On April 21, 2008, the AABA held its annual Career Night for local law students at the South Texas College of Law. AABA Mentorship and Law School Relations Committee Co-Chairs Audrey Chang and Eunice Song moderated panel discussions on choosing a career path and workplace etiquette. Special thanks to Audrey and Eunice for organizing this informative event as well as our panelists – Honorable John Coselli (125th Judicial District Court), Daniel Hu (U.S. Attorney’s Office), Robert Sohns (Lone Star Legal Aid), Patricia Lin (Chevron), Quan Vu (Mayer Brown), Stephen Elison (Gardere) and Jill Buja (Gardere) – for sharing their knowledge and experience! Additional special thanks to South Texas College of Law’s Asian Pacific American Law Student Association for hosting and their help organizing the event!
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AABA FAMILY DAY

On April 19, 2008, AAABA members and their families gathered at Meyerland Park on a beautiful spring day for the organization's annual Family Day. Some members played softball while others chased the next generation of AAABA members around the playground. Special thanks to AAABA Social Committee Co-Chair Kay-Linh Pham for organizing this wonderful event!
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Young Professional Mixer

Friday, May 9th 2008
Mozart: Violin Concerto No. 4
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8:00 pm

Featuring
Cho Liang Lin
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Admission: $10
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May 2008
Date and time to be announced soon

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For more information on the planning efforts, please contact:

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OPPORTUNITIES

Transactional Attorney Position in Shanghai, China

A large, international law firm is seeking Partner-level candidates to join their growing Shanghai office. A portable book of business related to China, as well as Mandarin language skills, are preferred, but not required. A demonstrated ability to develop business, however, is a must. The ideal candidate will have a strong transactional background, including experience with M&A and real estate work, and will be willing to live in Shanghai for 3-5 years and be an essential part of growing the firm’s practice in Shanghai. This firm is consistently ranked as one of the best firms internationally, and is also ranked at the top for its corporate and Asia practice groups. Interested candidates should contact Helen Kim at hkim@lucasgroup.com or 404.260.7151.
OPPORTUNITIES (con’t)

The University of Texas M. D. Anderson Cancer Center
Senior Legal Officer - Intellectual Property Section

Description of Position: The mission of The University of Texas M. D. Anderson Cancer Center is to eliminate cancer in Texas, the nation, and the world through outstanding programs that integrate patient care, research, and prevention, and through education for undergraduate and graduate students, trainees, professionals, employees, and the public. The Senior Legal Officer will provide legal counsel, assistance, analysis, and guidance on intellectual property law and legal issues involving patents, copyrights, trademarks, and trade secrets, and on intellectual property-related business and transactional matters involving M. D. Anderson, with a particular emphasis on transactions and legal issues concerning the patentability, development, and commercialization of M. D. Anderson inventions and technology. The Senior Legal Officer will serve as a dedicated resource to the Office of Technology Commercialization.

Education and Experience: J.D. degree and seven (7) years as an attorney in a law firm and/or corporate/business legal department with significant patent and technology licensing experience and a background in intellectual property law. Preferred: undergraduate degree in science or engineering fields; member of the Patent Bar. Interested candidates should contact Emily Kuo at etkuo@mdanderson.org or (713) 745-9692. Please visit http://www.mdanderson.org/about_mda/careers/ for more information.

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 American organizations, and the media, assist with legislative and other policy efforts; and (3) fundraising (to develop, coordinate, and execute development efforts, maintain donor relationship and sponsorship records, assist NAPABA Vice President for Finance and Development with sponsor relations and work with the NAPABA Law Foundation (NAPABA’s charitable and educational affiliate).

Requirements: Outstanding leadership, communication, management, and administrative skills, ability to work effectively and cooperatively with NAPABA Board, committees, members, and the APA community; demonstrated knowledge of and commitment to legal issues affecting the APA community; experience in non-profit fundraising; experience in media/public relations; computer proficiency, including word processing, database usage, and spreadsheets; some travel required (e.g., attendance at NAPABA Board meetings, annual conventions, and regional conferences); J.D. strongly preferred, but not required.

