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.

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Lunar New Year Celebration

On February 20, 2011, the AABA of Houston held its annual Lunar New Year Celebration at Fung’s Kitchen. Thanks to everyone who came out to celebrate the Year of the Rabbit!

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Lunar New Year Celebration

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Upcoming AABA Events

March

Wills Clinic
March 26, 2011
9:00 AM – 2:00 PM
VN Teamwork Center
RSVP:
www.aabahouston.com
Please see attached flyer.

AABA/SAABA Joint Meeting and Informational Session on Redistricting Efforts
March 30, 2011
6:00 PM – 7:00 PM
Greenberg Traurig LLP
RSVP:
www.aabahouston.com

April

APIS Retreat
April 15-16, 2011
Barton Creek Resort & Spa
Austin, Texas
RSVP:
Please see attached flyer.

Inaugural Solo/Small Firm Event – Happy Hour
Tentatively set for April 20, 2011
Straits Restaurant (CityCentre)
More details coming soon!

Stay tuned for more events!

Lunar New Year Celebration

Naomi Bang and family

Amy Hwan, Melody Wang, Howard Lin

Claire Le, Daniel Chen
Career Night and Mentorship Program Kickoff

On March 3, 2011, the AABA held its sixth annual Career Night and Mentorship Program Kickoff at South Texas College of Law. Law students from the University of Houston, South Texas College of Law, and Texas Southern University’s Thurgood Marshall School of Law had an opportunity to meet their mentors and mingle with other attorneys in various practice areas.

Special thanks to our panelists, Joyce Kao Soliman (Porter & Hedges), Joseph Tung (Law Office of Joseph Tung), Jenny Hyun (Weingarten Realty), Richard Tomlinson (Lone Star Legal Aid), and Gene Wu (Harris County District Attorney’s Office) for discussing their experiences as attorneys. And a special thanks to our Mentorship and Law School Committee co-chairs, Sandy Huynh and Albert Liou, for organizing this event!
Career Night and Mentorship Program Kickoff

Vic Mendoza, Lynn Nguyen

Melody Wang, Anna Ha, Kate Suh

Ren Phan, Warren Huang, Jenny Hyun, Richard Kim

Sharon Yin, Catharine Yen, Chrystal Quebengco

William Burke, Jonathan Chan

Frank Lin, Diem Ngo

Anna Ha, Kate Suh, Evelyn Wong, Lily Ung Leal, Juvie Cruz

Eunice Song, Mai Huynh
In Memoriam

March 18th, 1942 - March 12th, 2011

The Honorable Herbert Wing Gee, 68, passed away on Saturday, March 12, 2011 in Houston, Texas.

Judge Gee was a founding member of the Asian American Bar Association of Houston. He served on its Board of Directors from 1984-2000, and was President in 1992 and 2000. Judge Gee was also the 2010 Asian American Bar Association Impact Award recipient.

Judge Gee served as a Municipal Court Judge in the City of Houston for a decade. He most recently presided over Municipal Court #11 and served as the Associate Presiding Judge. Judge Gee began his legal career in Houston as an Assistant City Attorney in the Municipal Court Section, handling a variety of criminal prosecutions. After his tenure as an Assistant City Attorney, Judge Gee practiced as a solo, and also with the Law Office of Harry Gee, Jr. and as a principal in Gee & Koopman, P.C., practicing immigration and nationality law and other areas, including commercial and real estate transactions, probate, family law, and criminal defense. During his career Judge Gee also served as a municipal court prosecutor for several municipalities, including the cities of Spring Valley, Bellaire, Stafford, Humble, and Mont Belvieu.

Known for his gentle spirit, generosity, warmth, and kindness, Judge Gee will be missed by all who knew and loved him.

Job Opening

Thompson Coe Cousins & Irons: Houston Office – Insurance Coverage Litigation Atty.

The Houston office of Thompson Coe Cousins & Irons is seeking attorneys with 3-5 years of experience in insurance coverage litigation. The candidates will join the insurance and coverage litigation section and be principally involved in handling residential and commercial property Hurricane Ike lawsuits on behalf of major insurers. Candidates should have experience with depositions, hearings, and trials. A Louisiana license is preferred but not required.

Please contact: Houstonemployment@thompsoncoe.com.

AABA/SABA Joint Meeting and Informational Session on Redistricting Efforts

Please join the AABA and SAABA in an informational session led by city and state community leaders and elected officials discussing current efforts in redistricting and what we can do to help ensure that the Asian community is accurately represented.

