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**Holiday Luncheon & Toy Drive**

On December 11, 2010, the AABA of Houston held its annual Holiday Luncheon & Toy Drive at the Houston Arboretum & Nature Center. We collected many donations for the benefit of the Asian American Family Services. Thanks to everyone who showed up to enjoy the holidays with us!
Holiday Luncheon & Toy Drive

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Upcoming AABA Events

Yellow Magazine Lunar New Year Celebration
January 27, 2011
6:30 PM – 9:30 PM
Momentum BMW Southwest

Wills Clinic Training
Details coming soon!

Lunar New Year Celebration
Family Dim Sum
February 19, 2011
Fung’s Kitchen

Career Night
Mentorship Program Kickoff
March 3, 2011
South Texas College of Law
Applications to be a Mentor or Mentee are attached.

Stay tuned for more events!

Holiday Luncheon & Toy Drive

Warren and Issa Huang
2011 AABA Mentorship Program

AABA is seeking Mentors and Mentees for its 2011 Mentorship Program!

Please submit your applications by **Friday, February 18, 2011**.

A Career Night and Mentorship Program Kickoff will be held on Thursday, March 3, 2011 at South Texas College of Law.

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Jessup International Moot Court Competition Volunteer Opportunity

*Moot Court Volunteer/Free CLE Credit Opportunity*

The Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition seeks volunteer attorneys to judge the South U.S. Rounds of the Competition on **Friday, February 11** and **Saturday, February 12**, at the **University of Houston Law Center**.

This year's Jessup Problem concerns the legality of the use of unmanned predator drones, a national ban against wearing a traditional head covering, and international anti-corruption law.

Two hours of free Texas CLE credit will be earned for each two-hour oral round judged, plus one extra hour of credit for preparation time, up to a maximum of five total credit hours. The Competition also needs to volunteer attorneys to grade the competitors' written briefs remotely.

For more information, please visit the South U.S. Jessup Judges’ webpage at [http://www.ilsa.org/judges/south/south.php](http://www.ilsa.org/judges/south/south.php), or contact Ashley Walker at awalker@ilsa.org to volunteer.

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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.
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) __________________________________________________________

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Your Goals & Expectations from the Mentorship Program

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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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An invitation from yellow magazine

YEAR OF THE RABBIT

LUNAR NEW YEAR PARTY

Please join us on
Thursday, January 27
6:30-9:00pm

Co-Hosts
Asian American Bar Association
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Asia Society Young Professionals
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Houston Royal Oaks Lions Club
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Filipino Young Professionals

Entertainment provided by
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MOMENTUM BMW SOUTHWEST
10002 Southwest Freeway
Houston, TX 77074
800-714-2479

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Please RSVP to event@yellowmags.com
Saison Des Amours

Valentine's Day

Mixer & Date Auction

Sponsored by Sushi Raku
Hosted by Helene Dang & Naomi Jyoung Bang
Supported by Gordon Quan, Yuki Rogers & the

When:
Sunday, February 13, 2011, 1pm - 4pm

Where:
Sushi Raku
3201 Louisiana Street, Houston, TX 77006

Attire:
Red or Pink (optional)

Advance Tickets:
$25 single, $40 couple

Door admission:
$30/person

FREE appetizers and 1 drink ticket

RSVP to Diana at 713-259-5711 or diananguyens55@gmail.com

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Celebrating 30 years of service, BPSOS strives to empower the next generation to achieve a better tomorrow.
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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
The Intellectual Property Law Section of the State Bar of Texas will award two $2,500 scholarships, each to a woman and/or minority law student. Any woman or member of a recognized minority group, including but not limited to African Americans, Hispanics, Asian Americans, and Native Americans who intends to practice IP law in the State of Texas, is eligible to apply. Applicants must be enrolled in an ABA-accredited law school in Texas at the time the application is submitted. Thus, persons who have been accepted to law school but have not yet started classes at the time the application is filed are ineligible. However, persons who have graduated at the time the scholarship is awarded are eligible for the scholarship.

The purpose of this scholarship is to facilitate and encourage women and minorities to enter the practice of intellectual property law in Texas, and to become active members of the State Bar IP Section, by assisting these students with their financial needs. Selection criteria of the scholarships include: merit, scholastic performance, and financial need. Consideration is also given to extracurricular activities both inside and outside law school.

This application should be completed and returned either by (1) mail to the SBOT IP Section’s Women and Minority Scholarship Selection Committee, c/o Bhaveeni D. Parmar, Law Office of Bhaveeni Parmar PLLC, 4447 N. Central Expressway, Suite 110-295, Dallas, Texas 75205; or (2) email to Bhaveeni D. Parmar at bhaveeni@parmarlawoffice.com (entire applications only (e.g., applications including the recommendations, essays, and transcripts)).