Contact: Position is available on June 1, 2008 and salary is commensurate with experience. The application deadline remains open until the position is filled. Please send a statement of interest, resume, and the names, addresses, and telephone numbers of three work-related references (including at least one from a current or recent supervisor) to: NAPABA Executive Director Search Committee, c/o Nimesh M. Patel, Esq.; Thelen Reid Brown Raysman & Steiner L.L.P., 701 Eighth Street, N.W.; Washington, D.C. 20001. Applications also may be sent by fax to (202) 654-3354 or by e-mail to npatell@thelen.com. No telephone inquiries, please.
COMMUNITY NEWS & EVENTS

May 14, 2008: May Monthly Luncheon / The Asian Chamber of Commerce / Westin Galleria Plaza Room, 3rd Floor / 5060 West Alabama / 11:30 A.M. - 1:15 P.M.
Keynote speaker: Dr. Renu Khator, Chancellor/President, University of Houston. The cost is $30 for members and $35 for non-members. RSVP at http://asianchamber-hou.org/events.php.

May 15, 2008: Groundbreaking Ceremonies for Asia Society Texas Center / Asia Society of Texas / 1370 Southmore, Houston, TX 77004 / 10:00 A.M. to 11:00 A.M.
Houston Mayor Bill White and other local and national dignitaries will help break ground for the future home of Asia Society Texas Center, designed by Yoshio Taniguchi and strategically located in Houston's Museum District. A temporary, proportional mock-up of the two-story entry corner of the building has been erected on the site and will remain in place until construction begins in mid-summer. Completion of the build-out is expected in 2010. To RSVP, please call 713-439-0265.

May 17, 2008: Radiohead Concert / MTV Exit Campaign & Boat People SOS / Cynthia Woods Mitchell Pavilion / 2005 Lake Robbins Drive The Woodlands, Texas 77380 / 6:00 P.M.
BPSOS has agreed to help MTV EXIT Campaign to recruit 5 passionate volunteers to engage the audience and make people aware of human trafficking, at the same time, to distribute 3000 MTV EXIT booklets at Radiohead concert in Houston on May 17th at the Cynthia Woods Mitchell Pavilion. You will receive passes to be at the venue and watch the show! Please contact An Phong Vo at anphong.vo@bpsos.org.

May 22, 2008: Asian/Pacific American Heritage Association Anniversary Gala / Westin Oaks Galleria Grand Ballroom / 5011 Westheimer Rd. 77056 / 6:00 P.M.
2008 Gala Chairpersons Yuki Rogers & Sean Carter, the Honorary Steering Committee, and the Board of Directors of the Asian/Pacific American Heritage Association cordially invite you to join us at APAHA's Sixteenth Anniversary Gala on May 22 at the Westin Oaks as we celebrate "Our Heritage, Our Strength" by honoring:

President George H.W. Bush Achievement in Education Award : Dr. Renu Khator, Chancellor of the University of Houston System & President of the University of Houston

President George H.W. Bush Achievement in the Arts Award : Mr. Ashok Rao, CEO of Excalibur Pictures & Producer of "Before the Rains" and "The Whisperers"

APA Achievement in the Culinary Arts Award: Mr. Martin Yan, Master Chef, celebrated author, and legendary host of "Yan Can Cook."

The 2008 Gala features an exciting "Red Carpet Bollywood" theme, with live entertainment by Music Masala; highlighted by a Guest of Honor appearance by Linus Roache, Golden Globe nominee and award-winning star of 『Law & Order』 and 『Before the Rains』. Houston's own celebrity Deborah Duncan (KHOU 11) serve as Mistress of Ceremonies. Please join APAHA at the 2008 Gala by becoming a sponsor or purchasing tickets at http://gala08.eventbrite.com.

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.
COMMUNITY NEWS & EVENTS (con’t)

2008 Law School Summer Boot Camp for Students of Color

Everyone admitted to law school has demonstrated similar intelligence, commitment and effort. What distinguishes "A" students is study skills and habits, access to legal information, analytical and test-taking skills. All these are skills and abilities that can be learned and improved on. In our more than 35 years of experience of helping students-of-color succeed, we have seen the impact that intense preparation can have on a student's ability to excel. In a competitive environment like law school, where grades are given based on how a person performs compared to the other students in the class, it is essential the entering law students-of-color be appropriately prepared.

