On Saturday, September 26, twenty-five Asian-American women attorneys gathered at the offices of Greenberg Traurig, L.L.P. for the AABA’s inaugural Women’s Retreat. The participants ranged from new attorneys to attorneys who have been practicing for more than twenty years and represented a variety of practice areas, law firms, and in-house legal departments. The event provided a networking opportunity for the attendees as well as an opportunity for them to discuss issues that impact their daily professional lives such as dealing with stereotypes, working with supervisors and support staff, and developing mentoring relationships. The AABA would like to thank all of the attendees for their active and enthusiastic participation in the discussions. The AABA also would like to thank Greenberg Traurig, L.L.P. for hosting the retreat, speakers Judy Lee of Foster Quan, LLP, Stephanie Song of Bracewell & Giuliani, and Cristina Rodriguez of Baker Botts, Trellis Spa for donating a door prize, and to Joyce Kao Soliman, Jenny Hyun, Audrey Chang, and Judy Liu for planning the retreat.
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AABA’S FIFTH ANNUAL CORPORATE COUNSEL DINNER

NOVEMBER 4, 2009

PAPPAS BROS. STEAKHOUSE
5839 WESTHEIMER

6:00 PM – Reception
7:00 PM – Dinner

Keynote Speech By:

Edwin J. Buckingham III
Senior Executive Vice President &
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To RSVP, please visit [www.aabahouston.com](http://www.aabahouston.com).

In-House Counsel: Free / Outside Counsel: $115 (on or before 10/23/09) and $125 (after 10/23/09).

Outside counsel interested in attending must be an AABA member in good standing. Space is limited, so sign up soon!

*The AABA’s Corporate Counsel Dinner is generously underwritten by Exxon Mobil Corporation and Gardere Wynne Sewell LLP.*
The AABA, Houston Volunteer Lawyers Program, Organization of Chinese Americans Greater Houston Chapter, and Catholic Charities are proud to co-sponsor the

2009 NATURALIZATION AND CITIZENSHIP CLINIC

Saturday, October 19, 2009
9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

MetroBank Community Center
Dynasty Plaza
9600 Bellaire, Suite 201

The AABA would greatly appreciate if you could spread the word about the Clinic to family and friends who are interested in applying for naturalization. To register for the Clinic, applicants must call the Clinic’s intake representative at 713-523-7852 between September 28, 2009 and October 2, 2009, between 9:00 am and 12:00 pm to reserve an appointment for the day of the Clinic.

For more information, please contact AABA President Warren Huang at whuang@fulbright.com.
OPPORTUNITIES

In-House Counsel Position

A Fortune 500 company in Dallas is looking to fill an in-house position with the following qualifications:

A minimum of eight years of corporate securities and finance practice with significant transactional experience which should include mergers and acquisitions.

Experience should also include knowledge of joint ventures and reorganizations of all sorts, as well as familiarity with bankruptcy, tax, intellectual property and other related legal areas.

Qualified candidates or inquiries should contact Wilson Chu of K&L Gates LLP at wilson.chu@klgates.com.

WLPPFP Fellowships

The Women’s Law and Public Policy Fellowship Program (WLPPFP) at the Georgetown University Law Center is accepting applications for its September 2010 through August 2011 program. This fellowship focuses on a 12 month work experience, where fellows from the United States work on women’s legal issues with a public interest organization, a governmental agency, or as a clinical teaching fellow at Georgetown Law. All of our fellows learn together about substantive women’s rights issues, explore a multitude of career paths through which they can advocate for women’s equality, and develop their legal skills through seminars, trainings, networking events and other activities provided by WLPPFP.

The application deadline for the WLPPFP is November 2, 2009. For information about the program and application process, please visit http://www.law.georgetown.edu/wlppfp/USProgram/index.html.

Criminal Justice Act Panel Attorneys

The United States District Court for the Southern District of Texas adopted a new Criminal Justice Act Plan entitled: Houston-Galveston Plan in 2006. Under this Plan, the Court has established a panel in the Houston and Galveston Divisions of approximately 100 attorneys who are eligible and willing to be appointed under the Criminal Justice Act to provide representation to defendants who cannot afford counsel.

All attorneys who would like to seek CJA appointments in Houston and Galveston must submit an application and be approved for CJA appointments. We are currently accepting applications through October 31, 2009.

