

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*

**2008 ANNUAL MEETING &  
INSTALLATION BANQUET**



Wednesday, January 16, 2008

Café Le Jadeite

1952 West Gray

Annual Meeting and Reception at 6:30 p.m. / Admission: Free / Cash Bar

Dinner at 7:15 p.m. / Admission: \$25 for AABA Members & \$40 for Non-Members / Cash Bar

New and renewing member applications will be accepted

Please join the Asian American Bar Association for its Annual Meeting of the AABA's Membership. The Annual Meeting will be followed by a banquet dinner welcoming the incoming Officers for 2008. The Honorable Sharolyn Wood, 127<sup>th</sup> Civil District Court, will preside over the installation ceremony.

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This season, the AABA participated in the Houston Young Lawyers Association's *Adopt-an-Angel* program, "adopting" a class of third graders at Woodson Elementary School. Thank you to the following AABA members for their donations:

**Steve Bae**

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## New Committee Chairs for 2008

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:

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### Mentorship and Law School Relations Committee:

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# AABA HOLIDAY PARTY

## DECEMBER 8, 2007

The AABA celebrated the end of another successful year at the annual Holiday Party. AABA members and their families mixed and mingled while they enjoyed a buffet lunch and an array of desserts. We even had a special appearance by Santa Claus (a.k.a. Joseph Yao)!



Emily, Peter, and Braeden Nguyen;  
Lynn, Garek, and Don Kramer



David Kuo, Simon Tang, John Na,  
Teresa Hsiao, and Lingling Dai



Joyce and Isabel Soliman



Sherry Scott, Glenna Yao, and Santa Joseph



*The AABA wishes you and your family  
a happy and prosperous New Year!*

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## *AABA Community Service Update*

### *Hurricane Rita Clinic in Port Arthur, Texas*

On Saturday, December 8, 2007, AABA members -- Daniel Hu, Tan Tang, and Simon Nguyen and his wife Quynh Nguyen -- traveled to Port Arthur, Texas to provide pro bono legal assistance to Vietnamese-Americans survivors of Hurricane Rita at a clinic organized by Lone Star Legal Aid. The clinic was part of continuing efforts to help ensure that those impacted by Hurricane Rita receive federally-funded assistance to help them rebuild their homes and lives after the devastating storm as well as any general legal assistance they may need. Special thanks to Daniel, Quynh, Simon, and Tan for setting aside time during the very busy holiday season for this worthy event.

## **VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

### *Houston Bar Foundation's "Day of Giving" Saturday, January 12, 2008*

The Houston Bar Foundation, the charitable arm of the Houston Bar Association, is commemorating 25 years of service to the Houston community and legal profession with a "Day of Giving" on Saturday, January 12th. Legal advice clinics will be open to the public in ten different locations throughout the Houston area from 9:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Hundreds of volunteers will staff the clinics with attorneys and support staff.

The Foundation is still in need of bilingual speakers, interpreters, family law attorneys, immigration attorneys, and other volunteers. If you would like to participate, please contact Warren Huang. This is the first time the legal community has undertaken a project of this magnitude, and we hope, in collaboration with the HBF, to make a difference by assisting hundreds of people on a single day throughout our city!

### *Law of the Land*

#### **Vietnamese Translation Assistance Needed**

The Low Income Texans Committee of the Texas Young Lawyers Association needs assistance translating its pamphlet, *Law of the Land: The Texas Roadmap to Understanding Your Legal Rights and Responsibilities*, into Vietnamese. This publication was prepared in 2003 to inform U.S. immigrants about their legal rights and responsibilities under Texas and federal law. Many individuals are often unaware and, consequently, encounter financial hardships in efforts to resolve or defend against legal matters that could have easily been avoided. Moreover, new immigration and naturalization laws and policies enacted after September 11th may significantly impact the manner in which immigrants are treated in the United States. The AABA wants to help TYLA make the information in this brochure as widely available as possible. If you are able to assist with the Vietnamese translation or know someone else who can, please contact Lynn Kramer.



and *Asian American Bar Association*

cordially invite you to a **New Year Networking Reception**

Honoring the local Asian-American Media and Introducing the new *Arts of Korea Gallery*

**Randy and Sue Sim**

Event Chairs

Wednesday, January 9, 2008

6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Museum of Fine Arts, Caroline Weiss Law Building, 1001 Bissonnet

*Complimentary hors d'oeuvres*

*First two drinks are on us!*

**Complimentary guided tour of the *Arts of Korea Gallery* at 7:30 pm**

RSVP to <http://www.eventbrite.com/event/88188775> or 713-385-8123

## OPPORTUNITIES

### Temporary Attorney – Fluent in Japanese

HIRECounsel is working with a major international law firm that is seeking Japanese fluent temporary attorney candidates for an upcoming document review project. If you have a JD or LLM and are fluent in Japanese, please register with us now. Qualified candidates must possess a JD or LLM and be fluent in Japanese and have 1-2 years relevant work experience. Interested candidates should forward their resume as an MS Word attachment to [angee1@hirecounsel.com](mailto:angee1@hirecounsel.com). For other opportunities and information about HIRECounsel, please visit [www.hirecounsel.com](http://www.hirecounsel.com).

