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Annual Members Meeting & Kickoff Dinner

On January 20, 2011, the AABA of Houston held its Annual Members Meeting & Kickoff Dinner at the downtown location of Yao’s Restaurant & Bar. We had over 50 AABA members in attendance. Thanks to the AABA officers, board members, committee co-chairs, and fellow members who came out to celebrate the new year of AABA with us!

Top: Audrey Chang, Anna Ha, Cindy Lin, Alison Chen
Bottom: Juvie Cruz, Jane Nguyen Vuong, Eunice Song

Daniel Chen, Alice Huang, Carmen Ng
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Upcoming AABA Events

February

Lunar New Year Celebration
*Family Dim Sum*
February 19, 2011
Fung’s Kitchen
11:30 AM – 1:30 PM
**RSVP:**
Register online by February 16.
Please see the attached flyer.

March

**Wills Clinic Training**
March 1, 2011
Locke Lord Bissell & Liddell LLP
**Registration:**
Register by February 25.
Please see the attached flyer.

**Career Night Mentorship Program Kickoff**
March 3, 2011
South Texas College of Law
**Deadline:**
Apply by February 18.
Applications are attached.

**Wills Clinic**
March 26, 2011
VN Teamwork Center

Stay tuned for more events!
On January 27, 2011, the AABA celebrated the Year of the Rabbit with Yellow Magazine at Momentum BMW Southwest. Along with Yellow Magazine, the event was co-hosted by the AABA, Hope Initiative, Asia Society Young Professionals, Chinese American Citizens Alliance, Asian Chamber of Commerce, Houston Royal Oaks Lions Club, Philippine Chamber of Commerce – Texas, and Filipino Young Professionals. There was a lot of food, entertainment, and of course – cars!

Check out more photos online at www.aabahouston.com!
Come join the AABA in celebrating the Year of the Rabbit!

Families are definitely welcome, with special treats for the kids!

Where:
Fung’s Kitchen
7320 Southwest Freeway
Houston, Texas 77074

When:
February 19, 2011
11:30 AM – 1:30 PM

Registration:
Please RSVP online at www.aabahouston.com by February 16.

Cost:
$10/person for AABA members and their guests.
$20/person for non-members and their guests.
Children 12 years old or younger are free!

Questions?
Contact our Social Committee Co-Chairs:
Claire Le at Claire.Le@bgllp.com or Chris Lee at clee@millshirley.com.
The AABA invites you to attend our annual Career Night for local law students!

Come hear our panelists address the different career options available to law students, share tips on finding a job in a difficult economic environment, and give advice on a host of other matters of interest to our next generation of lawyers!

Immediately before the start of Career Night, the AABA also invites the participants in its Mentorship Program to attend a kickoff reception where Mentors and Mentees alike will have an opportunity to introduce themselves and get to know each other.

**WHERE:**

South Texas College of Law  
Fred Parks Law Library, 6th Floor  
Emilie Slohm Room  
1303 San Jacinto Street  
Houston, Texas 77002

**WHEN:**

March 3, 2011  
6:00 PM – 7:00 PM:  
Check-In / Mentorship Program Kickoff Reception  
7:00 PM – 8:00 PM:  
Career Night Panel Discussion

**REGISTRATION:**

Please RSVP online at [www.aabahouston.com](http://www.aabahouston.com) or to Albert Liou at aliou@jonesday.com by March 1.

**COST:**

Free!  
Food and drinks will be provided.
Mentor Application – AABA 2011 Mentorship Program

The goal of the Mentorship Program is to assist law students and new attorneys better define their legal path through the sharing of an experienced attorney’s wisdom, experiences, and knowledge about the practice of law. In order to maximize the benefits of this program, Mentees and Mentors will be matched as closely as possible according to their areas of interest and practice, respectively. Mentors and Mentees are encouraged to schedule a meeting once per month to 6 weeks and to remain in contact with each other on a regular basis throughout the year.

Eligibility: Attorneys with 2 or more years of legal experience are eligible to apply to be a Mentor.

If you would like to participate in this program, please complete the form below.

The deadline to apply is February 18, 2011.

