

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.

WILL-A-THON & LEGAL LINES

AABA volunteers deserve extra recognition and appreciation for their participation in two events that took place this July. Their time and energies made an immediate positive impact on the people directly served at these events. Additionally, their efforts furthered the AABA's mission for long-term positive impact on the community at large.

On Saturday, July 12, 2008, along with the Houston Bar Association, Houston Volunteer Lawyers Program, Radio Saigon Houston AM 900, VNTeamwork, and ProDoc, the AABA co-sponsored a Wills Clinic for the Vietnamese community at the offices of Radio Saigon Houston. We were able to provide 142 people with much needed advice and preparation of will and estate planning documents. Special Thanks to Lynn Chuang Kramer, Tom Hoang, Michael Cao, and Tyrone Lin for all their efforts in setting up and administering this event! And a huge thank you to the many members, both attorneys and students, who so generously volunteered their time and expertise to this event. We couldn't have made it a success without you!!



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Legal Lines Volunteers

On Wednesday, July 16, 2008, the AABA provided 7 volunteers for the Houston Bar Association Legal Lines event. Our volunteers provided information and advice to callers with legal questions and issues spanning a variety of topics. Thanks so much to all who volunteered for and participated in this event – your time and effort were much appreciated!!

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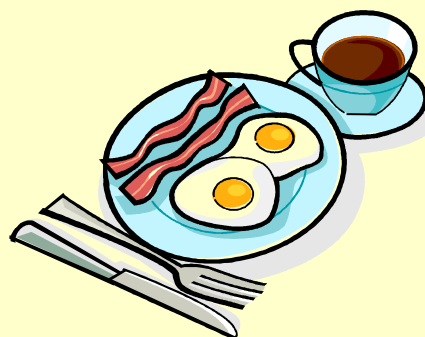
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Join us for the AABA's next BREAKFAST WITH THE GENERAL COUNSEL

featuring guest speaker

Laura V. Gilchrist

Vice President and General Counsel

M.D. Anderson Services Corporation

Tuesday, August 12, 2008

7:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.

The Junior League of Houston

1811 Briar Oaks Lane

Free for AABA members, \$25 for non-members

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The Asian American Bar Association and its Underwriters & Sponsors
Cordially Invite You to Attend the AABA's

2008 Gala & Silent Auction

Friday, September 26, 2008

Featuring Key Note Speaker

Ellen Summer

Secretary and General Counsel of Schlumberger Limited

2008 AABA Impact Award Recipient

Daniel David Hu

United States Attorney's Office

6:30 p.m Reception

7:30 p.m. Dinner

\$50 Law Students

\$75 AABA Members

\$100 Non-AABA Members

Please reserve your seats with Sherry Scott at Sherry.L.Scott@ExxonMobil.com

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* As of July 29, 2008

Join the AABA for a special presentation on

**"Fundamentals of Business Development"
by Jim Cranston of Hildebrandt International**



Friday
August 8, 2008

11:30 am: Registration/Networking
12:00 pm - 1:00 pm: Program by Jim Cranston

Location: Gardere Wynne Sewell LLP
1000 Louisiana, Suite 3400
Houston, Texas 77002-5011

Jim Cranston is widely recognized as a leading authority on sales and business development in the legal industry. He has developed a unique method for teaching sales skills to lawyers and law firms, which consistently helps professionals win new clients and grow firm revenues through his innovative programs. Jim spends countless hours consulting attorneys nationwide on their business development initiatives. This is a valuable informational program that you cannot afford to miss, whether you are a solo practitioner, newly licensed attorney, mid-level associate or seasoned law firm partner.

****There is NO CLE credit for this program****

Lunch will be provided.

Cost: FREE for AABA members, \$25 for non-members

COMMUNITY NEWS & EVENTS

August 9, 2008: India Culture Center / IndiaFest 2008 - India's 62nd Independence Day Celebration with Mika Singh Live in Concert / George R. Brown Convention Center / 11:00 A.M. – 11:00 P.M. / For tickets go to: <http://www.icchouston.org/>

August 10, 2008: Asian Chamber of Commerce / Battle in Beijing: Viewing Party of Team USA v. Team China (Basketball) / Toyota Center / 9:00 A.M. / For more information call (713) 758-7400

August 13, 2008: Asian Chamber of Commerce / August Monthly Luncheon / Keynote Speaker: Frank Wilson, President Metro Transit / Westin Galleria, Monarch Room 5060 West Alabama, Houston TX 77056 / 11:30 AM - 1:15 PM / Members: \$30.00 Non-Members: \$35.00 / RSVP at <http://www.asianchamber-hou.org/events.php>

August 16, 2008: Li-Mei Hua Chinese Dance Academy / 2008 Dance Gala & Extravaganza of Chinese Culture and Traditional Chinese Dance / Chinese Culture Center of the Taipei Economic & Cultural Office of Houston / 10303 Westoffice Dr., Houston, TX 77042 / 7:30 P.M. / For more information call (713) 794-1199

