

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.

2008 AABA GALA & SILENT AUCTION



On September 26, 2008, over 350 members of the Asian American legal community gathered for the AABA's annual Gala and Silent Auction at the beautiful Hilton Americas in Downtown Houston. Keynote speaker Ellen Summer, Secretary and General Counsel of Schlumberger Ltd., delivered an inspirational speech on diversity in the workplace, and Daniel David Hu, Deputy Chief (Civil Division) of the United States Attorney's Office for the Southern District of Texas, was honored with the 2008 Impact Award for his decades-long devotion to providing legal services for the poor in Texas. In recognition of the hardship suffered by many Houston residents as a result of Hurricane Ike, the AABA is pleased to announce that it will be donating a portion of the proceeds of the Gala to Hurricane Ike relief efforts.

We greatly appreciate all of your support as well as the generosity of our underwriters and in-kind sponsors. We also would like to extend special thanks to the following persons whose extraordinary hard work and commitment were instrumental to the success of the Gala & Silent Auction: Our Gala Co-Chairs Alison Chen and Sherry Scott; our Silent Auction Co-Chairs Jason Luong and Lisa Wang; Joyce Soliman; Quan Vu; Joseph Tung; Gene Wu; Sandy Huynh; and the members of the Gala & Silent Auction Committee. Thank you!!!

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AABA PRE-ELECTION MIXER



**THURSDAY,
OCTOBER 16, 2008
6:00 PM – 8:00 PM**

**HUE Restaurant
3600 Kirby Drive, Suite H
(Corner of Richmond & Kirby)**

The AABA, Asia Society, Houston 80-20, and Organization of Chinese Americans invite you to mix and mingle with local Asian Pacific American and South Asian American candidates for public office **Theresa Chang, Chad Khan, R.K. Sandill, and Randy Sim.** Admission is free, and food will be provided!

RSVP at www.aabahouston.com

AABA CORPORATE COUNSEL DINNER



THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2008

6:30 PM Reception

7:30 PM Dinner

**Del Frisco's Double Eagle Steak House
5061 Westheimer, Suite 8060**

**Featuring Special Guest Speaker Nhan Vu
General Counsel & VP of Robinson Pharma, Inc.**

**All In-House Counsel Will Be Hosted By the AABA
Outside Counsel (AABA Members Only):
\$115 (Through October 24, 2008)
\$125 (After October 24, 2008)**

Space is limited, so RSVP soon at:

www.aabahouston.com or

Christie Raukar (Christie.A.Raukar@Bakernet.com) or 713-236-5139

This year's dinner is generously underwritten by Andrews Kurth LLP, Fulbright & Jaworski L.L.P., and Gardere Wynne Sewell LLP

COMMUNITY NEWS & EVENTS

OCTOBER 16, 2008 / 5:00 PM (RECEPTION), 5:30 PM (PROGRAM) / UNITED WAY COMMUNITY RESOURCE CENTER ROOM AB, 50 WAUGH DRIVE (AT FEAGAN)

United Way of Greater Houston is holding an information session on its Project Blueprint program designed to develop the next generation of leaders of non-profit organizations. To RSVP and for more information, contact Karen White at kwhite@unitedwayhouston.org or 713-685-2711.

OCTOBER 18-19, 2008 / 8:30 AM – 4:30 PM / BROOKS LAKE AT FLUOR CORP. – SUGAR LAND

The Texas Dragon Boat Association will be holding its 5th Annual Gulf Coast International Dragon Boat Regatta. For more information, visit www.texasdragonboat.com.

OCTOBER 20, 2008 / 1:00 PM / BEAR CREEK PARK (BEAR CREEK GOLF WORLD MASTERS COURSE)

The Asian Chamber Commerce of Houston will be hosting its annual golf tournament. Put together your team and join fellow golfers for a fun-filled day. Try to win a Honda by getting a hole-in-one! Great raffle prizes, refreshments, and food. To register, please contact Lee Walthall (713-654-9100 ext. 106) or the Asian Chamber of Commerce (713-782-7222).

OCTOBER 24, 2008 / 6:30 PM / 2607 MORGANFAIR LANE, KATY, TX 77450

Boat People SOS is hosting a Human Trafficking Reception and Auction on behalf of the Coalition to Abolish Modern-Day Slavery in Asia to support CAMSA's anti-human trafficking efforts. There will be a presentation on human trafficking, a live and silent auction, and food and wine. Attire is formal. For more information, please contact An Phong Vo at anphong.vo@bpsos.org.

