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SOLO/SMALL FIRM NETWORKING EVENT

On April 20, 2011, the AABA of Houston kicked off the inaugural year of the Solo and Small Firm Committee with a Happy Hour Mixer at RA Sushi in CityCentre. Many solo and small firm attorneys were in attendance to meet and mingle with each other. Big thanks to our Solo and Small Firm Committee co-chairs, H.C. Chang and Clinton Yu, for organizing this fun event!



H.C. Chang, Clinton Yu



Michael Lu, Cynthia Tan

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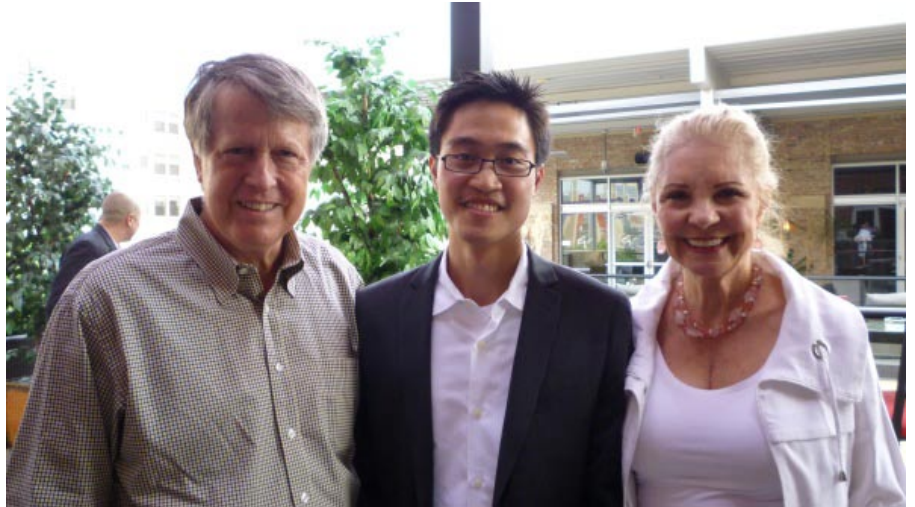
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Robert Givens, Clinton Yu, Grace Givens



Chandran Kumar, Natalie Lee



Audrey Chang, Joseph Tung

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AABA Annual Gala & Silent Auction Donation Request

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Dear Sir or Madam:

Founded in 1984 and celebrating our 27th anniversary this year, the Asian American Bar Association of Houston (the "AABA") is a voluntary association of lawyers, judges, and law students who are of Asian-Pacific heritage or who have interests in Houston's Asian-Pacific community. The AABA is continuing the development of its charitable affiliate organization, the Asian American Bar Foundation (the "AABF"). The AABF's mission is to educate and serve Asian-Pacific American lawyers and Asian American communities in the greater Houston area and surrounding counties and to promote Asian-Pacific Americans in all areas of legal practice, thereby promoting diversity in the legal community and improving access to justice for all Houstonians.

The AABA will be holding its *Annual Gala & Silent Auction* on **September 9, 2011**, at the InterContinental Hotel. For this year's Gala, we are expecting several hundred corporate, legal, and civic leaders from the greater Houston area to join us for this very special evening. The Silent Auction is one of the most popular and anticipated attractions of the Gala, and we hope to offer some memorable and exciting auction items.

The Silent Auction would not be possible without the generous support of our community partners and businesses like yours. We have enclosed a donation form for your consideration. All proceeds from the Silent Auction will be donated to the AABF's endowment, which will be used to fund scholarships, grants, and programs in furtherance of the AABF's mission. **The AABF is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, and your donation to the Silent Auction is tax deductible to the extent allowed by law.** In addition to having your business associated with this worthy charity, your business will have valuable exposure to the AABA's members and supporters and the hundreds of attendees of this event. We hope that you will take advantage of this fantastic advertising opportunity and join us in making this year's Gala and Silent Auction a success.

