

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.

MULTI-BAR ASSOCIATION RECEPTION

On June 15, 2010, the Asian American Bar Association, Hispanic Bar Association of Houston, Houston Lawyers Association and Mexican American Bar Association of Houston hosted a joint reception at Porter & Hedges, L.L.P. Over 150 attorneys, elected officials and judges, including Texas Supreme Court Justice Eva Guzman, attended this successful event. Special thanks to **Porter & Hedges, L.L.P.** for underwriting this event.



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More photos from this event can be found on the AABA website at
www.aabahouston.com/gallery

OCA National Convention Awards Gala

The OCA National Convention Awards Gala was held on June 19 at the Westin Galleria. The AABA served as a Strategic Partner for the OCA National Convention. Special thanks to AABA member **Carmen Ng**, who acted as the AABA's liaison with OCA. Several AABA members and friends also volunteered at the OCA Convention's Starry Night Market: **Brenda Dang, Daniel Chung Lee, David Hsu, Huixin Hou, Carmen Ng and Andy Lu** – thank you for volunteering!



Volunteers Needed for
HBA LegalLine on August 4, 2010

The AABA has volunteered to staff the phones for the Houston Bar Association's LegalLine Program on Wednesday, August 4, 2010 from **6:45 P.M. to 9:00 P.M.** at the HBA offices located at 1001 Fannin, Suite 1300.

Volunteer attorneys answer telephone inquiries from the general public regarding a variety of legal issues. Attorneys with expertise in particular areas of law are available to assist volunteers, and volunteers are not expected to take on representation of any of the callers. Any questions may be directed to David N. Chang, AABA Vice President of Community Relations at dchang@mayerbrown.com.

Please help support this valuable community service and RSVP at the AABA website - <http://www.aabahouston.com>.

SAVE THE DATE

BREAKFAST WITH THE D.A.

Join AABA members and friends for a special breakfast
featuring speaker

PATRICIA R. LYKOS
Harris County District Attorney

August 18, 2010 at 8:00 am
Location to be announced.

Stay tuned for more information!

GO **BOWLING** WITH THE AABA!



When: Monday, July 26, 2010

6:30pm – 8:30pm

Where: Lucky Strike Lanes

1201 San Jacinto Street, Houston, TX 77002-6930

Cost: \$10 for AABA members

\$15 for non-members

(includes bowling, shoe rental, and appetizers)

AABA mentors and mentees welcome!

**THE DEADLINE TO BECOME AN
UNDERWRITER OF THE
AABA 2010 GALA & SILENT AUCTION
IS JULY 20th!**

Turn in your underwriting form today!

June 2, 2010

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Dear Friends and Colleagues,

The Asian American Bar Association of Houston (AABA) cordially invites you and your company to attend and underwrite our **Annual Gala & Silent Auction**, which will be held at the Omni Hotel in Houston, Texas on Friday, September 17, 2010.

We are honored to announce that the keynote speaker for our Gala this year is **Karen K. Narasaki**, President and Executive Director of the Asian American Justice Center, and that the 2010 AABA Impact Award will be presented to **Judge Herbert Gee**, Associate Presiding Judge of the Houston Municipal Courts.

Ms. Narasaki leads the Asian American Justice Center in Washington, D.C., one of the nation's leading voices advocating for the rights and interests of Asian Americans. She is a nationally respected expert on immigrant rights, voting rights, affirmative action and civil rights issues. Judge Herbert Gee is a founding member of the AABA, a former two-term President of the AABA, and a distinguished colleague, mentor and friend to many Asian American attorneys in Houston. We hope that you can join us for this special evening.

The AABA was founded in 1984 by a handful of Asian American attorneys in Houston. Over twenty-five years later, the AABA enjoys a vibrant membership that represents a diverse spectrum of the Houston legal community. We are expecting several hundred corporate, legal and civic leaders from the greater Houston area and around the country to join us for this special evening. The Gala & Silent Auction will feature a cocktail reception, charitable silent auction and seated dinner.

In keeping with tradition, the AABA will donate a substantial portion of the proceeds from its Gala & Silent Auction to the Asian American Bar Foundation (AABF), whose mission is to advance the participation of Asian Pacific Americans in all areas of legal practice, thereby promoting diversity in the legal community and improving access to justice for all Houstonians.

Enclosed is information on becoming an underwriter. Your generous support of this year's Gala & Silent Auction will help fund scholarships, grants and programs in furtherance of the AABF's mission.