OCTOBER 25, 2008 / 6:00 PM – 9:30 PM / CHINESE COMMUNITY CENTER, 9800 TOWN PARK DR.

The Chinese Community Center will be hosting its 2008 Halloween Carnival. This year, there will be Haunted House, Pumpkin Caring Contest, Costume Contest, Games, Prize Drawing, food, drinks, and much more!

OCTOBER 29, 2008 – SAVE THE DATE!

The Japan-America Society of Houston will be hosting its 40th Anniversary Gala. This year's Gala will feature a fashion show by Japanese designer Keiji Tegawa. For more information, visit www.jashouston.org or call JASH at 713-963-0121.

OCTOBER 30, 2008 / 7:30 PM – 10:00 PM / ANGELIKA FILM CENTER, 510 TEXAS AVENUE

The Asia Society Texas Center will be presenting the film "Owl and the Sparrow" on the Vietnamese-American experience. Admission is free. To RSVP, please call 713-439-0265.

OPPORTUNITIES

BOAT PEOPLE SOS / EMERGENCY RESPONSE & RECOVERY PROGRAM MANAGER / HOUSTON, TX

Boat People SOS, Inc. (BPSOS), a national Vietnamese-American community-based organization with 12 branch offices nationwide, is looking for a Program Manager to coordinate our Hurricane Ike disaster recovery response. Vietnamese immigrant and refugee communities, as well as other limited-English proficient (LEP) Asian communities across the affected region, have been particularly impacted by this disaster. This Program Manager will be **responsible for** representing BPSOS where regional disaster recovery plans are being developed and coordinate the development and management of various recovery programs and projects we will develop, and work with our many partner organizations to ensure LEP Asian communities receive adequate relief and recovery assistance to rebuild their lives.

Responsibilities: Coordinate and assist with the development and deployment of BPSOS recovery programs, including outreach projects, case management, resource material translations, direct client assistance and Disaster Recovery Center operations / Collaborate with BPSOS-Houston branch management and staff, national BPSOS management, community and faith-based organizations, ethnic media, local, state and federal governmental agencies to ensure community needs are being met / Work with the fund development staff to secure sufficient resources in support of the recovery activities / Represent BPSOS at the various Long Term Recovery committees and VOAD's and maintain relationships with disaster recovery organizations, partnerships and collaboratives across the region / Advocate for resources to be appropriately allocated to Vietnamese and other Asian immigrant and refugee communities / Provide assistance to Development staff with funding proposals / Recruit and organize a pool of volunteers to boost our service and advocacy efforts / Promote the organization's mission, core values and culture in the main Houston office and any satellite offices that may be established for this project / Perform other duties as required to fulfill the mission of the organization.

Requirements: College degree plus at least one year in community or social services / Proven organizational skills and ability to multitask / English and Vietnamese fluency required, bicultural background preferred / Strong computer skills (Word, Excel, Internet) / Team player with demonstrated ability to interact professionally with staff, clients, fund and service providers and to work productively in diverse team settings or independently / Willingness to work evenings and weekends, when required / Deep commitment to justice and dignity for immigrants and their families.

Salary: Depending upon experience, plus benefits / **Reports to:** Chief Operating Officer / **To apply:** Send cover letter, resume and list of three professional references to: Human Resources; Fax: 703-647-6499; Email: hr@bpsos.org



FOURTEENTH COURT OF APPEALS / STAFF ATTORNEY / HOUSTON, TX

The Fourteenth Court of Appeals, Houston, Texas, is accepting applications for the position of staff attorney. This job involves extensive legal research and writing. Duties include preparation of draft civil and criminal opinions, examination and research of original proceedings, preparation of legal memoranda, oral presentation to the court, research on special problems, and administrative matters including docketing cases, screening for jurisdictional defects, preparing recommendations and obtaining rulings on motions, and drafting orders. Applicants must have the ability to work independently. Minimum job qualifications include a Texas law license, four years legal experience, familiarity and experience with appellate procedure and working knowledge of WordPerfect 12 and/or MS Word. Prior experience is preferred.

