25TH ANNIVERSARY GALA & SILENT AUCTION

On Friday, August 28, 2009, over 300 guests celebrated the AABA's 25th Anniversary Gala & Silent Auction at the beautiful InterContinental Hotel. Channel 39's Andrea Nguyen, the Mistress of Ceremonies, kicked off the evening with an energetic welcome to the attendees, and Houston Mayor Bill White gave a memorable keynote speech. Recipients of the Asian American Bar Foundation's Public Interest Scholarships and Judicial Internship Stipends were recognized. An inspiring video chronicling the AABA’s history and legacy capped off the evening’s events followed by the recognition of the AABA’s past Presidents for their vision and dedication to making the AABA the organization that it is today.

The AABA is especially grateful to this year’s Gala underwriters, in-kind sponsors and Silent Auction donors for their continued, generous support for the AABA, particularly in these challenging economic times. In addition to the receipts from the Silent Auction, the Asian American Bar Foundation received donations of $2,250 from the Harry Gee Family Fund and $2,000 from AGL Resources, Inc.

Special thanks go to our extremely capable and hardworking Gala Co-Chairs Miranda-Lin Bailey and Alice Huang; Silent Auction Chair Carmen Nguyen; members of the Gala & Silent Auction Committee; the many law student volunteers; and AABA President-Elect Joyce Kao Soliman. Without their tireless effort and commitment, this evening would not have been possible.
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AABF SILENT AUCTION ITEMS REMAIN FOR BIDDING!

If you missed these great items at the Gala & Silent Auction and would like a second chance, you're in luck. The items below are still available for purchase, with the proceeds benefiting the Asian American Bar Foundation.

**Rules:** Interested buyers must submit their bids to AABA President Warren Huang at whuang@fulbright.com. The items will be sold to the first person who submits a bid for or above the minimum bid (which have been lowered significantly). Bids will be accepted until 5:00 pm on September 18th.

**Item 1:** Professional photo session and one 11” x 14” classic portrait from Al Torres Photography. This package expires on January 31, 2010. [Valued at $675; Minimum bid is $150]

**Item 2:** Two (2) gift certificates ($150 each) to Gabriel Tran Photography. [Valued at $300; Minimum bid is $75]

**Item 3:** Two (2) gift certificates ($150 each) to Gabriel Tran Photography. [Valued at $300; Minimum bid is $75]

**Item 4:** Two (2) spots in the Houston CPA Society and Make-A-Wish Foundation’s 20th Annual Golf Classic & Auction on Monday, October 26, 2009 at the Sweetwater Country Club with special hosts, Houston Astros' hitting coach, Sean Berry, and right fielder, Hunter Pence. Registration for this tournament, which benefits Make-A-Wish Foundation, begins at 9:00 a.m. and play (handicapped scramble) begins at 12:00 p.m. Lunch and dinner are included. [Valued at $500; Minimum bid is $100]

GOOD LUCK!
AABA WOMEN’S RETREAT

Saturday, September 26

8:30-9:00 a.m. – Coffee and Pastries
9:00-12:30 p.m. – Program

Greenberg Traurig, LLP
1000 Louisiana Street
Suite 1700

AABA members: Free / Non-AABA Members: $10*

To register, please contact AABA VP of Programs Judy Liu
(judy.liu@centerpointenergy.com) or visit www.aabahouston.com

(*Open to female attorneys only at this time. Subject to availability, the event may be opened to female law students at a later date)

The AABA is excited to announce its inaugural Women's Retreat! Join the women of the AABA for a candid and thought-provoking discussion of issues facing Asian-American women attorneys, such as dealing with stereotypes in the workplace, working with support staff, and developing and nurturing mentoring relationships. The retreat will also be a great opportunity to get to know your fellow AABA members better in an informal, relaxed atmosphere. We hope to see you on September 26th!
THE AABA OF HOUSTON, HOUSTON VOLUNTEER LAWYERS PROGRAM, OCA GREATER HOUSTON CHAPTER, AND CATHOLIC CHARITIES ARE PROUD TO HOST THE