Name ________________________________

Employer ________________________________

Employer Address ____________________________________________________________

City __________________ State __________ Zip ______________________

Phone # __________________ Fax # __________________

E-mail __________________ State Bar Number __________________

Law School ________________________________

Year of Graduation ________________________________

Year(s) in Practice __________________________________

Practice Area(s) __________________________________

__________________________________________________________

Your Goals & Expectations from the Mentorship Program ____________________________

__________________________________________________________

Please mail or e-mail your completed form to:

Albert Liou
Jones Day
717 Texas, Suite 3300
Houston, Texas 77002
Tel: (832) 239-3828
E-mail: aliou@jonesday.com
Mentee Application – AABA 2011 Mentorship Program

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Eligibility: Law students and attorneys with up to 1 year of legal experience are eligible to apply to be a Mentee.

Please note: Matches will be subject to availability. If you would like to participate in this program, please complete the form below.

The deadline to apply is February 18, 2011.

Name ____________________________________________________________

Employer (for Attorneys)___________________________________________________________

Home/Business Address __________________________________________________________

City ______________________________ State _________ Zip ____________

Phone # ___________________________ E-mail __________________________

State Bar Number (Attorneys) _____________________________________________________

Law School _________________________________________________________________

Year of Graduation or Current Law School Year _________________________________

Year(s) in Practice (for Attorneys) ______________________________________________

Practice Area(s) of Interest _____________________________________________________

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The AABA, Houston Volunteer Lawyers Program, VN Teamwork, and Boat People SOS are hosting the annual Wills Clinic to assist low-income residents of the local Asian-American community. We are in need of:

- Volunteer Attorneys
- Volunteer Witnesses
- Volunteer Translators

*Law students are welcome to be witnesses and translators!*

**Training:**

**Tuesday, March 1, 2011**

12:00 PM to 1:30 PM

Locke Lord Bissell & Liddell LLP
2800 JPMorgan Chase Tower
600 Travis
Houston, Texas 77002

You will receive CLE credit, and lunch will be provided courtesy of Locke Lord Bissell & Liddell LLP.

Please register online at [www.aabahouston.com](http://www.aabahouston.com) by **Friday, February 25, 2011**.

**Clinic:**

**Saturday, March 26, 2011**

9:00 AM to 2:00 PM

VN Teamwork Center
11210 Bellaire Boulevard, #118
Houston, Texas 77072

Lunch will be provided.

If you cannot attend the **Training** but would like to prepare documents for the **Clinic**, please contact Alice Huang at [ahuang@lockelord.com](mailto:ahuang@lockelord.com).
Asian American Bar Foundation of Houston, Inc.

Contribution Form

Name(s)

_____________________________________________________

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Contributions and pledges in any amount are greatly appreciated.

Enclosed is my/our _____ Gift _____ Payment on existing Pledge _____ Pledge

in the amount of $______________________

Payment can be made by check payable to AABF or by American Express, Visa, Mastercard or Discover card. For payment by credit card, please complete the following section:

Name as it appears on credit card (please print): ________________________________

Credit Card Acct# ___________________________ Expiration Date __________

Signature ___________________________ Date __________________

Please send contributions to: AABF, P.O. Box 1351, Houston, Texas 77252.
Happy Lunar New Year From NCVAA!

NCVAA would like to wish everyone a Happy Lunar New Year! May the New Year bring health, happiness, and success to all of you.

EARLY BIRD ONLINE REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN.

We are pleased to announce that EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION is NOW OPEN. Please visit: www.ncvaa.org to register online.

SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES.

There are several sponsorship opportunities available NOW. Please visit www.ncvaa.org if you or your firm would like to be a major contributor to this event.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED.

We are in need of volunteers. Please email Mai Phan for more information: mai@pnallp.com
SAVE THE DATE!!

National Conference of Vietnamese American Attorneys 2011:

RAISING THE BAR
IN THE NATION’S CAPITAL
APRIL 1-2, 2011 WASHINGTON, D.C.

Join us for the 5th Annual NCVAA to be held in Washington, D.C. Program includes:

- Friday Evening, April 1, 2011: Welcoming Reception
- Saturday Day, April 2, 2011: Presentation of Keynote Speakers and Panels
- Saturday Evening, April 2, 2011: Closing Gala and VABA-DC Scholarships Presentation

Stay tuned for upcoming details on event and registration information at www.ncvaa.org.

To volunteer or be part of this program, contact Mai D. Phan, Mai-Pham-Robertson, or Nguyen Vu as follows:

Mai Pham Robertson, Co-Chair
maiapham@gmail.com

Mai D. Phan, Co-Chair
mai@pnallp.com

Nguyen Vu, Program Chair
nguyen.vu@bingham.com

Telephone: (408) 975-9321 Fax: (408) 975-9654
SAVE THE DATE!!