This is a full-time position and will be available November 1, 2008, with an annual salary range of \$55,000 to \$72,500. (Salary is commensurate with experience and ability based on statutory apportionment.)

To apply, applicants should send state job application with a complete history of employment, resume, three (3) references, copies of their law school transcripts, and writing samples, to Nina R. Indelicato, Chief Staff Attorney, 1307 San Jacinto, 11th Floor, Houston, Texas 77002. The employment application can be downloaded at https://wit.twc.state.tx.us/WORKINTEXAS/wtx?pageid=GOV_JOB_BANK. Personal interviews will be conducted by invitation only.

OPPORTUNITIES (Con't)

SOLICITATION FOR SUBMISSIONS TO ASIAN AMERICAN LAW JOURNAL

The *Asian American Law Journal* at the University of California Berkeley School of Law is pleased to invite submissions for our sixteenth volume. As one of the nation's two law journals dedicated to Asian American jurisprudence, we are committed to providing a forum for scholars, practitioners, and students to address legal and policy issues relevant to Asian American and Pacific Islander communities. Our mission is to promote excellent scholarship that fosters awareness and dialogue within and beyond the legal community. Past volumes have addressed such issues as immigration, civil liberties, community development, and political engagement. Any unpublished articles, notes, or comments regarding legal, political, or social issues affecting Asian American and Pacific Islander communities are welcome. If you are interested in contributing to AALJ's sixteenth volume, please submit your piece early. Articles will be reviewed on a rolling basis until October 15, 2008 for publication in Summer 2009. For more information and requirements, contact Submissions Editor Sophia Lai at aalj.submissions@gmail.com.



WOMEN'S LAW & PUBLIC POLICY FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

The Women's Law and Public Policy Fellowship Program offers Fellowships for public interest lawyers from across the United States who are committed to advancing women's rights throughout their careers. During the Fellowship year, participants gain invaluable experience by working on women's issues in Washington, D.C. with a public interest organization or governmental agency and by participating in educational and professional development opportunities provided by WLPPFP. The deadline for applications for the 2009-2010 Women's Law and Public Policy Fellowship Program is October 31, 2008. For more information, visit <http://www.law.georgetown.edu/wlppfp/USProgram/index.html>.



AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION COMMISSION ON WOMEN IN THE PROFESSION VIDEO & ESSAY COMPETITION

Put your video and writing skills to work! Create a 3-minute YouTube video and/or craft a 6-page essay to tell us what you think about "Gender Diversity: Have we solved the problem? If not, where do we go from here? Your YouTube video or essay entry must be submitted by 12:00 PM (CST) on December 31, 2008. For more information, requirements, and prizes, visit: <http://www.abanet.org/women/competition.html>.

2008 NAPABA NATIONAL CONVENTION

"Building on Our Legacy: 20 Years of NAPABA"

NOVEMBER 19-23, 2008

Sheraton Seattle Hotel / Seattle, WA

Early Bird Registration Ends October 15, 2008

For more information and to register, visit: www.napaba.org

If you would like to publicize job opportunities, community news, or personal SIDEBAR news, please contact AABA Secretary Julie Pi Evans at Julie.pi.evans@gmail.com

GET TO KNOW AN AABA MEMBER!



An Phong Vo
Boat People SOS

1. **If I weren't an attorney, I would be . . .** *a psychologist or a matchmaker.*
2. **My favorite (or fantasy) vacation is . . .** *Greece or Italy.*
4. **In my spare time, I enjoy . . .** *reading and trying out new restaurants.*
5. **In my iPod (or other mp3 device) you will find . .** *Andrea Bocelli, Coldplay, Nickelback, classical and 80's music.*
6. **Most AABA members probably don't know that I . . .** *I lived on an island in Malaysia for 3 and ½ years.*
7. **The best restaurants in Houston are . . .** *the Glass Wall and Niko Niko's.*
8. **My favorite place in Houston is . . .** *Hermann Park.*
9. **The sports team I root for is . . .** *LSU Tigers*
10. **If I won the lottery, I would . . .** *live in different countries for years at a time and do charity work.!*
11. **I recommend reading . . .** *Sunday at Tiffany's by James Patterson*
12. **You forgot to ask me about . . .** *my status ☺*

THE AABA WELCOMES THE FOLLOWING NEW AND RENEWING MEMBERS!

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Don't Forget 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!

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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:

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