Thank you for your consideration and for your continued commitment to diversity in our community. We look forward to seeing you on September 17th.

Todd E. Chen
Co-Chair, Gala Committee
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Aaron Woo
Co-Chair, Gala Committee
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ASIAN AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION OF HOUSTON 2010 GALA & SILENT AUCTION

PLATINUM DRAGON UNDERWRITER - \$7,500

and Underwriter of the AABA 2010 Corporate Counsel Dinner

- ◆ Ten tickets to the Gala, reserved table with underwriter placard
 - ◆ Four tickets to the VIP Reception preceding the Gala
 - ◆ Full page color advertisement in the printed Gala program
 - ◆ Logo display in the printed Gala program
 - ◆ Special mention and prominent logo display during the Gala dinner
 - ◆ Logo on the AABA website as a Platinum Dragon Underwriter
 - ◆ Underwriter recognition in all 2011-2012 AABA monthly newsletters
- Recognition as an Underwriter of the AABA 2010 Corporate Counsel Dinner**
Four tickets to attend the AABA 2010 Corporate Counsel Dinner

GOLD DRAGON UNDERWRITER - \$5,000

- ◆ Ten tickets to the Gala, reserved table with underwriter placard
- ◆ Four tickets to the VIP Reception preceding the Gala
- ◆ Logo display in the printed Gala program
- ◆ Special mention and prominent logo display during the Gala dinner
- ◆ Logo on the AABA website as a Gold Dragon Underwriter
- ◆ Underwriter recognition in all 2011-2012 AABA monthly newsletters

SILVER DRAGON UNDERWRITER - \$3,000

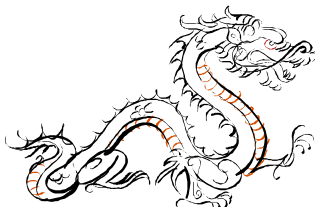
- ◆ Ten tickets to the Gala, reserved table
- ◆ Special mention during the Gala dinner and slideshow

BRONZE DRAGON UNDERWRITER - \$1,500

- ◆ Four tickets to the Gala
- ◆ Special mention during the Gala dinner

All Underwriters for the Gala & Silent Auction are also named in the Gala program and in the Gala slideshow presentation, listed on the AABA website as an underwriter of the Gala, and included in all printed promotional materials for the Gala.

We sincerely appreciate your support!



www.aabahouston.com



**ASIAN AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION OF HOUSTON
2010 GALA & SILENT AUCTION**

**September 17, 2010
Omni Hotel • Four Riverway • Houston, Texas 77056**

Underwriter Name: _____

Contact Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip Code: _____

Telephone: _____ Facsimile: _____

E-mail: _____

Please select your level of underwriting*:

_____ **\$7,500 Platinum Dragon Underwriter**

_____ **\$5,000 Gold Dragon Underwriter**

_____ **\$3,000 Silver Dragon Underwriter**

_____ **\$1,500 Bronze Dragon Underwriter**

*The AABA of Houston is a tax-exempt organization. However, contributions or gifts to the AABA of Houston are not tax deductible as charitable contributions for federal income tax purposes.

Please return your completed form and check made payable to “AABA of Houston”
by no later than **July 20, 2010** to:

**Todd E. Chen
Thompson & Knight LLP
333 Clay Street, Suite 3300
Houston, TX 77002**

*Questions? Feel free to contact us at aaba.gala@gmail.com
Thank you for your interest and support.*



**ASIAN AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION OF HOUSTON
2010 GALA & SILENT AUCTION**

**September 17, 2010
Omni Hotel • Four Riverway • Houston, Texas 77056**

If you or your company are interested in purchasing an advertisement in the 2010 Gala & Silent Auction printed program, please complete the form below.

THE DEADLINE TO PURCHASE AND SUBMIT AN ADVERTISEMENT IS JULY 30, 2010.

PROGRAM ADVERTISEMENT FORM

Name of Advertiser: _____

Contact Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City/State/Zip Code: _____

Telephone: _____ Facsimile: _____

E-mail: _____

Please select the size of your advertisement:

_____ Quarter page (4" x 5") black & white advertisement	\$250.00
_____ Half page (8" x 5") black & white advertisement	\$500.00
_____ Full page (8" x 11") color advertisement	\$1,000.00

TOTAL AMOUNT DUE: \$_____

Please return this form and your check made payable to "AABA of Houston" to:

**Todd E. Chen
Thompson & Knight LLP
333 Clay Street, Suite 3300
Houston, TX 77002**

- You will receive a confirmation of your sponsorship via email.
- Advertisement content may be sent via e-mail.
- Questions? Please contact us at aaba.gala@gmail.com.



