19, 2008
Meyerland Park (5151 Jason)
Time To Be Announced

Come join us for a day of fun and games for the whole family!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR LEGAL LINES!

The AABA has volunteered to man the phones for the Houston Bar Association’s Legal Lines Program on July 16, 2008 from 4:45 P.M. to 7:00 P.M. at the HBA’s offices at 1001 Fannin, Suite 1300. For those of you who may not be familiar with the program, attorney volunteers answer telephone inquiries from the general public regarding a variety of legal issues. Attorneys with expertise in particular areas are available to assist volunteers, and volunteers are not expected to take on representation of any of the callers. We strongly encourage everyone to help with this worthy project. Please contact AABA VP of Community Relations Lynn Chuang Kramer (lkramer@munsch.com) to volunteer or for more information. Thanks!

STATE BAR OF TEXAS ASIAN PACIFIC ISLANDER SECTION’S 12TH ANNUAL RETREAT 2008

Emerging Legal Issues in an Increasingly Diverse Business Environment

April 26, 2008
10:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M.
Hotel Derek (2525 West Loop South)
Houston, Texas

The Section’s 12th annual retreat will be held in Houston this year and will include several CLE panels and a keynote speaker. The evening reception featuring drinks and hors d’oeuvres will be held at Lot 8, the boutique of Project Runway winner, Chloe Dao. Sponsorship opportunities are available. For more information, please contact APIS chair Andrea E. Tran at Andrea.Tran@pwtlaw.com
OPPORTUNITIES

GENERAL COUNSEL OF NATIONAL ASIAN PACIFIC AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION (PRO BONO)

Description of Position: NAPABA is a national bar association representing the interests of Asian Pacific American attorneys, judges, law professors, and law students. Now in its nineteenth year, NAPABA represents the interests of approximately 50 affiliate organizations and over 40,000 Asian Pacific American attorneys.

NAPABA seeks an experienced attorney to serve a two-year term in a pro bono capacity as General Counsel for the organization. As General Counsel, the individual will be responsible for providing NAPABA with counsel and legal advice on a range of legal matters, including review of contracts into which NAPABA enters, general review of corporate matters pertaining to NAPABA, and other legal issues that may from time to time arise. The General Counsel will report directly to the NAPABA Board of Governors and the Executive Director. The General Counsel will be appointed by the current Board of Governors.

Requirements: J.D. from an ABA-accredited law school; ability to work effectively and cooperatively with the NAPABA Board, Executive Director, and staff; knowledge of non-profit law (especially related to organizations incorporated under 501(c)(6) of the IRS code preferred); and resources (including additional attorneys) for complex questions outside of the General Counsel’s areas of expertise preferred.

Contact: Please send a statement of interest and resume to: John C. Yang, Wiley Rein L.L.P., 1776 K Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20006. Applications also may be sent by fax to (202) 719-7049 or by email to jyang@wileyrein.com.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF NATIONAL ASIAN PACIFIC AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION

Description of Position: NAPABA seeks an experienced individual to serve as its Executive Director in Washington, D.C. to coordinate and to direct the overall operation of the organization. The Executive Director will report to the Board of Governors and supervise four full-time staff, along with additional interns and volunteers. The Executive Director will have the following general responsibilities: (1) Management and administration (supervise NAPABA office staff, provide member services, assess key needs of the organization such as facilities and technology infrastructure to promote highest level of efficiency, assist NAPABA President-Elect with annual national convention planning, assist NAPABA Vice President for Membership with recruitment, assist NAPABA Treasurer with budget development); (2) programs and policy (assist NAPABA Board and Committee Chairs to execute, coordinate, and develop and coordinate NAPABA programs and policy, serve as NAPABA’s liaison with other bar associations (e.g., other minority bar associations, the ABA), other Asian Pacific
**COMMUNITY NEWS & EVENTS**

**April 2, 2008** / “Japanese Cooking for Houstonians” / Japan-America Society of Houston / Williams-Sonoma (711 Highland Village, 4060 Westheimer Road) / 2:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M.