The Fifteenth Annual Conference and Retreat
Asian Pacific Interest Section, State Bar of Texas
April 15-17, 2011

“Building Bridges; Creating Dynamic Relationships in a New Decade”
Barton Creek Resort & Spa
Austin, Texas

Don’t miss our “Hot Issues” CLE program or our Saturday evening event which will feature a General Counsel dream team duo. Join us as Lawrence Tu, General Counsel for Dell, Inc. interviews Don Liu, General Counsel for Xerox Corporation in an “Inside the General Counsel’s office” discussion.

SPONSORSHIP: If you or your firm / organization are interested in sponsoring the retreat, please contact Michele Wong Krause at mwong@airmail.net for sponsorship materials.

REGISTRATION: Registration materials and details, coming soon! Check our website often for the most current information.

HOTEL: Book your hotel reservations at the Barton Creek Resort & Spa using Group Code 35834 as soon as possible to receive a special discounted rate of $195.00 per night before resort charges or taxes. Rooms at this remarkable discounted rate for peak season are limited and are on a first-come first-served basis. Be sure to mention the State Bar of Texas, Asian Pacific Interest Section (APIS) when booking.

GOLF: For all golfers, Barton Creek Resort & Spa is widely known for its championship golf courses. For more information about the Saturday afternoon round of golf, please contact Michael Wong at mwong@aimrealestategroup.com.

More information coming soon.

Very best regards,

Michele Wong Krause, Chair
214.373.6565
mwong@airmail.net
**FIFTEENTH ANNUAL CONFERENCE AND RETREAT**  
**APRIL 15-17, 2011 | AUSTIN, TEXAS**

Name: ___________________________________________________      Telephone (_____) _______  
Law Firm/Company/School: ____________________________________     Email:______________________________  
Address: _______________________________________________________________________________________________  

**Friday, April 15:**  
4:30 – 6:00 p.m.  CAREER WORKSHOPS  
Workshops to help plan your next successful career move. Whether you are in-house counsel or in a small firm, these workshops will provide unique insights.  
6:30 – 9:00 p.m.  WELCOME RECEPTION (sponsored by ______)  
Meet other APA lawyers, in-house counsel and leaders of the Asian legal communities  

**Saturday, April 16:**  
8:30 – 3:00 p.m.  CLE PROGRAM* (TBA)  
12:00 – 1:15 p.m.  AWARDS LUNCHEON (sponsored by ______)  
Moderator: ____  
Speakers: ____  
1:00 – 6:00 p.m.  GOLF SCRAMBLE  
6:30 – 7:30 p.m.  NETWORKING RECEPTION (sponsored by ______)  
7:30 – 9:30 p.m.  DINNER and PROGRAM  
Lawrence P. Tu, Senior Vice President and General Counsel of Dell, interviews Don H. Liu, Senior Vice President, General Counsel and Corporate Secretary for Xerox Corporation  
9:30 – 11:00 p.m.  POKER AND POOL  

* 4 CLE credit hours pending.

Conference fees do not include lodging. APIS attendees may take advantage of a discounted hotel rate of $195.00 per room, per night before resort charges or taxes at the conference site, Barton Creek Resort and Spa. A limited number of rooms are available and reservations may be made by directly contacting the hotel.

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Golf Scramble at Barton Creek Creshaw Cliffside Course  
2011 APIS membership fee (if not already remitted)  
$15.00  
Students invited to attend at the in-house, government, and public interest rates.  

Please make checks payable to “Asian Pacific Interest Section, State Bar of Texas” and Remit Payment to:  
Albert Lin (APIS Treasurer)  
Brown McCarroll LLP  
111 Congress Avenue, Suite 400, Austin, TX 78701  
ALin@brownmccarroll.com  

For additional information: Michele Wong Krause, Chair. Phone: (214) 373-6565 | Fax: (214) 750-9990 mwong@airmail.net
Name: Kenneth Soh

Firm: Lanier Law Firm

Practice Areas: Litigation – Products Liability/Personal Injury

AABA Position: Director

If I weren’t an attorney, I would be . . . Either a doctor who hates the sight of blood or an engineer who is not that great at math.

The oddest food I have ever eaten has been . . . Fried Twinkie.