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2010 GALA & SILENT AUCTION**

Advertisement Format Instructions

- PDF (portable document format) or TIFF (tagged image file format) files are requested for all advertisement submissions.
- Color advertisement files should be created using CMYK (cyan-magenta-yellow-black).
- Preferred document format/application is Adobe Illustrator or Adobe Photoshop.

Size	Width	Depth
Full Page	8-1/2"	11"
Half Page horizontal	8-1/2"	5-1/2"
Quarter Page	4-1/4"	5-1/2"

**PLEASE SUBMIT YOUR AD AS A DIGITAL FILE
BY NOT LATER THAN JULY 30, 2010**

TO: aaba.gala@gmail.com

or by submitting the digital file on a CD and mailing it to:

Questions? Please call Todd Chen, Gala Co-Chair, at ph. 713-951-5883.



**ASIAN AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION OF HOUSTON
2010 GALA & SILENT AUCTION**

**September 17, 2010 • Reception & Silent Auction at 6:30 pm • Dinner at 7:30 pm
Omni Hotel • Four Riverway • Houston, Texas 77056**

TICKET RESERVATION FORM

**Tickets may be purchased on-line using GoogleCheckout at www.aabahouston.com.
If paying by check, please use this form.**

THE DEADLINE TO PURCHASE TICKETS IS SEPTEMBER 8, 2010.

Name: _____

Company/Law School: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City/State/Zip Code: _____

Primary Phone: _____ Email: _____

Please indicate the number of tickets below:

Law Student: \$50 _____ / AABA Member: \$100 _____ / Non-Member: \$125 _____

TOTAL AMOUNT DUE: \$_____

For nametag purposes, please list the name and affiliation (if any) of each attendee:

Please indicate whether a vegetarian meal is requested: _____ (# of vegetarian meals)

Please return this form and your check made payable to "AABA of Houston" to:

**Todd E. Chen
Thompson & Knight LLP
333 Clay Street, Suite 3300
Houston, TX 77002**

- You will receive a confirmation of your ticket reservation via email.
- Interested in joining the AABA? Membership forms are available at www.aabahouston.com.
- Questions? Please contact us at aaba.gala@gmail.com. Thank you for your support.

Paralegal Instructors Needed for Rice Paralegal Certificate Program

Rice University is seeking instructors for its fall 2010 and spring 2011 Paralegal Certificate Program.

This program is an intensive educational experience designed to develop high-end paralegal skills.

At this time, there is a need for an instructor to teach Texas Civil Procedures. If you are a member of the State Bar of Texas and are interested in becoming a paid instructor, please e-mail Daniel Barber at Daniel@riceparalegalstudies.com.

Please include your contact phone numbers and the firm with which you are currently employed. Interviews will be conducted soon.

For more information about the program, visit www.riceparalegal.com.

In House Counsel for DNV

Division : Accounting / Legal

Location : Katy TX US 77449

Det Norske Veritas (www.dnv.com) is a global provider of services for managing risk.

Job Description: The lawyer will manage the flow and production of legal work in Katy and become an integral part of DNV's business and will be responsible for the execution of all legal work in the Region, including support of DNV's regional contracting functions (drafting and revision of contracts, analysis of complex contract issues which involve international problems, support or leadership of contract negotiations as needed, audit of regional contracting activity and training). This lawyer immediately will take on responsibility to execute or thoroughly manage DNV's regional corporate legal work involved with: corporate governance, compliance issues and acquisition of licenses and authorizations. **Job Requirements:** JD from accredited law school; 5+ years experience as a Lawyer; 3 years of contract drafting, review, administration preferred; 2 years In-House Counsel (Corporate Generalist) experience preferred; Active membership in a state bar association, and good standing in all bars ever joined; Availability for domestic and international travel as needed

Advantages include any of the following: international legal experience in the energy industry, Portuguese language skills, Texas Bar membership, residence in Houston

For more information, visit: <https://dnvna.tms.hrdepartment.com/cgi-bin/a/highlightjob.cgi?jobid=291&lcid=en-US>

DNV would like to fill the position within 4-6 weeks.