Applications must be postmarked or time stamped by no later than May 2, 2011. The scholarships will be awarded at the IP Section’s meeting during the 2011 State Bar of Texas Annual Meeting.

Please print or type in black ink.

I. GENERAL INFORMATION

NAME: _______________________________________________________________________

SSN: _____________________________ GENDER: ______________

AGE:_____________________________ D.O.B.:___________________

MAILING ADDRESS:___________________________________________________________
____________________________________________________________________________

HOME PHONE: _______________ ALTERNATE PHONE: _______________

ETHNIC BACKGROUND:

________ African American ________ Asian American ________ Hispanic _______ Caucasian

________ Native American ____________________________________________ Other (please specify)

MARITAL STATUS: _______ Single ________ Married

NUMBER OF DEPENDENTS: ______________
II. EDUCATIONAL INFORMATION

LAW SCHOOL NAME: __________________________________________________________

GPA: (cumulative) _______  EXPECTED GRADUATION DATE: ______________________

UNDERGRADUATE COLLEGE NAME: ___________________________________________

DEGREE: ___________ GPA: _______ GRADUATION DATE: ______________________

GRADUATE DEGREES (College, Degree, Date):_____________________________________

Please also attach a copy of all college, graduate school (if any) and law school transcripts. If your law school transcript does not yet include your grades for the Spring 2011 semester, please separately provide information on all grades you have received to date and supplement with remaining grades as soon as possible after you receive them.

LAW SCHOOL ACTIVITIES:

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES:

III. RECOMMENDATIONS AND ESSAY

Please attach (1) at least two letters of recommendation and (2) a typewritten essay of no more than two pages addressing the following:

   Why you plan to pursue a career in intellectual property law in Texas; and
   Any qualifications that you believe are relevant for your consideration for this scholarship.

   (Optional) Any issues of financial need that you would like the Committee to consider.

AFFIRMATION OF APPLICANT: I have reviewed the information listed in this application for omission and errors. To the best of my knowledge the information is complete and accurate as reported. I understand that the IP Section’s Women and Minority Scholarship Selection Committee reserves the right to investigate all information stated in this application.

Applicant’s Signature: _______________________________  Date:____________________
Name: Anna Ha
Firm: Jones Day
Practice Areas: Mergers & Acquisitions
AABA Position: VP of Programs

If I weren’t an attorney, I would be . . . a business owner.

The oddest food I have ever eaten has been . . . mirugai (geoduck).

In my spare time, I enjoy . . . spending time with my husband, Rob, golfing and trying not to get sucked in to—but usually unsuccessfully—the latest Korean mini-series dramas.

If my life were a movie, it would be called . . . Texas, a Love Story.

In my opinion, the best restaurant in Houston is . . . Uptown Sushi, of course. But I may be a little biased. 😊

The coolest store in Houston is . . . Kuhl Linscomb. I rarely buy anything from that store, but it’s fun to look around.

The sports team(s) I root for is/are . . . I have to admit, I watch sports only occasionally. My husband does more than enough sports watching for the both of us. But I will cheer for Rice, UT and all the Houston teams, although I still have a soft spot for the Mavs (yes, I can hear all the hissing…).

My favorite song is . . . I like the Top 40s/Pop so my favorite song usually coincides with the latest flavor of the month, but I like music from all decades and genres.

My favorite quote is . . . at the moment, "HEEED!" from “So I Married an Axe Murderer."

Most AABA members probably don’t know that I . . . am a member of the AABA! I look forward to getting to know more of you at the great events we have planned for this year.

You forgot to ask me about . . . why I have a soft spot for the Mavs. I grew up in North Dallas (Carrollton) and came down to Houston for college. And Houston stuck.
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!

Carl Flores, Attorney at Law
Edwin Lam, University of the Pacific, McGeorge School of Law 2012
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Jane Nguyen Vuong, Nguyen Jazrawi & Chen PLLC
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Mark Lee, American General Life Companies
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Joseph Tung, Law Office of Joseph Tung
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Catherine Le, Attorney at Law
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2011 Membership Application/Renewal

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

Bar Number and Jurisdiction _______________________________________________________

Last Name ___________________________    First Name ___________________________

Employer ________________________________

Address ___________________________________________________________

City ___________________________    State _________    ZIP _______________________

Office # ___________________________    Home # ___________________________

Fax # ___________________________    E-Mail ___________________________

Area(s) of Practice ___________________________________________________________

Law School and Graduation Year _________________________

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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: ___________________________

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:

AABA
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.