Attorneys who serve on the CJA Panel must be members in good standing of the Southern District of Texas and have demonstrated experience in, and knowledge of, federal practice and procedure. We are looking for attorneys with a commitment to representing individuals who are unable to afford adequate representation in the defense of federal criminal cases both at trial and on appeal.

Rates of compensation for panel attorneys in federal criminal cases are currently set at $110 per hour for non-capital cases and $175 per hour for capital cases.

Applications for membership on the panel may be downloaded from the website for the Southern District of Texas, www.txso.uscourts.gov, and for the Federal Public Defender for the Southern District of Texas, www.fpdsdot.org. Hardcopy applications are also available from the Attorney Admissions Office for the United States District Court, Southern District of Texas, 515 Rusk, Houston, Texas. Applications should be submitted to the Clerk’s Office for the Southern District of Texas, 515 Rusk, Houston, Texas. For more information, please feel free to contact the Federal Public Defender’s office at 713-718-460.

Please note that your application does not guarantee membership. Each application is reviewed with the purpose of fulfilling the Court’s statutory duty to the indigent community.
Applications must be received at United Way no later than 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, December 15, 2009.

An electronic version of the application can be downloaded from the United Way website: www.unitedwayhouston.org (Project Blueprint).
ASIAN FILM FESTIVAL
Oct. 2 – 4, 2009
Rice Media Center, Rice University

Featuring Four Award-winning Chinese Films
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“The World”
Oct. 2,
7 p.m.

“Cape No. 7”
Oct. 3,
7 p.m.

Double Feature
Oct. 4,
7 p.m.

“In Search of Lin Zhao’s Soul”

“Though I Am Gone”

Sponsored by National and Community Students' Alliance, Rice University
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Li Cunxin, the keynote speaker, wrote "Mao's Last Dancer." The book, which was made into a movie, premiered at the Toronto Film Festival and was very well received.

View the trailer at [http://www.maoslstandancermovie.com/](http://www.maoslstandancermovie.com/)
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Lisa Wang and Matthew Wong are proud to announce the arrival of Stephanie Victoria Wong. Stephanie was born at 1:16 a.m. on September 9, 2009, weighing 6 lbs. 4 oz.

Congratulations, Lisa and Matthew!

If you would like to publicize job opportunities, community news, or personal SIDEBAR news, please contact AABA Secretary Sherry Scott at sscott1812@live.com.
COMMUNITY NEWS & EVENTS

October 3, 2009 / 2009 Houston Korean Festival, Houston Community College, Spring Branch

The Korean American Society of Houston is proud to announce the 2009 Houston Korean Festival. Celebrated on Saturday, Oct. 3, which is both Chuseok (Korean Thanksgiving) and Korean Foundation Day, this event will showcase the taste of Korean food and cultural performances including Gayakeum (traditional string instrument) performance; Nong Ak (farmers dance in costume); women’s folk dance in costume; children’s traditional dance in costume; and TaeKwonDo (Korean martial arts) demonstration. Admission is free, and there will be a free sampling of Korean food. Please join us in celebrating and experiencing the Korean culture! Saturday, October 3, 2009 from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at Houston Community College, Spring Branch campus, 1010 W. Sam Houston Pkwy N. (I-10 and Beltway 8) Houston, TX 77043. For more information, please go to www.KoreanFestivalHouston.com.

October 18-21, 2009 / Association of Corporate Counsel 2009 Annual Meeting; Boston, Massachusetts

ACC’s 2009 Annual Meeting is the one event where you can get the insight you need to push beyond today’s challenges. Join the ACC in Boston, October 18-21, 2009 at the Hynes Convention Center, for another exciting and informative program full of networking, CLE and other valuable information. Register by September 10th to receive discounted registration fees. For more information or to register, go to http://am.acc.com.

October 27, 2009 / Asian Chamber of Commerce Annual Golf Tournament, Longwood Golf Course, Cypress, Texas

The Asian Chamber of Commerce of Houston and Scholarship Foundation invite you to its 2009 Annual Golf Tournament on October 27, 2009 at Longwood Golf Course, 13300 Longwood Trace, Cypress, Texas 77429. Registration begins at 12:30 p.m. with a shotgun start at 1:30 p.m. Sponsorships and individual player tickets are available. For more information and to download a registration form, please go to http://www.asianchamber-hou.org/2009-Golf/2009-ACC-Golf.pdf.

