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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!



David Hsu, Jennifer Lin, Brenda Dang,
Daniel Chen, Margaret Lee, and Albert Liou



Quan and Alexis Vu

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Holiday Luncheon & Toy Drive



Jack and Isabel Soliman



Alice Huang, Eunice Song, Mai Huynh, and Audrey Chang



Claire Le, Jennifer Fung, and Stephanie Chi

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

Congratulations to the newly elected Officers of the AABA for 2011!

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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.

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>, or contact Ashley Walker at awalker@ilsa.org to volunteer.

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) _____

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

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: 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 _____

Your Goals & Expectations from the Mentorship Program _____

Please mail or e-mail your completed form to:

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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**



**MOMENTUM BMW
SOUTHWEST**

10002 Southwest Freeway
Houston, TX 77074
800-714-2479

Drinks provided by



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Black & Gold

Co-Hosts

*Asian American Bar Association
Hope Initiative
Asia Society Young Professionals
Chinese American Citizens Alliance
Asian Chamber of Commerce
Houston Royal Oaks Lions Club
Philippine American Chamber
of Commerce – Texas
Filipino Young Professionals*

Entertainment provided by
**Lee's Golden Dragon
J&H Dance School**

Featured DJ
John Chen

Food provided by



Please RSVP to event@yellowmags.com

Saison Des Amours



Mixer & Date Auction

Sponsored by Sushi Raku



Hosted by Helene Dang & Naomi Jiyoung 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 713-269-5711 or diananguyen55@gmail.com

Benefitting  **BPSOS**

Celebrating 30 years of service, Boat People SOS strives to empower the next generation to achieve a better tomorrow.

Local initiatives include: anti-human trafficking, disaster recovery, health awareness and prevention, domestic violence and senior services. BPSOS is a 501(c)(3) organization.



Happy Valentine's Day

Sometimes the heart sees what is invisible to the eye.

NATIONAL CONFERENCE OF
NCVAA
VIETNAMESE AMERICAN ATTORNEYS



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



Intellectual Property Law Section

State Bar of Texas

Women and Minority Scholarship Application

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: _____

GET TO KNOW YOUR AABA LEADERS!



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*

Jennifer Lin, *Attorney at Law*

Bernard Lo, *Hagans Burdine*

Jane Nguyen Vuong, *Nguyen Jazrawi & Chen PLLC*

Cindy Lin, *Curtis, Mallet-Prevost Colt & Mosle LLP*

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Michael Chu, *Attorney at Law*

Juvie Cruz, *Sheehy, Ware & Pappas PC*

Judith Kim, *Direct Energy*

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Catherine Le, *Attorney at Law*

John Na, *Tammy Tran Law Firm*

Chris Lee, *Attorney at Law*

Henry Garrana, *Garrana Tran LLP*

Daniel G. Nguyen, *Locke Lord Bissell & Liddell LLP*

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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*

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 _____

Language(s) Spoken _____

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: _____

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

- ☐ Gala ☐ Fundraising ☐ Programs ☐ Social/Networking ☐ Community Relations/Pro Bono
☐ Solo and Small Firm ☐ Corporate Counsel ☐ Mentorship/Law School Relations

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.