2009 NATURALIZATION & CITIZENSHIP CLINIC

Saturday, October 17, 2009
9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

MetroBank Community Center
Dynasty Plaza
9600 Bellaire, Suite 201

The AABA is looking for volunteers to assist in preparing applications for members of the Asian American community wishing to become naturalized citizens. While volunteers do not need to be an immigration specialist, all volunteers will be required to undergo a brief training program prior to the Clinic. The AABA also is looking for immigration specialist volunteers to review completed application forms and answer questions volunteers and applicants may have on the day of the Clinic.

The AABA also 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 or to volunteer for the Clinic, please contact AABA President Warren Huang at whuang@fulbright.com.
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AABA MOCK INTERVIEW PROGRAM

In August, the AABA organized a mock interview and resume review program for 2L AABA law student members to help them prepare for the Fall interview season. The AABA would like to extend its sincere thanks to the following AABA attorney members who volunteered as interviewers and shared their experience and insight with these students:

Kang Chen      Lola Lin
Juvie Cruz     Daniel Hu
Philip Lau     Eunice Song
Andrea Tran
OPPORTUNITIES

MICHAEL AND SUSAN DELL FOUNDATION – LEGAL COUNSEL POSITION

The Michael & Susan Dell Foundation is a private family foundation dedicated to transforming the lives of children living in urban poverty through better health and education. Pragmatic, disciplined and innovative in our approach and global in our perspective, the Foundation seeks to concentrate resources where there is opportunity to achieve direct, measurable, replicable and lasting systemic changes that improve a significant number of lives.

The Foundation is seeking an exceptional attorney to provide in-house legal services to the Foundation under the direction of the Foundation's General Counsel and in conjunction with the Foundation’s existing Legal team. This position is a full-time position and is resident in the Foundation’s Austin office.

Primary Position Responsibilities

• **Support the Foundation’s US Education Team**

  Provide legal support and guidance to the Foundation’s US Education Team and its initiatives and programs in urban education across the US, including charter schools and performance management data systems

  Provide legal support and guidance to the Foundation’s US ‘Dell Scholars Program’

• **Support the Foundation’s South Africa Team**

  Provide legal support and guidance to the Foundation's South Africa Team and its initiatives and programs in R-12 education, leadership development, orphans and vulnerable children, and childhood nutrition within South Africa, as well as those in other African and "rest-of-world" countries (excluding India)

  Provide ongoing regulatory compliance and other organizational support to the South Africa office and to other U.S.-based functional teams supporting the South Africa office, working with external advisors and service providers as necessary

  Provide legal support and guidance to the Foundation’s South Africa-based ‘Dell Young Leaders’ scholarship program

• **Other Responsibilities**

  Manage the Foundation’s US federal and state corporate compliance programs

  Serve as attorney lead on continued development of technology-based tools to support the Foundation's legal work and operations

  Develop and implement programs, processes and tools to deliver essential training and other vital information to employees at point-of-hire and on an ongoing basis

  Develop and implement a system for tracking and disseminating federal, state and international legislative and regulatory matters of importance to US private foundations

  Develop Foundation policies related to its charitable activities as needed

  Other duties as assigned by the General Counsel or the Leadership Team

Depending on specific experience and qualifications, additional responsibilities *may* include support for certain functional areas of the Foundation such as Human Resources or Finance and/or the Foundation’s microfinance initiative.
The successful candidate for the Legal Counsel position will demonstrate a high degree of skill in:

- Analyzing complex matters and generating a variety of creative potential solutions
- Drafting, reviewing, revising and updating grant letter templates and other documents related to grant-making and private foundation charitable distributions
- Drafting, reviewing, revising and negotiating legal agreements in support of operational and programmatic requirements
- Conducting, assimilating and distilling legal research related to tax-exempt organizations and other relevant law
- Managing effectively a large docket of internal and external legal matters of varying size and complexity across a wide variety of disciplines
- Utilizing technology in performing legal work and engaging with technology staff to develop legal team requirements and to help drive technology solutions for legal compliance, legal workflow and related needs
- Leading cross-functional initiatives effectively (e.g., developing internal policies involving collection of input from multiple teams, drafting policies for team review and discussion, and implementing final policies across the organization)
- Creating, presenting and maintaining legal training programs

In addition, the successful candidate for the Legal Counsel position will demonstrate the following characteristics:

- Intellectual horsepower
- Demonstrated legal and business acumen
- Ability to learn on the fly
- Exceptional oral and written communication skills
- Client service orientation
- Ability to work independently, with minimal supervision, on complex, lengthy projects
- Attentant to detail
- Deals effectively with ambiguity
- Self-motivation with a strong work ethic
- Ability to take ownership of tasks and drive for results
- Creative problem-solving orientation and consensus-building skills
- Ability to provide actionable advice
- Ability to think strategically without sacrificing knowledge and control of the details
- Highest level of ethics and professional integrity
- Maintains confidentiality
- Exercises discretion and sound judgment
- Passion for non-profit service and the Foundation’s mission

**Additional Qualifications:**

- Bachelor’s degree and J.D. from a high-caliber US accredited college or university
- Bar admission in at least one US jurisdiction
- Texas State Bar membership or willingness to obtain Texas State Bar membership
- Minimum five (5) years experience with high caliber law firm(s)
- In-house counsel experience in a complex, technology-driven, process and outcomes-oriented organization with operations outside the US preferred
- Experience in corporate tax and, more specifically, tax-exempt organizations law preferred
- Legal experience in India and/or South Africa a plus
- Experience working on complex financing transactions or private equity investments a plus

**Note:** Some domestic and international travel is a specific requirement of this position
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).
The Center for Asian Pacific American Women is a national organization which builds leadership capacity in our communities across regions and sectors. The Center provides a variety of development programs which span generations and cultures.

You are invited to attend the Center’s **National Leadership Summit: Leading From the Center**. At the Summit, you will gather with others to discuss issues, learn new skills, connect with each other, support and celebrate themselves and others.

www.leadingfromthecenter.eventbrite.com
Cindy and Tri Nguyen proudly announce the birth of their precious baby girl, Avery Thy Nguyen, born August 21st at 4:09 pm. Avery weighed 7 lbs. 3 oz. at birth.

Congratulations Cindy and Tri!

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COMMUNITY NEWS & EVENTS

September 10, 2009 / Asian American Family Services Pre-Gala Reception; Houston, Texas

The Asian American Family Services will be holding a kickoff reception of the Golden Masquerade Ball on September 10, 2009 from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at Pradaria Steaks & Churrascaria, 10694 Westheimer (between Wilcrest and Rogerdale), Houston, Texas 77042. Please RSVP by September 7th to Dion Or at dion.or@aafstexas.org. The Golden Masquerade Ball, benefitting AAFS, will be held on Friday, October 2, 2009 from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the Hilton Post Oak Hotel, 2001 Post Oak Blvd. in Houston, Texas. Honorees are Vijay Goradia, Patrick Leung, Ph.D., Lone Star Legal Aid and Korean Central Presbyterian Church for their outstanding work and contributions. For more information about the Ball, or to RSVP for the Ball, please contact Kim Szeto or Dion Or, by calling 713.339.3688 or via e-mail at rsvp@aafstexas.org.

September 17 and 18, 2009 / HBA Ad Litem/Amicus Boot Camp 2009; Houston, Texas

The Houston Bar Association Family Law Section is sponsoring a two-day seminar, "Ad Litem/Amicus Boot Camp 2009" on Thursday, September 17, 2009 and Friday, September 18, 2009 at South Texas College of Law. The seminar includes 12.0 hours MCLE credit and 1.0 hour ethics credit. To download the registration form and schedule, go to www.hba.org.

