

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.

BREAKFAST WITH THE GENERAL COUNSEL

In October, the AABA held the third breakfast in its Breakfast with the General Counsel series. The event was held at the Junior League of Houston and the guest speaker was David Garten, General Counsel of Chevron's Global Downstream Law Department. At the event, Mr. Garten shared his insights into the changing landscape faced by both law firms and in-house legal departments.



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2008 AABA & HVLP LAW DAY

On Saturday, October 11, 2008, the AABA and the Houston Volunteer Lawyers Program (HVLP) held a legal clinic at MetroBank Community Center in Dynasty Plaza for members of the APA community in Houston needing legal assistance in the wake of Hurricane Ike.

Thank you to the following volunteers:

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AABA PRE-ELECTION MIXER

On Thursday, October 18, 2008, the AABA, Asia Society, Houston 80-20 and Organization of Chinese Americans hosted a pre-election mixer at HUE Restaurant. This event was a chance to mix and mingle with local Asian Pacific American candidates.

At the height of the evening, we had a great turnout of 30+ people, including five of the six identified APA/South Asian American political figures who either hold or are running for office in the Houston area: Theresa Chang, Chad Khan, Ashish Mahendru, R.K. Sandill, and Randy Sim. Also in attendance was the Honorable Russ Ridgway.



Nominations are now being accepted!

AABA 2009 OFFICER AND DIRECTOR ELECTIONS

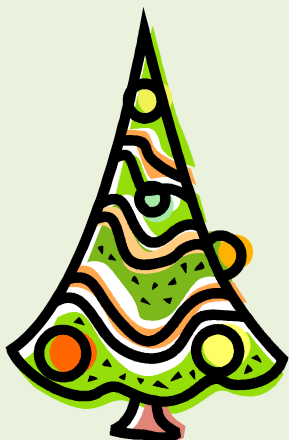
The AABA would like to open up nominations for its 2009 Officers and 2009-2010 Elected Director. We encourage all qualified members to consider joining or continuing in the leadership of our organization. The following positions will be open and subject to vote by the AABA membership:

- President-Elect
- Vice President of Membership
- Vice President of Programs
- Vice President of Community Relations
- Vice President of Development
- Treasurer
- Secretary
- 2009-2010 Elected Director

Any current AABA attorney member in good standing may nominate himself/herself or another attorney member for one of the positions listed above, the one exception being that all nominees for President-Elect must have served at least one previous term as an Officer of the AABA.

Please send nominations in writing to AABA President Catherine Than **by November 28, 2008** by e-mailing cthan@bickerstaff.com or faxing 713.984.2894. Feel free to contact Catherine or AABA President-Elect Warren Huang at whuang@fulbright.com with any questions regarding the election process or Officer responsibilities.

Voting for next year's officers begins on December 1, 2008 and ends on December 8, 2008. The results of the election will be announced no later than December 12, 2008.



**Save the Date for the AABA Holiday Party!
Saturday, December 13th at 11:30 a.m.**

**Come join us for a festive finale
to another successful year for the AABA.**

**Open to AABA members and
their significant others and families only.**

Details to follow!

SIDEBAR

Congratulations to Emily Kuo who was elected Vice President of Membership in the 2008-2009 NAPABA officer elections.

WIN THIS CAR!



Enter the NAPABA Law Foundation Mercedes-Benz Raffle
Drawing to be held at the 2008 NAPABA Annual Convention in Seattle, WA
Winner need not be present

Raffle tickets are only \$25 each or \$100 for 5 tickets.

To purchase tickets contact:
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COMMUNITY NEWS & EVENTS

November 12, 2008: Asian Chamber of Commerce Monthly Luncheon; The Keynote Speaker will be Seliece Fulweber - Vice President, Ticket Sales and Business Communication for the Houston Rockets and Toyota Center. The luncheon will be held at the Westin Oaks Galleria 5011 Westheimer 21st Floor at 11:30 AM - 1:15 PM. Registration Fees are \$30 for Members and \$35.00 for non-members. Please make reservations online at www.asianchamber-hou.org or call Faye Chin at the Chamber's office, 713-782-7222.