### Legal Coordinator Internship with Troy Barbell

Troy Barbell is currently seeking a self-motivated, energetic, and goal orientated Legal Coordinator for an internship with the potential for full time employment in Houston, Texas. This position will correspond, and coordinate with outside professionals in regards to intellectual properties issues; facilitate and monitor execution of trademark and patent application to ensure timely filing; develop, maintain and update legal files for the trademark and patent applications filed in the US, China, and Europe; promote adherence to rules and standards involving intellectual property, regulatory, administrative and employment issues; conduct various information research and data compilation, as directed; convey information to others regarding legal issues associated with business operations, as directed by supervisor; draft and review agreement(s) may be required; attend product meetings to obtain status of new products to ensure compliance with legal regulations and filing of patents/trademarks; perform various HR related functions; and perform other job functions as assigned.

Please submit resumes to [hr@usasportsinc.com](mailto:hr@usasportsinc.com), with the subject heading of "Legal Coordinator."

## COMMUNITY NEWS & EVENTS

### **Mind, Body & Spirit: Women's Self-Defense Seminar and Demonstration – January 12, 2008**

9:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m., Univ. of Houston, Melcher Gymnasium, 3855 Holman, free admission, must register at [www.asiahouston.org](http://www.asiahouston.org), hosted by Asia Houston Network and Kim Soo Karate. Participants will learn how to use leverage, momentum and vital pressure points against an attacker and how to employ practical, easy-to-learn blocks, strikes and throws.

### **Creating a World Without Poverty: Social Business & the Future of Capitalism – January 14, 2008**

By Muhammad Yunus, Founder of Grameen Bank & Joint winner of the 2006 Nobel Peace Prize.

11:30 a.m. at the Hyatt Regency Imperial Ballroom - 1200 Louisiana; members of the World Affairs Council of Houston are \$35; non-members \$45. Social entrepreneurship is a phenomenon that has captivated the public, the media, activists, philanthropists, and businessmen alike. It applies the creative vision of the entrepreneur to today's most serious problems: malnutrition, housing, health care, and protecting the environment. Social entrepreneurs are revolutionizing our approach to economic development through the power of free markets. Creating a World Without Poverty tells the stories of some of the earliest examples of social businesses, including Yunus's own Grameen Bank. It reveals the next phase in a hopeful economic and social revolution that is already under way - and the worldwide effort to eliminate poverty by unleashing the productive energy of every human being. Muhammad Yunus, a native of Bangladesh, was educated at Dhaka University and was awarded a Fulbright scholarship to study economics at Vanderbilt University. In 1972 he became head of the economics department at Chittagong University. He is the founder and managing director of Grameen Bank, a pioneer of microcredit, an economic movement that has helped lift millions of families around the world out of poverty. Yunus and Grameen Bank are winners of the 2006 Nobel Peace Prize. There will also be a free evening presentation in The Woodlands on January 14th.

### **Tour of The Glassell Collection of Indonesian Gold – January 17, 2008**

6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. at the Museum of Fine Arts, Houston, free admission, but must rsvp - 713-439-0265

Martha Blackwelder, renowned Asian art curator and executive director of Asia Society Texas Center, teams with MFAH docent, Vehishta Kaikobad, to lead a special tour one of the largest gatherings of Indonesian gold displayed in an American museum. This collection contains rare and outstanding objects from the most important island cultures of Indonesia, where gold jewelry and ritual objects are crucial to the structure and meaning of life.

### **Ying & Turtle Island Quartets Concert – January 22, 2008**

8:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. at Stude Concert Hall, Shepherd School of Music, Rice University, for ticket information, visit [www.rice.edu/friends](http://www.rice.edu/friends) or call 713.348.5400.

The four Ying siblings joined as an ensemble in 1992. The very next year they rose to international prominence, winning the prestigious Naumburg Chamber Music Award. The Ying Quartet's collaboration with the Turtle Island String Quartet blends the classical string tradition with jazz, improvisation, and contemporary composition. The Ying/Turtle Island CD, "4 + Four," received a 2006 Grammy Award in the Best Classical Crossover Category."

