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, 127th Civil District Court, will preside over the installation ceremony.

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THANK YOU!

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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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!
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. For other opportunities and information about HiRECounsel, please visit 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, with the subject heading of “Legal Coordinator.”
COMMUNITY NEWS & EVENTS

9:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m., Univ. of Houston, Melcher Gymnasium, 3855 Holman, free admission, must register at 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.

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.

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 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.

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)

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.

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 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.
CORPORATE COUNSEL BULLETIN

Inventive Means to Conduct Compliance Training
January 15, 2008 ~ 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Maggiano’s Little Italy ~ 209 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 Carterat at fara@amchouston.com or 713 839-0808.

DON’T FORGET!

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 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!

Many thanks to our 2007-2008 Major Underwriters:

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WINTER/SPRING 2008 “BROWN BAG” MANDARIN CHINESE CLASSES

The Asian American Bar Association of Houston (AABA) is pleased to offer Mandarin Chinese classes that will meet once a week over lunch in downtown Houston. Two different classes will be offered in the winter/spring of 2008: a beginner level class for students with little or no previous Chinese instruction, and an intermediate level class for students who already speak some Mandarin. Please bring your lunch and join us!

These classes will be taught by a Rice University instructor and will focus on teaching conversational Mandarin skills. Class sizes will be kept small, and enrollment is limited. AABA members receive priority enrollment and a discounted class fee.

COURSE DETAILS: COST – $240.00 for AABA members; $275.00 for non-members
(Final, non-refundable payment to be made in full prior to the first class)

Beginner Class
Duration: 16 weeks (January 15, 2008 – May 6, 2008, excluding March 18, 2008)
Day/Time: Tuesdays from 11:30 a.m. to 12:20 p.m.
Location: Baker Botts L.L.P., 32nd Floor, One Shell Plaza, 910 Louisiana Street

Intermediate Class
Duration: 16 weeks (January 15, 2008 – May 6, 2008, excluding March 18, 2008)
Day/Time: Tuesdays from 12:30 p.m. to 1:20 p.m.
Location: Baker Botts L.L.P., 32nd Floor, One Shell Plaza, 910 Louisiana Street

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E-mail Address: ____________________________
Telephone: ____________________________

Please choose only ONE option below:

□ Beginner Class
□ Intermediate Class

Please send completed applications and checks payable to “AABA” to AABA, Attn: Mandarin Chinese Class, P.O. Box 1554, Houston, TX 77251 by January 8, 2008. Your spot in a class cannot be confirmed until payment has been received.

Registration is on a first-come, first-served basis, but preference will be given to AABA members in the event the classes are oversubscribed. Contact Judy Liu, AABA Vice President of Membership, at 713.207.5465 or judy.liu@centerpointenergy.com with any questions.
Asian American Bar Association of Houston
2008 Membership Application/Renewal

☐ $0  Law Student • Retired Attorney
☐ $25  Attorney with less than 3 years in practice • In-House or Non-Profit Counsel • Solo Practitioner • Auxiliary Member*
☐ $50  Attorney with 3 to 8 years in practice • Judge • Government Attorney
☐ $75  Attorney with 8+ years in practice

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Would you like your business contact information published in the 2008 AABA Directory?  ☐ Yes  ☐ No

Would you like your business contact information published in the AABA On-Line Directory?  ☐ Yes  ☐ No

Please give us any comments or programming suggestions you might have: __________________________

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

☐ Gala  ☐ Programs  ☐ Social/Networking  ☐ Community Relations/Pro Bono
☐ Corporate Counsel  ☐ Mentorship/Law School Relations

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AABA
Attn: Membership
P.O. Box 1554
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Send any inquiries concerning AABA membership to membership@aabahouston.com,
or contact Judy Y. Liu at 713.207.5465.

*Auxiliary membership is open to attorneys who neither reside nor practice in the Greater Houston area.