The Japan-America Society of Houston will be holding a cooking demonstration. Enjoy the experience of viewing, tasting, and experiencing some terrific Japanese cooking. Attendance is limited to 50 attendees, and an RSVP is required. Admission is $23 for members of the JASH and $25 for guests. To RSVP, please visit [www.jashouston.org/LCK.htm](http://www.jashouston.org/LCK.htm).

**April 2, 2008** / “Avoiding E-Discovery Sanctions” / Association of Corporate Counsel – America, Houston Chapter / Masraff’s (1025 South Post Oak Lane) / 4:00 P.M. to 6:00 P.M.

Panel experts will discuss recent developments in e-discovery and best practice methods for collecting and preserving ESI in corporate enterprise environments. Registration before March 31, 2008, Noon is $20 for ACC members and $25 for non-members. Registration afterwards is $25 for ACC members and $30 for non-members. **1 Hour MCLE Credit.** Register and pay online at Houston.acc.com (no www) or contact fara@amchouston.com or (713) 839-0808.

**April 5-6, 2008** / Japan Festival / Japan-America Society of Houston / Hermann Park (Adjacent to Japanese Garden) / Attendance is free

**April 19, 2008** / 13th Annual Gala and Silent Auction / Asian Chamber of Commerce of Houston / Westin Galleria (5060 West Alabama) / 6:00 P.M. (Reception & Silent Auction), 7:00 P.M. (Dinner)

This year’s keynote speaker will be John Hofmeister, the President of Shell Oil Company. Individual tickets are $150 per person. For reservations, more information, or sponsorship opportunities, please contact Faye or Liz at (713) 782-7222 or faye@asianchamber-hou.org.

**May 3, 2008** / APAHA Festival / Asian Pacific American Heritage Association / Hermann Park (Miller Outdoor Theater) / 3:00 P.M. to 11:00 P.M. / Attendance is free
1. If I weren’t an attorney, I would be . . . running my own business. It has always been a dream of mine to own and operate my own business. Finding the right business is the hard part, but my eyes and ears are always open.

2. My favorite vacation was . . . my trip to Greece and Turkey. Both are beautiful countries with lots of good food, shopping, nice people and amazing sightseeing.

3. The best dessert (or other food) in the world is . . . tres leches, especially from Americas!

4. In my spare time, I enjoy . . . shopping, trying new restaurants, working on my house, watching movies and spending time with my family and friends.

5. In my iPod (or other mp3 device) you will find . . . lots of 80s music. The new top hits are good too, but I still enjoy the classic 80s music more than anything else.

6. Most AABA members probably don’t know that I . . . parasailed over the tropical rainforests of Brazil for my 27th birthday. Scariest but most exciting thing I have ever done in my life.

7. The best restaurant in Houston is . . . Uptown Sushi. This is a tough question though because it totally depends on what cuisine. For interesting sushi rolls and good entrees, definitely Uptown Sushi.

8. My favorite place in Houston is . . . my house! I wish I had more time to just relax and hang out at home.

9. The sports team(s) I root for are . . . any sports team of Houston or Stanford University!

10. If I won the lottery, I would . . . build my dream home and spend lots of time in it!


12. You forgot to ask me about . . . my wonderful husband, Barry Zhang, who supports and is always encouraging me to pursue my passions.
THE AABA WELCOMES THE FOLLOWING NEW AND RENEWING MEMBERS!

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*South Texas College of Law*

Khoa (Steven) Nguyen  
*Thurgood Marshall School of Law*

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Don’t Forget to Renew Your AABA membership!

The AABA is accepting membership applications and renewals for 2008! You may apply for membership on-line at [www.aabahouston.com](http://www.aabahouston.com) or by completing and submitting the attached form and dues. Members of the AABA receive significant discounts to all AABA events, as well as invitations to exclusive members-only seminars and programs such as the annual Corporate Counsel Dinner and inclusion in the printed Attorney Profiles Directory. Become an AABA member today, and gain access to all of the networking, career enhancement, mentorship, and volunteer opportunities and resources that the AABA has to offer!

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