JOB OPPORTUNITIES

Vietnamese Clerk: Paralegal or Attorney

Job Description: Houston litigation firm seeking a FLUENT (in both speaking and writing) Vietnamese law clerk, paralegal, JD or associate attorney. Candidate must have experience interacting with clients. Trial experience preferred.

Job Summary

Company - Collier Legal Search
Location - Houston, TX 77007
Industries - Legal Services
Job Type - Full Time Employee
Years of Experience - 2+ to 5 Years
Education Level - Doctorate
Salary - USD 80,000.00 /year
Job Reference Code - 1361

For additional information about this position and how to apply, please go to

http://jobview.monster.com/GetJob.aspx?JobID=79447758&aid=34664578&WT.mc_n=JSAHG10

The Department of Justice Civil Rights Division

Hiring Now

To see a current list of job openings, please visit: <http://www.justice.gov/crt/recruit.php>.

If you would like to receive automated job alerts for a federal job, you can establish an account with USAJobs (www.usajobs.gov) and can target certain jobs, e.g., DOJ civil rights jobs, by selecting criteria for receipt of job announcements. USAJobs will automatically send you announcements if you meet those criteria.

Baker & McKenzie Intellectual Property Associate

The Houston office of Baker & McKenzie seeks a junior associate (minimum 1st year level) who is Patent Bar qualified and has an interest in an Intellectual Property practice with variety including design patent, trademark and litigation support. The candidate must have a Chemical Engineering degree with a strong chemistry background. The candidate should also have superior academic credentials, excellent communication, analytical and writing skills.

For more information, please contact Tan Pham at tan.pham@bakermckenzie.com.



AABA 2010 Gala and Silent Auction

Silent Auction Donation Form

Donor Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____ Fax: _____

E-mail: _____

Item Donated: _____

☐ Tangible Item

☐ Gift Certificate/Voucher

☐ Services

Retail/Fair Market Value: _____

Additional information about donated item (please provide us any background, history, or special instructions regarding the item so we can promote the item to its best advantage):

AABA use only:

AABA contact _____

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The Asian American Bar Foundation is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization.
Your contribution is tax deductible to the extent allowed by law.

Please return form to: 5718 Westheimer, Suite 1750, Houston, Texas 77057, Attention: Juvie Cruz



Kieu Gala

An Evening to honor Vietnamese Culture and Community

A Kick off Event for the innovative bilingual production:

The Tale of Kieu Musical

Presented By Kim Son Restaurant

The Musical *The Tale of Kieu Musical* is a theatrical adaptation of the Vietnamese Epic Poem "The Tale of Kieu" written by Nguyen Du (1766-1820). The Musical will take place **September 10th, 11th and 12th** at the Houston Baptist University *Morris Cultural Arts Center*. This master piece is widely regarded as the most significant work within Vietnamese literature. *The Tale of Kieu Musical* has been created to pay tribute to Houston's Vietnamese community and its Cultural heritage.

The Gala *The Kieu Gala* serves as a kick off event for the innovative bilingual musical production. City of Houston officials, Vietnamese performing artists, corporate executives, nonprofit community leaders and philanthropists will be attending *The Kieu Gala*. Participants from Houston's mainstream as well as Vietnamese-Asian community will celebrate together our arts and cultural legacy. *The Kieu Gala* evening will include presentations and awards; silent and live auctions, entertainment and a scrumptious dinner !

When: **The Kieu Gala is scheduled**
Friday, August 27, 2010
7:00 - 7:30 pm VIP Cocktail Reception.
7:30 - 11:00 pm Dinner, Award Presentations & Entertainment.

Gala Venue: **Kim Son Restaurant (Bellaire Blvd.)**
10603 Bellaire Boulevard Houston

To Benefit: *The Kieu Gala* will benefit **World Performances Inc.**, a 501(C)3 not-for-profit organization dedicated to the creation, collaboration and implementation of diverse high quality multi-cultural theatrical productions, special events and educational programming. The Gala purpose is to bridge the peoples and cultures of the world for the betterment of global peace and prosperity. Throughout *The Tale of Kieu Musical* rehearsals, the performers themselves will experience professional acting and voice training by working with professional Artistic Directors and other experts within the production team. The Vietnamese and other Asian as well as the general mainstream Houston audience members who attend *The Tale of Kieu Musical* are anticipated to become more acquainted and educated about the original *Tale of Kieu* epic poem which was written approximately two hundred years ago. Part of the funds raised through the Gala will be used to underwrite complementary as well as discounted tickets for students and underserved members of the Houston community.