When: Wednesday, March 30, 3011
6:00 PM – 7:00 PM

Where: Greenberg Traurig LLP
1000 Louisiana Street, Suite 1700
Houston, Texas 77002


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 AABA is proud to partner with Houston Volunteer Lawyers Program, VN Teamwork, and Boat People SOS for the 2011 Wills Clinic. This annual event provides pro bono preparation of a Will, Medical Power of Attorney, Directive to Physicians, HIPAA Release, and Declaration of Guardianship for qualified low-income residents of the Asian-American community.

Clinic:

Saturday, March 26, 2011
9:00 AM to 2:00 PM
VN Teamwork Center
11210 Bellaire Boulevard, #118
Houston, Texas 77072

Breakfast and lunch will be provided!

If you would like to volunteer to be a Witness or Translator at the clinic (students welcome!), please contact Alice Huang or Pauline Ha.

Attorney Volunteers:

1) Drafts of the prepared documents are due by no later than Sunday, March 20, 2011.
   - Please e-mail all drafted documents in Word format to Pauline Ha of HVLP at Pauline.Ha@hvlp.org.
   - Volunteer attorneys should also print a copy of all drafted documents for the client folder and save a copy of the drafted documents on a flash drive. Both the client folder and the flash drive should be brought to the Wills Clinic.

2) Please RSVP on www.aabahouston.com to confirm that you will be attending the Wills Clinic and will be able to meet your client at the appointed time.

3) Please e-mail Alice Huang, the AABA Vice President of Community Relations, at ahuang@lockelord.com if you cannot make the Wills Clinic.

Thank you to all of the volunteers – this event would not be possible without your participation!
Is Texas the Next Arizona?

Lively Panel Discussion

Tuesday, March 22, 2011

6:00 - 9:00 p.m.

South Texas College of Law
6th Floor
Emilie Sloan Reception Hall

PANELISTS:

Prof. Michael A. Olivas,
U of H Law Center

Prof. Maurice Hew,
Thurgood Marshall School of Law

Mr. Bob Price, Legislative Director, Texas Border Watch

MODERATOR:

Naomi Bang, STCL Adjunct/ Clinical Professor, FosterQuan, LLP

Chinese Lion Dance

Food, Drinks & Dessert Provided

HOSTED BY:

Immigration Section, State Bar of Texas; Asian Pacific American Law Students (APALSA-STCL); Catholic Charities; Houston Coalition for Immigration Reform; South Texas College of Law & FosterQuan, LLP
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
Spring Banquet

Wednesday, April 13, 2011
6:30 PM Reception
7:30 PM Dinner & Program

Featured Speaker:
Mr. James C. Ho, former Solicitor General of Texas

Ill Forks Steakhouse & Seafood
1201 San Jacinto
Houston, TX 77002

Hosted By
The Asian Law Students Association at the University of Houston Law Center

Please purchase tickets by April 11th at http://asianlawstudents.wordpress.com/
### 15th Annual APIS Conference and Retreat

2011 Building Bridges: Creating Dynamic Relationships in a New Decade
April 15 – 16, 2011 - Austin, Texas

| April 15-16, 2011 | **For Hotel Reservations:** Barton Creek Resort & Spa  
8212 Barton Club Drive  
Austin, Texas 78735 |
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| Barton Creek Resort & Spa  
800-336-6158  
Group Code: 35834  
Special Rate $195 night  
Deadline March 15th |
| **Golf Tournament**  
Barton Creek Crenshaw Cliffside Course  
Saturday, April 16  
1:30pm-6:00pm |
| Please register using the APIS Retreat Registration form. Contact Michael Wong, mwong@AImrealstategroup.com  
Tel: (512) 323-6000 with any questions. |
| **Sponsorships**  
If you or your firm/organization are interested in sponsoring the retreat, please email Michele Wong Krause at mwong@airmail.net |
| **Questions about the retreat:**  
Michele Wong Krause, Chair  
Phone: (214) 373-6565  
Fax: (214) 750-9990  
mwong@airmail.net |

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Meet other APA lawyers, in-house counsel and leaders of the Asian legal communities |

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Speaker: James Ho, Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher LLP & Former Solicitor General of Texas |
| 1:30 – 6:00p.m. | GOLF SCRAMBLE |
| 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. | NETWORKING RECEPTION |
| 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 – 11:30 p.m. | POKER AND POOL |

* 4 CLE credit hours pending
15th Annual APIS Conference and Retreat 2011:
Registration Form
April 15 – 16, 2011 - Austin, Texas

JOIN THE SECTION FOR $15 TO RECEIVE A DISCOUNT ON REGISTRATION FEES!