August 20, 2008: Asian Chamber of Commerce / 2008 Epicurean Evening – A Midsummer Night of Restaurant Delights / Wortham Theater Center / 501 Texas Houston, TX 77002 / 6:00 P.M. – 10:00 P.M. / General Admission Tickets \$35.00; VIP Admission Tickets \$75.00 / Come Experience 40 Restaurants, Caterers, and Hotel Delights / RSVP at <http://www.asianchamber-hou.org/events.php>

Save the date: October 29, 2008 / The Japan-American Society of Houston / 40th Anniversary Gala Annual Gala / Galleria Westin Oaks on Westheimer / 6:30pm - 9:30pm / Invited honorees are: Ambassador Fujisaki, Mrs. N Shriane, Mr. Toby Hynes, Mr. Kazuo Matsui (baseball player), Mr. Keiji Tagawa (Fashion Designer).

OPPORTUNITIES

National Conference of Vietnamese American Attorneys (NCVAA '08) cordially invites you to attend our 3rd annual conference on August 16, 2008 in San Francisco, California, hosted by the Vietnamese American Bar Association of Northern California (VABANC) and the Vietnamese American Bar Association of Southern California (VABASC). We are the only national organization that provides a forum for distinguished Vietnamese American judges, elected officials and attorneys to celebrate our accomplishments in the U.S. and abroad, promote the high standards of professionalism in law and politics, and discuss legal and community issues affecting Vietnamese Americans. It is through this exchange of dialogue that we will be able to build new bridges - bridges between cultures, between generations and between courtrooms. Register at <http://ncvaa.org/Registration.html>

International Association of Korean Lawyers (IAKL) will hold their 16th Annual Conference on Thursday, September 11, 2008 – Sunday, September 14, 2008 at the Radisson Plaza Warwick Hotel in Philadelphia, PA. For more than 20 years IAKL has worked to promote communication, friendship and networking opportunities between lawyers in the United States and abroad who have interests in Korea. This year, the conference sessions will address a broad range of legal issues and topics facing Korean companies, lawyers and persons. In addition to providing CLE credit for many of the conference sessions, IAKL will be hosting a number of receptions and networking events during the conference. Our scheduled keynote speakers include Don Liu, General Counsel of Xerox, Harold Koh, Dean of Yale Law School and Michael Kang, Director of The Motel and West 32nd. We truly hope that you will be able to attend IAKL's conference this year as it promises to be a terrific event. Register by August 11, 2008. For more information go to: <http://www.usa.iakl.info/>

SIDEBAR

Congratulations to Trang Tran who won 2 Silver medals in the Master division of the North American Grappling Association (NAGA) competition in Dallas: 1 in grappling and 1 in Brazilian Jiu Jitsu. He also recently got his blue belt in Brazilian Jiu Jitsu.

THE AABA WELCOMES THE FOLLOWING NEW AND RENEWING MEMBERS!

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Member Spotlight



Martin R. G. Marasigan
Attorney at Law

1. If I weren't an attorney, I would be . . .a military officer for reasons I don't know why, a medical doctor or in all probability, a professional poker player
2. My favorite (or fantasy) vacation is . . .going back to any of the 7100 islands of the Philippines that is uninhabited
3. The best dessert (or other food) in the world is . . .Brazos de Mercedes
4. In my spare time, I enjoy . . .being with my kids, actually they are not kids anymore.....
5. In my iPod (or other mp3 device) you will find . . .70s and 80s music and of course some Filipino music
6. Most AABA members probably don't know that I graduated from a law school in the Philippines and just took the bar here.....
7. The best restaurant in Houston is . . .Garson's if it is still existing.....
8. My favorite place in Houston is . . .my home
9. The sports team(s) I root for is/are . . .Rockets, Texans and Astros
10. If I won the lottery, I would . . .set up a foundation for the poor
11. You forgot to ask me about . . .my two daughters and my son and of course my lovely very supportive wife

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Friday, September 26, 2008 ↻ Hilton Americas Hotel

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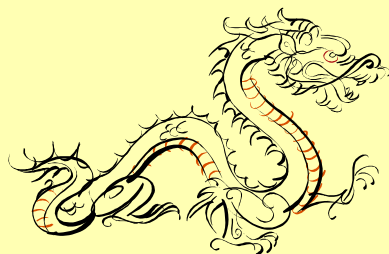
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September 26, 2008 ♣ Reception/Silent Auction – 6:30 pm ♣ Dinner – 7:30 pm
Hilton Americas ♣ 1600 Lamar, Houston, Texas 77010

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- You will receive a confirmation of your ticket reservation via email.
- The deadline to reserve tickets is September 19, 2008.
- Interested in joining the AABA? Membership forms are available at www.aabahouston.com.
- Questions? Please contact us at aaba.gala@gmail.com. Thank you for your support!



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