October 28, 2009 / AWA 2009 Judicial Reception, River Oaks Country Club, Houston, Texas

The Association of Women Attorneys will hold its annual Judicial Reception on October 28, 2009, from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the River Oaks Country Club, 1600 River Oaks Blvd., Houston, Texas 77019. All judges of the Harris County Civil District Courts and Federal District Courts for the Southern District of Texas, Houston Division, will be honored. The reception provides an excellent opportunity for practitioners to meet and visit with the judges and their teams. We expect a great turnout this year and hope you will join us. The tickets are $65 per person in advance for non-AWA members and $75 per person at the door. Sponsorship opportunities are also available. If you are interested in purchasing tickets or sponsoring this event, please contact AWA Judicial Reception Committee Co-Chairs Sofia Adrogue (713-986-7110 or sadrogue@lrmlaw.com) or S. Shawn Stephens (713-646-1398 or sstephens@bakerlaw.com).

October 28-30, 2009 / ABA Fall Minority Counsel Program, San Francisco, California

The ABA’s Minority Counsel Program continues to promote diversity in the legal profession through education and by building relationships between corporations and lawyers who are racially and ethnically diverse. The program meets twice a year bringing together in-house lawyers and potential outside counsel for an array of CLE Programming, Professional Workshops, Roundtable Discussion and Networking Events as well as elite programs. We look forward to seeing you at the upcoming program, which will be held at the Hyatt Regency Embarcadero Center, 5 Embarcadero Center, San Francisco, CA 94111. For more information, and to register, please visit http://new.abanet.org/calendar/dv1009-2009-minority-counsel-fall-program/Pages/default.aspx.
Get to Know an AABA Member!

Tina H. Nguyen

Law Offices of Tina H. Nguyen

If I weren’t an attorney, I would be . . . a professional gift wrapper. (so much work for little pay is very rewarding when the end result makes everyone happy).

My favorite (or fantasy) vacation is . . . Las Vegas on a white sand beach.

The best dessert (or other food) in the world is . . . I am a sweet gal, but generally not into sweets. Any food straight from the sea to my belly in less than 12 hours is amazing!

In my spare time, I enjoy . . . traveling and/or hanging out with friends and family.

In my iPod (or other mp3 device) you will find . . . nothing, I don’t own an iPod or mp3, but on my “copyrighted” aka burned CDs are Shania, Faith, Carrie, Beyonce, Rihanna, and Britney (is there a theme here?).

My favorite movies are . . . love stories, some action, anything with a plot that makes me reflect/think/laugh/cry...Heat, Beaches, Pulp Fiction, and more recent Hangover.

The best restaurant in Houston is . . . tough one, I will have to defer, but anything Vietnamese or seafood.

My favorite place in Houston is . . . my office chair (daytime), my bed (nighttime), and anything inside the Loop (all other times).

The sports team(s) I root for is/are . . . my alma maters, the University of Texas and the Houston Coogs (if they win big sometimes, and they are now!).

If I won the lottery, I would . . . buy more lottery tickets, create a pro bono immigration clinic in memory of my mentor, Joe Vail, and take care of my #1 mom.

I recommend reading . . . the Texas Bar Journal’s Disciplinary Actions (what not to do) and Memorials (leaving a legacy).

Most AABA members probably don’t know that I . . . am a human navigation system. Been thinking about legally changing my name to T-Star! My ad slogan would be “T-Star, let her navigate you through the legal system!”

You forgot to ask me about . . . Why am I still single?
THE AABA WELCOMES THE FOLLOWING
NEW AND RENEWING MEMBERS!

Matthew Kitcharoen
South Texas College of Law

Chen Liu
South Texas College of Law

Jenny Mai
Baylor University School of Law

Deeda Clarissa Salazar
Thurgood Marshall School of Law

If you haven’t already applied for membership to the AABA, then you are missing out on all the benefits of membership. 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 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! You may apply for membership on-line at www.aabahouston.com or by completing and submitting the attached form and dues.

Another terrific benefit of AABA membership is automatic membership in the National Asian Pacific American Bar Association (“NAPABA”). AABA members can take advantage of NAPABA's benefits, such as the one below offered by Mercedes-Benz.
Asian American Bar Association of Houston
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☐ $75  Attorney with 8+ years in practice

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