In my spare time, I enjoy . . . Watching my wife remodel our house.

If my life were a movie, it would be called . . . Arrested Development.

In my opinion, the best restaurant in Houston is . . . Chuy’s.

The coolest store in Houston is . . . Justice – according to my 9 year old daughter. Under Armour Outlet – according to my 8 year old son.

The sports team(s) I root for is/are . . . Baltimore Orioles & Baltimore Ravens.

My decade for music is the 1970’s and my favorite song is . . . Born to Run.

My favorite quote is . . . “The secret to success is sincerity. Once you fake that you’ve got it made.” –Jean Giraudoux

Most AABA members probably don’t know that I . . . am a borderline insane soccer, basketball & baseball coach.

You forgot to ask me about . . . My goal is to take a family vacation in every Central American country before my kids graduate from high school. We’ve hit Guatemala, Panama, Costa Rica and El Salvador already. Nicaragua or Honduras are next.
GET TO KNOW AN AABA MEMBER!

Name: Chrystal Quebengco
Firm: Nguyen Jazrawi & Chen PLLC
Practice Areas: Immigration

If I weren’t an attorney, I would be . . . a professional crossword puzzle answer-er. (I tried to Google what the actual term for that would be, but no dice.)

My favorite (or fantasy) vacation is . . . floating around in outer space. Why not?

The best dessert (or other food) in the world is . . . chocolate covered gummy bears.

In my spare time, I enjoy . . . playing videogames.


The best restaurant in Houston is . . . oh man, there are so many good places in Houston – please don’t make me choose!

My favorite place in Houston is . . . home. 😊

The sports team(s) I root for is/are . . . the Texas Longhorns. Hook ‘em!

If I won the lottery, I would . . . pay bills and other boring things. And then I’d attempt to buy a spaceship in order to fulfill my aforementioned fantasy vacation.

I recommend reading . . . an actual, physical newspaper. Drink a cup of coffee while you’re at it.

Most AABA members probably don’t know that I . . . plan on watching the entire Lord of the Rings trilogy . . . in one sitting. As a friend of mine said, “That’s going to be a lot of watching people walk.”

You forgot to ask me about . . . what it’s like working with AABA President-Elect Daniel Chen and AABA Secretary Jane Nguyen Vuong. (Answer: AWESOME.)
Many thanks to our 2011-2012 Major Underwriters!

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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”).

If you would like to publicize job opportunities, community news, or personal SIDEBAR news, please contact AABA Secretary, Jane Nguyen Vuong, at jnv@njclaw.com.
The AAABA welcomes the following new and renewing members!

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Joy Al-Jazrawi, Nguyen Jazrawi & Chen PLLC
Sheel Bedi
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Jonathan Chan
Audrey Chang, Greenberg Traurig LLP
Theresa Chang
Daniel Chen, Nguyen Jazrawi & Chen PLLC
Erren Chen
Todd Chen, Winstead PC
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Joyce Kao Soliman, Porter & Hedges LLP
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Dat Tran, AGL Resources Inc.
Marla Tseng, Baker Botts LLP
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Emily Wong, Harris County Sheriff’s Office
Joseph Yao, Exxon Mobil Corp.
Clinton Yu, Givens & Johnston PLLC
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Asian American Bar Association of Houston
2011 Membership Application/Renewal

$50  General Member
$25  Public Interest Attorney • Government Attorney • Judge • Solo Practitioner
$0   Law Student • Retired Attorney • Transitional Attorney*

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Last Name_________________________________________ First Name________________________________

Employer __________________________________________________________________________

Address __________________________________________________________________________

City __________________________ State _______ ZIP __________________________

Office # __________________________ Home # __________________________

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Would you like to receive the AABA Newsletter by E-Mail?  ☐ Yes ☐ No

Would you like your business contact information published in the 2011 AABA Directory?  ☐ Yes ☐ No

I hereby consent to the receipt of notice of meeting through electronic means.  ☐ Yes ☐ No

Please give us any comments or programming suggestions you might have: __________________________

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Please indicate any committees on which you would be interested in serving:

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Make checks payable to AABA and submit application and fee to:

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ATTN: Membership
P.O. Box 1554
Houston, TX 77251

Send any inquiries concerning AABA membership to membership@aabahouston.com,
or contact Erick Wang at (713) 650-2789.

*Transitional attorneys refers to those attorneys currently not employed.