November 15, 2008: The Arab American Cultural and Community Center (ACC) announced its thirteenth annual "Unity and Friendship" Gala benefiting the ACC and its charitable programs. The event is to be held at the Hilton – Post Oak on November 15, 2008. It will be a spectacular and festive black tie Gala featuring dinner, dancing, a silent auction and entertainment in an elegant ambiance. For more information call: (281) 587-2635.

November 19, 2008: The Asian American Justice Center presents: FEDERAL CONTRACTING: How Can Asian American Businesses in Houston Earn a Piece of this Multi-Billion Dollar Pie? This event will be held at the International Trade Center 11110 Bellaire Blvd., 2nd Floor Houston TX 77072. Learn exactly what it takes to do business with the federal government. Speakers include: Valerie Coleman, U.S. Small Business Administration; Ed Pringle, U.S. Dept. of Housing & Urban Development; Chad Frasier, U.S. Dept. of Labor, Wage & Hour Division; Jo Casady, Prudential Insurance Company of America. This event is free and continental breakfast & lunch will be served. RSVPs are required. Reserve your spot by Monday, November 17th by calling 202-296-2300 x138 or by sending an e-mail to hpark@advancingequality.org

NOTICES

FEMA / State Disaster Recovery Center has opened in SW Houston

A FEMA/State Disaster Recovery Center has opened to provide face-to-face assistance to those who suffered damage from Hurricane Ike. The location is Universal Shopping Center, 11360 Bellaire Blvd., Ste. 900 Houston, TX 77072. The center will be open from 9am – 5:30 p.m. Monday – Saturday. A complete list of centers is available at www.txdps.state.tx.us/dem/pages/dr1791_drc_list.htm Residents are encouraged to register with FEMA before visiting a center. There are two ways to register: log on to www.fema.gov or call 1-800-621-3362, TTY 1-800-462-7585. Both numbers are available 24 hours a day, seven days a week, until further notice. More information is available online at www.fema.gov or www.txdps.state.tx.us/dem.

Access Federal Court Websites and E-mail

The Administrative Office of the United States Courts is alerting the public that Sprint stopped internet peering connections it maintains with Cogent, a major Internet service provider. As a result, any court staff who has Cogent as their ISP can no longer access the DCN, and no law firm, or public or court staff who uses Cogent can get to any of the public facing court sites or CM/ECF. Similarly, no e-mail traffic from a court site will be received by Cogent subscribers. While there is no technical fix for this issue, the AO is looking into what legal or contractual recourse the Judiciary has to require Sprint restore internet communication with Cogent. This office is working to find a resolution with Sprint, but short of the Cogent user switching to another ISP they will have to wait until Sprint restores communication with Cogent. A notice explaining that Cogent subscribers may be experiencing access difficulties is being placed on the PACER and uscourts.gov websites, with directions to contact the local court if they have filing questions. If you have any questions regarding this, please contact Bob Morse at (202) 502-1686. If you have specific questions concerning access to PACER or CM/ECF, please contact Michel Ishakian at (202) 502-1365 or Gary Bockweg at (202) 502-2736. We will keep you informed of any progress.

OPPORTUNITIES

Magistrate Judge for Eastern District of Texas

The Judicial Conference of the United States has authorized the appointment of a full-time United States magistrate judge for the Eastern District of Texas at Sherman. The current annual salary of the position is \$155,756. The term of office is eight years. For more information see the court's Internet website, located at www.txed.uscourts.gov. Interested persons may contact David Maland, clerk of the district court, for additional information and application forms. The application form is also available on the court's website. Applications must be submitted only by applicants personally and must be received by 5:00 p.m. Tuesday, November 25, 2008.