The Summer Boot Camp (http://www.thejdproject.org/Excelling/BootCamp/index.htm) is an online distance learning program designed to provide that intense preparation. The Boot Camp teaches students to study effectively for law school, introduces students to the writing, thinking and test-taking skills needed to excel on law school exams, and builds a network of academic support that crosses school boundaries. The participants will work on the study skills, strategies and techniques they will need to achieve their goals as law students.

This is a 100 hour online program. It is $600 (Compared to $2000 for a 40 hour program by BarBri). Admission is on a rolling basis till the program is filled. Because of the intense nature of this program it is important that students start as early in the summer as possible, preferably by June 1st. For more information, contact Ms. Brenda Randall, Volunteer Director and Admission Coordinator, admin@thejdproject.org.

The CUFE Law School Autumn Semester Program in Beijing, China

The CUFE Law School Autumn Semester Program in Beijing (the Program) operates in connection with a collaborative student exchange program with the University of Maryland School of Law and the Maastricht University Faculty of Law. Law students from around the world are eligible to study in Beijing in the fall semester with students from the CUFE Law School, the University of Maryland, and Maastricht University. The Program cultivates a diverse learning environment in which the different cultural and legal backgrounds of the students and faculty enrich the study of comparative law, and is one of the few academic programs in China in which visiting students study in the same classroom with Chinese students. All courses are conducted in English.

The Program begins with foundation courses on the Chinese Legal System and Comparative Law, offering students an unparalleled opportunity to learn the basics of Chinese law and comparative research methodology from CUFE’s renowned faculty. Thereafter, the focus shifts to business law, with courses such as Select Topics in Chinese Commercial Law, Comparative Anti-Monopoly Law, Foreign Direct Investment in China, Comparative Commercial Law, Comparative Government Procurement Law, and even a Business Law Trial Competition. The specific courses offered in a particular year will depend on professor availability and student demand. On and off campus housing is available, and site visits to legal institutions and points of interest are incorporated into the program. Students may also study Mandarin Chinese as part of the program (subject to additional costs), and internships in Beijing may be available. It is recommended that students have at least one year of academic training in law before entering the program. Students who successfully complete the Program will receive a Certificate in Comparative Business Law from the CUFE Law School. Information on the program is also available at www.law.umaryland.edu/china.
COMMUNITY NEWS & EVENTS (con’t)

The Baker Donelson Diversity Scholarship Program

Baker Donelson is pleased to announce that our firm has created a new scholarship program for diverse law school students. The Baker Donelson Diversity Scholarship Program will award three scholarships annually to minority law school students who have completed their first year of law school. We will award each recipient a salaried second year summer associate position in one of the Firm’s offices, and, after successful completion of the summer associate position, a $10,000 scholarship during the students’ third year of law school.

We are committed to ensuring that both our Firm and our profession are represented by attorneys with a diversity of backgrounds. Enhancing opportunities for diverse law school students is crucial to fulfilling that commitment. This program not only helps minority students defray the cost of law school, but also offers them the opportunity to acquire valuable experience in the legal profession through a paid summer associate position.

Applications for the Baker Donelson Diversity Scholarship Program are currently being accepted and are due by June 2. Students interested in applying should contact Rebecca Simon, the Firm’s Director of Recruiting, at rsimon@bakerdonelson.com.

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!

Attention Law Students!

Could you use $500 toward Texas Bar related expenses?
Do you work in the public sector and want a $1,500 scholarship?

If so, apply for the AABF Texas Bar Review Grants and the Public Interest Scholarship! The applications are below.

Hurry, the deadline is June 3, 2008.
Asian American Bar Foundation of Houston, Inc.
P.O. Box 1351
Houston, Texas 77252

Texas Bar Review Grants
Grant Application Guidelines
2008

The Asian American Bar Foundation of Houston, Inc., seeks to award two grants to financially-deserving law students to help cover Texas Bar-related expenses.