September 23, 2009 / AWA General Membership Meeting and CLE; Houston, Texas

The Association of Women Attorneys will hold its general membership meeting on September 23, 2009, at La Griglia Restaurant, 2002 West Gray St., Houston, Texas 77019. The meeting begins with networking at 6:00 p.m., followed by Jim Cornell’s presentation at 6:30 p.m. on "What Every Lawyer Should Know about Insurance and Insurance Law." Attendees will qualify for 1.0 hour of CLE credit for this meeting. The event is free to AWA paid members and $15 for guests. Please RSVP with Joanne Ericksen at jmejoanne@yahoo.com or online at www.awahouston.com.

September 24-25, 2009 / ABA National Conference for the Minority Lawyer; Hotel Sofitel, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Join the ABA for the National Conference for the Minority Lawyer, sponsored by the ABA’s Business Law Section, Section of Litigation and the Commission on Ethnic and Racial Diversity in the Profession. This conference brings together lawyers from all racial and ethnic backgrounds and practice settings to improve their legal skills, network and connect with other minority lawyers and discuss issues and challenges faced by minority lawyers. You will hear from nationally recognized speakers and enjoy two thought provoking lunches, a networking reception, and outstanding CLE programs. Hotel Philadelphia Sofitel, 120 South 17th St., Philadelphia, PA. For more information about the program and hotel reservations, please go to http://www.abanet.org/litigation/programs/cle_092409.html.

September 25, 2009 / OCA-Greater Houston’s 10th Annual They Serve With Honor Reception; Houston, Texas

OCA-Greater Houston invites you to the 10th Annual They Serve with Honor Reception and Charity Casino Night with special guest actor James Hong. Friday, September 25, 2009 from 7:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. Cost is $20 for members, $30 for non-members. General admission includes $100 worth of chips, refreshments, FUN & PRIZES! Location: American 1st National Bank, 9999 Bellaire Blvd., Houston, TX 77036. Make all checks payable to: OCA-Greater Houston. For more information, contact 713.446.8430 or oca@ocahouston.org

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.
Get to Know an AABA Member!

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If I weren’t an attorney, I would be . . . a charitable event planner/fundraiser.

My favorite (or fantasy) vacation is . . . a small, private hotel in Tuscany or other scenic regions.

The best dessert (or other food) in the world is . . . homemade Korean; chocolate cake made from scratch, not out of a box.

In my spare time, I enjoy . . . not having to work.

In my iPod (or other mp3 device) you will find . . . mostly rock but all kinds.

My favorite movies are . . . Doubt, Lost in Translation, Pride & Prejudice.

The best restaurant in Houston is . . . Café Annie or Nam Gang on Gessner.

My favorite place in Houston is . . . my parents’ rooftop on a cool day.

The sports team(s) I root for is/are . . . Team USA during the Olympics (not a huge sports fan, can you tell?).

If I won the lottery, I would . . . give more and do more of 1 and 2, above.

I recommend reading . . . Proverbs from the Old Testament – contains wisdom for life even if you aren’t “religious.” Psalms also.

Most AABA members probably don’t know that I . . . love to sing but I’m not too good at it.

You forgot to ask me about . . . I’m Korean-American. My last name is Italian because my mother re-married.
The AABA welcomes the following new and renewing members!

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*South Texas College of Law*

Anissah Andang  
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Chrissy Choi  
*South Texas College of Law*

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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.

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**Need one more reason why it’s great to be a NAPABA member?**

**Introducing the Mercedes-Benz USA Diversity Organization Fleet Program**

NAPABA members are now eligible for special pricing on the purchase or lease of Mercedes-Benz vehicles.

Visit our website [www.napaba.org](http://www.napaba.org) for more information.
Asian American Bar Association of Houston
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☐ $25  Attorney with less than 3 years in practice • In-House or Non-Profit Counsel • Solo Practitioner • Auxiliary Member*
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☐ $75  Attorney with 8+ years in practice

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