The Texas A&M University System – General Counsel

The Texas A&M University System is currently taking applications for the position of General Counsel. The General Counsel will administer and supervise all legal matters affecting The Texas A&M University System. Provide counsel and opinions for Board of Regents, Chancellor and Chief Executive Officers. Ensure the efficient and prompt delivery of legal services to all System Members. Coordinate all A&M System litigation with Office of Attorney General. Make periodic reports to the Chancellor and Board of Regents on outstanding litigation matters. Provide strategic and tactical guidance and direction in all aspects of the management of the Office of the General Counsel, including personnel, budget, etc. Establish general guidelines for legal services. Coordinate legal interpretations and opinions as to policies, procedures, rules and regulations affecting operating procedures, personnel and students. Maintain current knowledge of the latest national, state and local developments affecting the Office of the General Counsel and the A&M System. Provide assistance to the Chancellor, as requested. Ten years relevant legal experience in a complex legal environment required. To apply visit: <https://jobs.system.tamus.edu/applicants/Central?quickFind=50696>

The University of Maryland School of Law - Dean

The University of Maryland School of Law invites nominations and applications for the position of Dean. The Dean is responsible for providing leadership for the School's future development; promoting excellence in the School's scholarly activities and educational programs; providing administrative oversight and planning for the School's staff and budget; guiding and actively participating in the School's development and fundraising activities; and fostering relationships with alumni, members of the bar in the region, community leaders, and government officials at the local, state, and national levels. Prospective candidates should have academic credentials appropriate for appointment at the rank of tenured Professor, with a demonstrated commitment to scholarship and a vision for further development of the intellectual life of the School of Law; proven leadership abilities; an international perspective on the future of legal education; understanding and support for the School's multiple missions and its commitment to diversity of all kinds; a commitment to fostering experiential learning and interdisciplinary collaboration; experience in fiscal management; and the ability to attract additional human and financial resources to the School. Nominations, applications, and expressions of interest may be directed to Korn/Ferry International (c/o John F. Amer, Esq., 1900 Avenue of the Stars, Suite 2600, Los Angeles, CA 90067; umarylandlaw@kornferry.com; (310) 556-8577). Confidential inquiries may also be submitted to the Chair of the Search Committee, Associate Dean Michael P. Van Alstine (c/o Patricia Maloney, Office of the President, University of Maryland, 520 W. Lombard Street, Baltimore, MD 21201; mvanalstine.deansearch@law.umaryland.edu; (410) 706-1055). Formal applications should include a letter describing the candidate's qualifications and a curriculum vitae. Review of applications will begin immediately and continue on an ongoing basis until the position is filled. Additional information about the School of Law is available at the School's web address: <http://www.law.umaryland.edu>.

THE AABA WELCOMES THE FOLLOWING NEW AND RENEWING MEMBERS!

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Thurgood Marshall School of Law

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Thurgood Marshall School of Law

2009 MEMBERSHIP AVAILABLE NOW JOIN OR RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP WITH THE AABA TODAY!

The AABA is accepting membership applications and renewals for 2009! 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.

Many thanks to our 2008-2009 Major Underwriters:

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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.

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT



Larry Scott
Amicus Search Group, LLC

1. If I weren't an attorney, I would be . . . a musician or maybe an attorney recruiter
2. My favorite (or fantasy) vacation is . . . going to the spa at Vittel. It's amazing!
3. In my spare time, I enjoy . . . working out and playing guitar
4. In my iPod (or other mp3 device) you will find . . . a little of everything with a focus on my favorite guitar players
5. Most AABA members probably don't know that I . . . can sing in Vietnamese
6. The best restaurant in Houston is . . . there are so many great restaurants. It is hard to pick just one
7. My favorite place in Houston is . . . Toyota Center when the Rockets are winning
8. The sports team(s) I root for is/are . . . the Houston Rockets and Florida Gators
9. If I won the lottery, I would . . . go into public service after taking care of my kids and favorite charities financially
10. I recommend reading . . . Blink
11. You forgot to ask me about . . . my two incredible sons – Michael and Daniel!



Asian American Bar Association of Houston
2009 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

Bar Number and Jurisdiction _____

Last Name _____ **First Name** _____

Employer _____

Address _____

City _____ **State** _____ **ZIP** _____

Office # _____ **Home #** _____

Fax # _____ **E-Mail** _____

Area(s) of Practice _____

Law School and Graduation Year _____ **Language(s)** _____

(Next Two Questions for Attorneys Only:)

Would you like your business contact information published in the 2009 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
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