Each 2008 AABF Texas Bar Review Grant is a one-time grant in the amount of $500. Grants will be given to the two student applicants selected by the AABF taking into account financial need, academic merit, program of studies and commitment to public service. The foregoing criteria may be weighed in any order as determined by the AABF, although priority may be given to the financial need criteria as the AABF may deem appropriate. Applicants must be residents of the greater Houston metropolitan area, be enrolled in an accredited law school in Texas, intend to reside and seek employment in the greater Houston metropolitan area after graduation, or otherwise demonstrate a substantial connection to the greater Houston metropolitan area. Applicants should submit application packages containing the following information to the Scholarship Committee:

1. Name of applicant
2. Contact information (name, address, telephone number, e-mail address)
3. Name of school
4. School address and contact information for registrar’s office
5. Degree sought
6. Expected graduation date
7. Copy of transcript, GPA and class rank (if available) or other proof of enrollment at an accredited law school
8. Educational background
9. Information regarding applicant’s financial situation and financial need as applicant desires to provide
10. Employment history (if any)
11. Course work and employment experience, if any, relevant to AABF’s purposes listed above
12. Community and volunteer experience, if any, relevant to AABF’s purposes listed above
13. Independent research or publications, if any, relevant to AABF’s purposes listed above
14. Awards, honors, scholarships received
15. Other activities, hobbies, skills, positions held in any organizations, etc.
16. Any other information that applicant desires to provide to assist in the application process
17. Cover letter stating how a scholarship award to the applicant will achieve AABF’s purposes listed above

Each grant recipient will receive a one time $500 grant and a ticket to the Asian American Bar Association’s annual gala, to be held September 26, 2008, where the grant will be awarded. The grant recipient is required to submit a final report at the conclusion of the 2008-2009 school updating the AABF on the status of the recipient’s studies and activities.

Scholarship applicants are advised to use these application guidelines as a reference and checklist to ensure that all necessary information is provided with the original application package. The AABF may contact applicants if additional information is required, but the AABF reserves the right to disqualify application packages from consideration if key information is not included.

Application packages must be postmarked no later than June 3, 2008, and mailed to the following address:

Asian American Bar Foundation of Houston, Inc.
Attn: Scholarship Committee
P.O. Box 1351
Houston, Texas 77252

At this time, grant applications are not accepted by electronic mail. For additional information, please contact Patricia Lin at (713) 754-7844 or PatriciaLin@Chevron.com.
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Public Interest Scholarship
Scholarship Application Guidelines
2008

The Asian American Bar Foundation of Houston, Inc., seeks to award scholarships to individuals whose scholarly pursuits will impact the Greater Houston Metropolitan Area by 1) expanding the scope of legal services available to the Asian American community; 2) increasing the number of Asian Americans working as lawyers or in legal services; 3) educating members of the Asian American community of their civil and legal rights; 4) stimulating legal discourse by and/or about Asian Americans, the Asian American cultures and Asian American communities; or 5) otherwise promoting the interests of Asian Americans.

The 2008 AABF Public Interest Scholarship is a $1,500 one-year award to the student whose academic merit, program of studies and commitment to public service best fulfill these aims. Applicants must be residents of the greater Houston metropolitan area, be enrolled in an accredited law school in Texas, intend to reside and seek employment in the greater Houston metropolitan area after graduation, or otherwise demonstrate a substantial connection to the greater Houston metropolitan area. Applicants should submit application packages containing the following information to the Scholarship Committee:

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15. Copy of transcript, GPA and class rank (if available) or other proof of enrollment at an accredited law school
8. Educational background
9. Course work at current or previous schools relevant to AABF’s purposes listed above
10. Employment history (if any)
11. Employment experience relevant to AABF’s purposes listed above or demonstrating applicant’s commitment to public service
12. Community and volunteer experience relevant to AABF’s purposes listed above or demonstrating applicant’s commitment to public service
13. Independent research or publications relevant to AABF’s purposes listed above or demonstrating applicant’s commitment to public service
14. Awards, honors, scholarships received
15. Other activities, hobbies, skills, positions held in any organizations, etc.
16. Cover letter stating how a scholarship award to the applicant will achieve AABF’s purposes listed above and serve the public interest

The scholarship recipient will receive a $1,500 award and a ticket to the Asian American Bar Association’s annual gala, to be held September 26, 2008, where the scholarship will be awarded. The scholarship recipient is required to submit a final report at the conclusion of the 2008-2009 school year explaining how the scholarship funds were used and updating the AABF on the status of the recipient’s studies and activities.

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

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