

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

On August 12, the AABA hosted its second Breakfast with the General Counsel at The Junior League. Over thirty AABA members and friends attended this event and heard from guest speaker Laura V. Gilchrist, Vice President and General Counsel of M.D. Anderson Services Corporation, as she shared some do's and don'ts for outside counsel. The breakfast was generously sponsored by King & Spalding LLP.



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## FUNDAMENTALS OF BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT EVENT

On August 8, 2008, Jim Cranston of Hildebrandt International addressed members of the AABA on "Fundamentals of Business Development." Mr. Cranston addressed the importance of having a business development strategy and discussed the program that he personally developed and uses when he coaches attorneys in his business. He also shared attributes of successful rainmakers and explained the benefits of systematic business development outreach. The presentation was thought-provoking and well-received by all. Special thanks to Jim Cranston for taking the time to speak to the AABA and to Gardere Wynne Sewell for hosting and generously providing lunch for all attendees.





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## FUNDAMENTALS OF BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT EVENT (continued)



The Asian American Bar Association and its Underwriters & Sponsors  
Cordially Invite You to Attend the AABA's

## 2008 Gala & Silent Auction Friday, September 26, 2008

Featuring Key Note Speaker  
Ellen Summer

Secretary and General Counsel of Schlumberger Limited

2008 AABA Impact Award Recipient  
Daniel David Hu  
United States Attorney's Office

6:30 p.m Reception  
7:30 p.m. Dinner

\$50 Law Students  
\$75 AABA Members  
\$100 Non-AABA Members

Please reserve your seats with Sherry Scott at [Sherry.L.Scott@ExxonMobil.com](mailto:Sherry.L.Scott@ExxonMobil.com)

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\* As of September 2, 2008

# ***SAVE THE DATE***

## **BALLROOM BASICS FOR SOCIAL SITUATIONS**



**Sunday, October 12, 2008**

**5:00 – 7:00 p.m.**

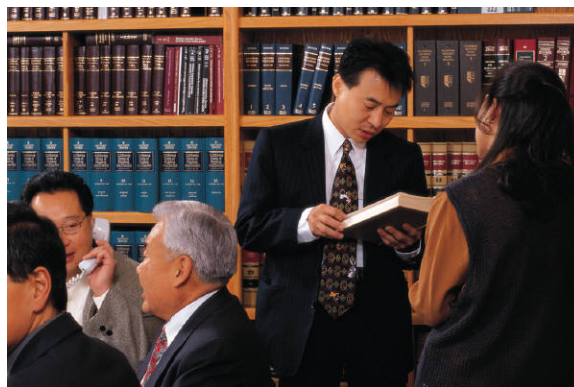
**Grand Hall**

**Rice University Student Center**

More details to follow

# **Save the Date**

## **2008 AABA & HVLP LAW DAY**



**Saturday, October 11, 2008**

**MetroBank Community**

**Dynasty Plaza**

**9600 Bellaire Blvd., Ste. 201**

More details to follow



## Labor Trafficking: A Global Perspective

Description of event: Video segments of victims and presentations on labor trafficking.

Saturday, 09/13/08, 2:00PM – 5:00PM  
Radio Saigon Houston 900AM  
Vietnamese Cultural Center  
10613 Bellaire Blvd. (at Wilcrest)  
Houston, Texas 77072

Contact: An Phong Vo at 281.530.6888 or  
[anphong.vo@bpsos.org](mailto:anphong.vo@bpsos.org)



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## Immigration Relief for Crime Victims: T & U Visas



Friday, September 19, 2008  
2:00—5:00 pm

Catholic Charities  
2900 Louisiana Street - Houston, Texas

Free CLE credit (including ethics) available  
Registration Required

Wine & Cheese Reception Following Training

To RSVP please contact An Phong Vo by email at [anphong.vo@bpsos.org](mailto:anphong.vo@bpsos.org) or by fax at (281) 530-6838 by Friday, September 12, 2008 to guarantee a space.



## SIDEBAR

Kudos to Steve Wu for volunteering for the Houston Bar Association's Veteran's Legal Initiative legal advice clinic at DeGeorge at Union Station. This program helps Houston vets with disability claims, veteran's benefits, family law, wills and probate, consumer problems, landlord/tenant issues and many other legal problems and issues.

Good luck to Alex Chae & Emily Kuo in the NAPABA officer elections. Alex is running for Vice President of Finance & Development and Emily is running for Vice President of Membership. Ballots are due in early October. Please remember to vote!

Congratulations to Warren, Monica and big sister Catherine Huang on the birth of their daughter, Isabella Yiyang Huang, on August 5, 2008 weighing 6 lbs. 2 oz.

### "Building on Our Legacy: 20 Years of NAPABA" 2008 NAPABA Convention November 19-23, 2008



Sheraton Seattle Hotel  
1400 Sixth Avenue ♦ Seattle, WA 98101

Early Bird Registration is NOW OPEN  
<http://www.napaba.org/napaba/showpage.asp?code=convention>

## COMMUNITY NEWS & EVENTS

**September 10 – 11, 2008:** The Texas Minority Business Council Expo 2008 will be held at the George R. Brown Convention Center. EXPO is the largest minority business marketplace in Texas. There are business possibilities everywhere...at the marketplace forums or at the reception the evening prior to EXPO...some of the best business relationships have started at these events. Enormous opportunities continue the next day at the breakfast, down every exhibit aisle, and at the awards luncheon. Major businesses and organizations are eager to discuss business and contract projections. EXPO 2008 will definitely open the doors of opportunity...where supply meets demand! To register visit: <http://expo.hmbc.org/register.htm>

**September 23, 2008:** The appeal for Baby Raymond Liu will be held at 10:30 a.m. at the 1st Court of Appeals located at South Texas School of Law on 1307 San Jacinto, 10th Floor. The phone number is 713-655-2700. A strong showing by the Asian American community is needed.