2011 APIS membership fee (if not already remitted)

___ $ 15.00

ALL Events except Golf Scramble (Add $25 if after April 1, 2011)

___ $ 125.00 In-House, Government, Public Interest & Students
___ $ 150.00 API Members
___ $ 195.00 Non- Members

Friday Evening Only

___ $ 10.00 In-House, Government, Public Interest, & Students
___ $ 15.00 API or AAABA Members
___ $ 25.00 Non-Members

Saturday only (Add $25 if after April 1, 2011)

___ $ 115.00 In-House, Government, Public Interest & Students
___ $ 135.00 API Members
___ $ 175.00 Non- Members

Golf Scramble at Barton Creek Crenshaw Cliffside Course

___ $ 75.00 In-House
___ $ 150.00 API Members
___ $ 190.00 Non- Members

Please provide your handicap ______

Make Checks payable to: State Bar of Texas APIS Section

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City/State ________________________________________________ Zip: ___________

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Send completed registration forms and payment to: State Bar of Texas, Accounting Department Director, Michele Schweitzer, P.O. Box 12487, Austin, TX 78711-2487, Fax: 512.427.4102
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: ______________
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________ Native American ____________________________ Other (please specify)
MARITAL STATUS: ________ Single ________ Married
NUMBER OF DEPENDENTS: ______________
II. EDUCATIONAL INFORMATION

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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: Judy Liu
Firm: CenterPoint Energy
Practice Areas: Litigation
AABA Position: Chairperson of the AABA Board of Directors

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

The oddest food I have ever eaten has been . . . deep-fried strips of pork fat in China.

In my spare time, I enjoy . . . baking, ballet, and baseball.

If my life were a movie, it would be called . . . tough question—still thinking about this one.

In my opinion, the best restaurant in Houston is . . . Dolce Vita.

The coolest store in Houston is . . . Central Market.

The sports team(s) I root for is/are . . . the New York Yankees.

My decade for music is the 80’s and my favorite song is . . . “Don’t Stop Believin’”.

My favorite quote is . . . From a conversation between Samwise Gamgee and Gandalf in J.R.R. Tolkien’s The Return of the King – Sam asks “Is everything sad going to come untrue? What’s happened to the world?” “A great shadow has departed,” said Gandalf, and then he laughed, and the sound was like music, or like water in a parched land . . .”

Most AABA members probably don’t know that I . . . am a huge Lord of the Rings fan.

You forgot to ask me about . . . my trip to Antarctica later this year!
GET TO KNOW AN AABA MEMBER!

Name: Mark Lee

Firm: American General Life – Deputy General Counsel

Practice Areas: Tax, some IP and regulatory.

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

The oddest food I have ever eaten has been . . . Blake’s Bar B Q Man Versus Food challenge (I won free lunch for a year).

In my spare time, I enjoy . . . golf.

If my life were a movie, it would be called . . . “Ikiru.”

In my opinion, the best restaurant in Houston is . . . any sushi happy hour.

The coolest store in Houston is . . . Golf Galaxy.

The sports team(s) I root for is/are . . . the Texas Longhorns (all sports).

My decade for music is the ___________ and my favorite song is . . . none really, I am tone deaf.

My favorite quote is . . . “Lead, follow, or get out of the way.” –Thomas Paine

Most AABA members probably don’t know that I . . . am the youngest original member of the AABA (the AABA was founded the year I passed the bar).

You forgot to ask me about . . . my two straight “A” children, who both play lacrosse and have their brown belts in Shotokan karate (and their not so Tiger mom, Alice).
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Email Address ______________________________________

Contributions and pledges in any amount are greatly appreciated.

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Signature ___________________________ Date ____________________

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AABF Fellow annual giving levels:

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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 AAABA welcomes the following new and renewing members!

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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 # ___________________________

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Area(s) of Practice ______________________

Law School and Graduation Year __________________________

Language(s) Spoken __________________________

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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: __________________________

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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
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*Transitional attorneys refers to those attorneys currently not employed.