### **Asian Chamber of Commerce's Grand Opening – January 23, 2008**

5:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m., 6833 W. Sam Houston Parkway, Suite 206, Houston 77072

The Chamber moves into its new office and will be celebrating with wine and refreshments, gifts and door prizes, entertainment by Lee's Golden Dragon and presentations by city, state and federal politicians.

### **The King's Cinema: My Village at Sunset – January 26, 2008**

6:00 p.m. – 9:30 p.m. at Rice University, Rice Media Center, Film Auditorium. Admission is free. For more information call 713-439-0265. Join Asia Society Texas Center for a rare film screening of My Village at Sunset, directed by Norodom Sihanouk, King of Cambodia. The film will be followed by a discussion of the extraordinary events that provide its backdrop. Former King Norodom Sihanouk (born 1922) inherited a country in turmoil: As Cambodia transformed from a French Protectorate, through the Vietnam era, to the killing fields of the Khmer Rouge, the war-torn nation came variously under the sway of the U.S., China, and Vietnam. In 1991, United Nations peace accords ended more than a decade of occupation by Vietnam. Public discussion after the screening with - Sichan Siv, Cambodian born former U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations and friend of Norodom Sihanouk; Fred von der Mehden, Professor Emeritus, Rice University, and Scholar for James A. Baker III Institute for Public Policy; Steven Lewis, PhD, Fellow in Asian Studies at James A. Baker III Institute for Public Policy and Associate Fellow of Asia Society International.

## COMMUNITY NEWS & EVENTS (continued)

### **Texas Tet Festival 2008 – Reliant Arena – January 27, 2008**

The Vietnamese American community of Houston, Texas celebrates the annual Lunar New Year Festival (known as the Tet Festival). The year 2008 marks the 19th Lunar New Year celebration for Tet in Houston, Texas produced by various non-profit groups over the years. The Texas Tet Fest serves as a means to fund community programs and projects. Because this event attracts more than 20,000 to 30,000 patrons yearly, it serves as one of the largest Tet Festival east of California. This year, as we celebrate the Year of the RAT at the Reliant Arena, thousands of people, young and old, and of all walks of life are expected to attend the festival. We invite you to support this cultural tradition and reach out into the fastest most affluent minority group. Events include lion dance performances, live music performances, children's traditional costume show, Miss Vietnamese American Teen 2008 Pageant, martial arts championships, basketball tournaments, a talent contest and a DJ battle.

### **China National Opera Tours U.S. For First Time – January 30 – 31, 2008**

*To Perform "Farewell My Concubine" with a Full Chinese Cast*

The Chinese American Inter-Cultural Exchange Foundation (CAIEF) will bring an all-Chinese production of the classic Chinese story "Farewell My Concubine" to the United States, marking the China National Opera's debut visit to the U.S. and the first time a traditional Chinese opera has been adapted into a Western-style production. The tour will be in Houston at the Cullen Theater in the Wortham Center on January 30, 31 (concert-style production). Visit [www.FarewellMyConcubineUSA.com](http://www.FarewellMyConcubineUSA.com) for additional performance details and ticket information.

## Get to Know an AABA Member!



**Ari Pramudji**  
***Pramudji, Wendt & Tran, LLP***

**My favorite vacation is...** hiking through Yellowstone, Tahiti, riding a camel and checking out the pyramids in Egypt and going back to Bali.

**The best dessert in the world is...** Indonesian shaved ice.

**In my spare time . . .** I enjoy hanging out with my two kids and my wife and seeing a good movie.

**In my iPod, you will find...** U2, Johnny Cash, Brother Iz and Third Day.

**Most AABA members probably don't know that . . .** I was a lead singer on a rock band in high school.

**The best restaurant in Houston is...** Tony's.

**My favorite place in Houston is...** Noodle House 88. They have the best Chinese Indonesian noodle soup in town.

**I recommend reading...** The Little Red Book of Wisdom by Mark DeMoss

**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](mailto:juliepievans@gmail.com).**

## CORPORATE COUNSEL BULLETIN

### **Inventive Means to Conduct Compliance Training**

**January 15, 2008 ~ 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.**

**Maggiano's Little Italy ~ 2019 Post Oak Blvd**

You must conduct compliance training. We all know that. But it's boring. Your clients do not want to sit through it, and you worry that the message isn't being received. Your business people say the training is too vague and not in their language. You struggle to secure participation. We have solutions! Sponsored by Sutherland Asbill & Brennan LLP, this luncheon is presented by the Association of Corporate Counsel, Houston Chapter, and has been approved for 1.0 hour of MCLE credit. The cost is \$20 for ACC members and \$25 for non-members. To rsvp, please contact Fara Carter at fara@amchouston.com or 713 839-0808.



*It's that time of year again . . . 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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