**October 29, 2008:** The Japan-American Society of Houston is holding its 40th Anniversary Gala Annual Gala at the Galleria Westin Oaks on Westheimer. The event will be from 6:30pm - 9:30pm. Invited honorees are: Ambassador Fujisaki, Mrs. N Shriane, Mr. Toby Hynes, Mr. Kazuo Matsui (baseball player) and Mr. Keiji Tagawa (Fashion Designer).

**October 4, 2008:** The International Festival of Fort Bend 2008 will be held from 11:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. at the Stafford Convention Center located at 10505 Cash Road Stafford, TX 77477. The festival will feature Multi-Cultural Parade & Cultural Performances, Ethnic Foods, Arts & Crafts and Free Children's Attractions. Admission is Free. For more information visit [www.if-fb.org](http://www.if-fb.org) or call (281) 499-9757

## OPPORTUNITIES

**16<sup>th</sup> Annual Texas Minority Counsel Program** – October 30 – 31, 2008 at the Westin Galleria, Houston, TX. The Texas Minority Counsel Program is a CLE and networking event that brings minority and women lawyers together with corporate legal departments and government agencies to discuss outside legal opportunities. This program offers 10 hours MCLE credit and 3 hours of ethics. Register online by September 19, 2008 at [www.texasbarcle.com](http://www.texasbarcle.com)

**Office for Rent** - Office-sharing in 17<sup>th</sup> floor suite at 3050 Post Oak Blvd., Houston with Family Law / Bankruptcy / Transactional Attorney; Panoramic view of Galleria area from 9' by 20' office. Tastefully decorated Grade A suite, use of conference, secretarial and reception room areas, fax, copier. Call Sharon at 713-623-6443.

**Hispanic National Bar Association (HNBA) Annual Convention** - will be held September 3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> 2008 at the Renaissance Hollywood Hotel in Hollywood, California. In conjunction with the Convention, the Hispanic National Bar Foundation (HNBF) will be hosting a Youth Convention as well as a Law Student Symposium. HNBF has graciously invited APA high school, college and law school students to attend their Youth Convention & Law Student Symposium and has offered to waive the fees for Youth Convention attendees affiliated with NAPABA. For more information visit [www.hnbf.org](http://www.hnbf.org)

**NAPABA APA-owned Law Firm Directory** - The new APA-owned law firm directory will soon be launched on the NAPABA website. For the purpose of this directory, we require that a firm be 51% or more owned by APAs to be considered an APA-owned law firm. To join the database please fill out the following information: Firm name, APA Partner(s) Names, Number of Attorneys, Address, City, State, Zip, Email, Website, Phone Number, Fax Number and Practice Areas; and send it to [info@napaba.org](mailto:info@napaba.org) with "APA-Owned law firm directory" in the subject line. If any firm has more than one office, please provide the above information for each office so that each is properly listed in the database.



## THE AABA WELCOMES THE FOLLOWING NEW AND RENEWING MEMBERS!

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# MEMBER SPOTLIGHT



Tyrone Lin  
Houston Volunteer Lawyers Program, Inc.

1. If I weren't an attorney, I would be . . . A veterinarian, I think
2. My favorite (or fantasy) vacation is . . . Hawaii or backpacking in Europe
3. In my spare time, I enjoy . . . Working out and doing outdoor activities
4. In my iPod (or other mp3 device) you will find . . . Lots of 80's alternative music and R&B music from the 90's
5. Most AABA members probably don't know that I . . . Made a commercial for Nickelodeon when I was 11
6. The best restaurant in Houston is . . . We're in Houston, I have way too many to name
7. My favorite place in Houston is . . . Memorial park
8. The sports team(s) I root for is/are . . . Rockets and Astros all the way!!
9. If I won the lottery, I would . . . Pay off all my debts and then enjoy life the way it's supposed to be enjoyed – travel the world
10. I recommend reading . . . Guns, Germs, and Steel: The Fates of Human Societies - I know, it sounds boring, but it's very interesting
11. You forgot to ask me about . . . My crazy, wild past... just kidding

# ASIAN AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION OF HOUSTON 2008 GALA & SILENT AUCTION

Friday, September 26, 2008 ↻ Hilton Americas Hotel

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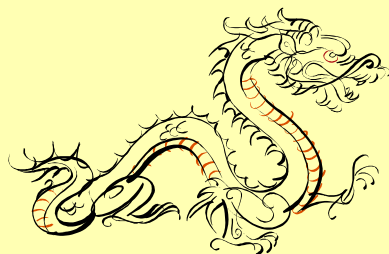
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*Questions? Please contact us at [aaba.gala@gmail.com](mailto:aaba.gala@gmail.com)  
Thank you for your interest and support.*

\* Contact us for more information on the benefits of underwriting,  
which include tickets to the Gala, program advertisements, and more.

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# ASIAN AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION OF HOUSTON 2008 GALA & SILENT AUCTION

September 26, 2008 ⊃ Reception/Silent Auction - 6:30 pm ⊃ Dinner - 7:30 pm  
Hilton Americas ⊃ 1600 Lamar, Houston, Texas 77010

## TICKET RESERVATION FORM

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Please indicate below the number of tickets requested:**

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Houston, TX 77252-2180

- You will receive a confirmation of your ticket reservation via email.
- The deadline to reserve tickets is September 19, 2008.
- Interested in joining the AABA? Membership forms are available at [www.aabahouston.com](http://www.aabahouston.com).
- Questions? Please contact us at [aaba.gala@gmail.com](mailto:aaba.gala@gmail.com). Thank you for your support!





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