Honoring: Leaders and philanthropists who have made significant contributions to culture, arts and education within our Houston Vietnamese community.

Entertainment: **Award Presentations, Auctions, Performances**

Attire: **Black tie or Vietnamese Chic**

Contact: To purchase a table or individual tickets for the Kieu Gala, please contact:

Lawrence Wong at 281-239-8139 or any of the Gala Chairs.

Email: worldwidestage@gmail.com **Website:** taleofkieu.com

Many thanks to our 2009-2010 Major Underwriters:

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GARDERE WYNNE SEWELL LLP

GOLD DRAGON UNDERWRITERS

BRACEWELL & GIULIANI LLP

FULBRIGHT & JAWORSKI L.L.P.

THE LANIER LAW FIRM

LOCKE LORD BISSELL & LIDDELL LLP

Congratulations!

AABA member
Meri Maguire & her
husband John
welcomed
Amelia Shinbi
Maguire
on May 6, 2010.
She was 7lbs, 13oz.
and 20 in. long.
Congratulations,
Meri!



If you would like to publicize job opportunities, community news, or personal SIDEBAR news, please contact AABA President-Elect, Audrey Chang, at changa@gtlaw.com.

Get to Know Your AABA Leaders!



Name: Todd Chen

AABA Position:
Gala Co-Chair

Firm: Thompson & Knight

Practice Area: Corporate &
Securities Mergers & Acquisitions

My proudest achievement is...
4th grade spelling bee champion.

If I weren't a lawyer I would be... a chef.

Something you may not know about me is...
I am an amateur musician.

The best advice I ever received is...
"Talk less, listen more."

My favorite restaurant in Houston is: Da Marco.

**** Stay tuned for next month's Newsletter where you will get
to know more about another 2010 Director or Officer!****

Get to Know an AABA Member!



Name: Cindy Lin

**Firm: Curtis, Mallet-Prevost,
Colt & Mosle LLP**

**Practice Areas:
Corporate, Mergers and
Acquisitions**

If I weren't an attorney, I would be . . . a coffee shop owner.

My favorite (or fantasy) vacation is . . . to visit China and hug all the panda bears.

In my spare time, I enjoy . . . scrapbooking, playing tennis, biking, and snowboarding.

Most AABA members probably don't know that . . . I am learning how to play the zither and ride a motorcycle.

You forgot to ask me about . . . my wedding planning! Still trying to pick an auspicious date!

The sports team(s) I root for is/are . . . UT football and the Rockets. I heart Clutch!

****Stay tuned for next month's Newsletter where you will get to know more about another AABA member!****



**ATTENTION LAW STUDENTS &
RECENT LAW SCHOOL GRADUATES**
Apply now for the AABF
PUBLIC INTEREST SCHOLARSHIP

Asian American Bar Foundation of Houston, Inc.

P.O. Box 1351
Houston, Texas 77252

Public Interest Scholarship
Scholarship Application Guidelines
2010

The Asian American Bar Foundation of Houston, Inc. seeks to award up to three scholarships to individuals whose scholarly pursuits will impact the Greater Houston Metropolitan Area by 1) expanding the scope of legal services available to the Asian American community; 2) increasing the number of Asian Americans working as lawyers or in legal services; 3) educating members of the Asian American community of their civil and legal rights; 4) stimulating legal discourse by and/or about Asian Americans, the Asian American cultures and Asian American communities; or 5) otherwise promoting the interests of Asian Americans.

The 2010 AABF Public Interest Scholarship is a **\$1,500 award to a law school student or recent law school graduate** whose academic merit, program of studies and commitment to public service best fulfill these aims. Applicants must be members of the AABA, residents of the greater Houston metropolitan area, be enrolled in an accredited law school in Texas (or have graduated from an accredited law school in Texas no earlier than May 2009 and currently not be employed in any full-time legal position), intend to reside and seek employment in the greater Houston metropolitan area after graduation, or otherwise demonstrate a substantial connection to the greater Houston metropolitan area. Applicants should submit application packages containing the following information to the Scholarship Committee:

1. Name of applicant
2. Contact information (name, address, telephone number, e-mail address)
3. Name of school
4. School address and contact information for registrar's office
5. Degree sought / Degree obtained
6. Expected graduation date / date of graduation
7. Copy of transcript, GPA and class rank (if available) or other proof of enrollment at or graduation from an accredited law school
8. Educational background
9. Course work at current or previous schools relevant to AABF's purposes listed above
10. Employment history (if any)
11. Employment experience relevant to AABF's purposes listed above or demonstrating applicant's commitment to public service
12. Community and volunteer experience relevant to AABF's purposes listed above or demonstrating applicant's commitment to public service
13. Independent research or publications relevant to AABF's purposes listed above or demonstrating applicant's commitment to public service

14. Awards, honors, scholarships received
15. Other activities, hobbies, skills, positions held in any organizations, etc.
16. Any other information that applicant desires to provide to assist in the application process
17. Cover letter stating how a scholarship award to the applicant will achieve AABF's purposes listed above and serve the public interest

Each scholarship recipient will receive a \$1,500 award and a ticket to the Asian American Bar Association's annual gala, to be held September 17, 2010, where the scholarship will be awarded. The scholarship recipient is required to submit a final report by no later than July 31, 2011 explaining how the scholarship funds were used and updating the AABF on the status of the recipient's studies and activities.

Scholarship applicants are advised to use these application guidelines as a reference and checklist to ensure that all necessary information is provided with the original application package. The AABF Scholarship Committee may contact applicants if additional information is required, but the Scholarship Committee reserves the right to disqualify application packages from consideration if key information is not included. The AABF reserves the right to increase the number of available Public Interest Scholarships in its sole discretion.

Application packages must be postmarked no later than **August 10, 2010**, and mailed to the following address:

Asian American Bar Foundation of Houston, Inc.
Attn: Scholarship Committee
P.O. Box 1351
Houston, Texas 77252

At this time, grant applications are not accepted by electronic mail. For additional information, please contact Hoang Quan Vu at (713) 276-5174 or hvu@gardere.com.



Asian American Bar Foundation of Houston, Inc.

P.O. Box 1351
Houston, Texas 77252

Community Organization Grant
Community Organization Grant Guidelines
2010

The Asian American Bar Foundation of Houston, Inc. seeks to award up to two community organization grants to Texas-based charitable non-profit 501(c)(3) organizations whose scholarly pursuits will impact the Greater Houston Metropolitan Area by 1) expanding the scope of legal services available to the Asian American community; 2) increasing the number of Asian Americans working as lawyers or in legal services; 3) educating members of the Asian American community of their civil and legal rights; 4) stimulating legal discourse by and/or about Asian Americans, the Asian American cultures and Asian American communities; or 5) otherwise promoting the interests of Asian Americans.

The 2010 AABF Community Organization Grant is a **\$2,500 grant to a charitable non-profit 501(c)(3) organization** best fulfill the aims described in the preceding paragraph. Applicant organizations must be charitable non-profit 501(c)(3) organization incorporated or formed under the laws of the State of Texas and/or otherwise demonstrate a substantial connection to the greater Houston metropolitan area. Applicant organizations should submit application packages containing the following information to the Scholarship Committee:

1. Name of applicant organization
2. Contact information (name, address, telephone number, e-mail address) of applicant organization and representative of applicant organization
3. Copy of the mission statement (or, if no official mission statement exists, a statement of the primary purpose) of the applicant organization and information and materials about the applicant organization sufficient for the Scholarship Committee to understand the purpose of and activities conducted by the applicant organization
4. Information regarding a few recent events held by the applicant organization, if any
5. Description of and information relating to program or event for which the grant funds are to be applied (the more detail, the better)
6. Any other information that applicant organization desires to provide to assist in the application process
7. Cover letter stating how a community organization grant will help the applicant organization to achieve AABF's purposes listed above and serve the public interest

Each grant recipient will receive a \$2,500 award and a ticket for one of its representative to attend the Asian American Bar Association's annual gala, to be held September 17, 2010, where the grant will be awarded. The grant recipient is required to submit a final report in 2011 after completion of the program or event that is supported by the grant funds explaining how the grant funds were used and the results of the program or event.

Applicant organizations are advised to use these application guidelines as a reference and checklist to ensure that all necessary information is provided with the original application package. The AABF Scholarship Committee may contact applicant organizations if additional information is required, but the Scholarship Committee reserves the right to disqualify application packages from consideration if key information is not included. The AABF reserves the right to increase the number of available Community Organization Grants in its sole discretion.

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