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On March 26, 2011, the AABA of Houston partnered with the Houston Volunteer Lawyers Program, VN Teamwork, and Boat People SOS for the 2011 Wills Clinic, held at the VN Teamwork Center. Huge thanks to all of our volunteers and our Vice President of Community Relations, Alice Huang, and Director Tyrone Lin of HVLP for making the event a success! And a big thanks to Locke Lord Bissell & Liddell LLP for hosting the training for the clinic!



Pauline Ha, Tyrone Lin, Simon Nguyen



Joyce Kao Soliman (center), Han Bui (right)

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Samantha Tung (left), Khanh Pham (right)



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HAPPY HOUR at THE FISH



Where:

The Fish Restaurant & Sushi Bar

309 Gray Street, Suite 107 Houston, Texas 77002

When:

Wednesday, May 18, 2011

5:30 PM - 7:30 PM

Cost:

Free!

Registration:

Please RSVP at www.aabahouston.com by May 17, 2011.

GET TO KNOW YOUR AABA LEADERS!



Name: Jane Nguyen Vuong

Firm: Nguyen Jazrawi & Chen PLLC

Practice Areas: Immigration &

Nationality Law

AABA Position: Secretary

If I weren't an attorney, I would be . . . a café owner serving gourmet coffee and boba tea.

The oddest food I have ever eaten has been . . . beef tongue, but then again, much of Asian cuisine is odd.

In my spare time, I enjoy . . . Spare time...with a baby? But during the few minutes I do have, I catch up on DVR'd reality shows, and I love playing Scrabble with the computer although I swear it cheats.

If my life were a movie, it would be called . . . Not sure any movie fits my life except for Driving Miss Daisy as my law partner Joy describes of my driving, but my favorites are Princess Bride, Sound of Music, Pianist, Elf, Tropic Thunder, Moulin Rouge, and Love Actually.

In my opinion, the best restaurant in Houston is . . . Saigon Pagaloc.

The coolest store in Houston is . . . Dylan's Candy Bar.

The sports team(s) I root for is/are . . . that would be my husband who's a sports fanatic – he roots for any team from San Diego. I'm still just trying to figure out what's going on.

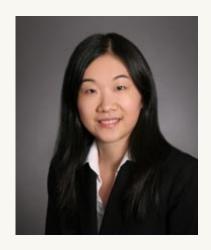
My decade for music is the 80's **and my favorite song is** . . . *Waiting for a Star to Fall* by Boy Meets Girl featured in the movie Three Men and a Little Lady.

My favorite quote is . . . "If you say you're going to do something, always follow through and make sure you do it right." –my mother.

Most AABA members probably don't know that . . . my photograph was taken at 10 months old after my family arrived as refugees in Houston in 1975, and posted in the Houston Post Editorial section discussing whether it's a good idea for the U.S. to admit refugees from Vietnam.

You forgot to ask me about . . . my celebrity crushes (not in any order) – Patrick Dempsey, Johnny Depp, Hugh Jackman (only as Wolverine), Eric Bana in Troy, and Christopher Plummer (only as Captain Von Trapp in Sound of Music).

GET TO KNOW AN AABA MEMBER!



Name: Sharon Yin

Firm: Lam, Lyn & Philip, P.C.

Practice Areas: Commercial Litigation

If I weren't an attorney, I would be . . . Anthony Bourdain or Sharon Brown.

The oddest food I have ever eaten has been . . . chicken feet.

In my spare time, I enjoy . . . watching reality shows.

In my opinion, the best restaurant in Houston is . . . Taste of Texas.

The sports team(s) I root for is/are . . . UT Longhorns!!

My decade for music is the 90's and my favorite song is . . . anything by Britney Spears!!

My favorite quote is . . . "The difference between life and the movies is that a script has to make sense, and life doesn't."

Most AABA members probably don't know that I . . . love to read Terry Brooks' Shannara series.

You forgot to ask me about . . . my new Corgi pup!!

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It's that time of year again... Renew your AABA membership!



The AABA is accepting membership applications and renewals for 2011!

You may apply for membership online at www.aabahouston.com or by completing and submitting the attached form and dues.

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!

Another terrific benefit of AABA membership is automatic membership in the National Asian Pacific American Bar Association ("NAPABA").

The AABA welcomes the following new and renewing members!

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