Please complete the enclosed form to accompany your Silent Auction donation. If you are donating services or non-tangible items, please provide a certificate, letter, or voucher that the winning bidder can redeem for such services or items. If you are donating tangible items, we can make arrangements to pick the items up at your convenience. Completed forms and donations may be mailed to Juvie Cruz c/o Sheehy, Ware & Pappas, P.C. at 909 Fannin Street, Suite 2500, Houston, Texas 77010. **Your prompt response is greatly appreciated. Please respond by July 18, 2011 to ensure your inclusion in this year's Silent Auction.**

Thank you in advance for your consideration. We look forward to hearing from you soon.

Very truly yours,
/s/ **Juvie A. Cruz**
Vice President of Development



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AABA Annual Gala and Silent Auction
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Attention: Juvie Cruz

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CAMSA –
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At this event, you can:

- * **learn** about the issues;
- * **support CAMSA** through a **silent auction** or direct contributions;
- * enjoy **wine and appetizers**; and
- * watch a fashion show of **unique cultural costumes**.

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and go home knowing that you've not just had fun,
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on factory floors and the Congressional floor,
CAMSA strives to ensure that all people are free
from slavery, exploitation, and abuse.*



Job Opening

The Texas A&M University System – Assistant General Counsel II

The Texas A&M University System is seeking an Assistant General Counsel II to provide advice and counsel on various intellectual property and business law matters, which include but are not limited to, reviewing and drafting contracts, IP licensing agreements, research agreements, affiliation agreements, memorandums of understanding, freedom to operate opinions and negotiating and drafting agreements involving partnerships or investments in, or from, private and public entities.

Required Education/Licenses/Certifications: B.A./B.S. plus an earned LLB or JD degree from an accredited law school. Must be a member in good standing of the State Bar of Texas or will seek a Texas law license through reciprocity within 12 months of hire date.

Preferred Education/Licenses/Certifications: Admission to Federal Courts

Required Experience/Skills: Four years relevant legal experience. Effective written and oral communication skills and ability to manage a broad range of complex legal issues. Ability to multi-task and work cooperatively with others.

Preferred Experience/Skills: Two years legal experience representing institutions of higher education or state agencies/government. Corporate/government client knowledge/understanding. Dispute resolution. In-depth knowledge of administrative policies.

For more details and to apply for this position, please visit:
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Sidebar

CONGRATULATIONS to **Steve Bae**, **Carmen Ng** and **Chris Lee** on their new in-house positions!

Steve is in-house counsel at Curocom Energy LLC.

Carmen is in-house counsel at Sysco Corporation.

Chris is in-house counsel at Targa Resources Corporation.



CONGRATULATIONS to AABA President **Audrey Chang**'s marriage to AABA Director **Joseph Tung** on May 7, 2011!

CONGRATULATIONS to AABA Member **Tina Nguyen**'s marriage to **Michael Roberts** on May 7, 2011!

CONGRATULATIONS to AABA Gala Committee Co-Chair **Cindy Lin**'s marriage to **Johnny Chen** on May 28, 2011!

May they live happily ever after! ♥

GET TO KNOW YOUR AABA LEADERS!



Name: Joseph Tung

Firm: Solo Practitioner

Practice Areas: Business, Corporate, Employment, Litigation, Oil & Gas, Real Estate, Transactional, Contracts, Construction, Intellectual Property

AABA Position: Director

If I weren't an attorney, I would be . . . a teacher...or rich and famous.

The oddest food I have ever eaten has been . . . REALLY? Although I may or may not have eaten any number of digestive, reproductive, or other odd internal organs of non-human animals, I must say that I am quite happy to be able to eat great normal food in Houston everyday.

In my spare time, I enjoy . . . thinking, eating, and spending time with my wife.

If my life were a movie, it would be called . . . A Blessed Life.

In my opinion, the best restaurant in Houston is . . . REALLY? See response to question 2.

The coolest store in Houston is . . . akakakakaka...Houston Sports Connection.

The sports team(s) I root for is/are . . . everyone. See above response.

My decade for music is the now **and my favorite song is . . .** Love the Way You Lie. Eminem and Rihanna.

My favorite quote is . . . "I haven't failed. I've just found 10,000 ways that won't work." – Thomas Edison.

Most AABA members probably don't know that I . . . have a soft spot.

You forgot to ask me about . . . my favorite person in the world...my wife.

GET TO KNOW AN AABA MEMBER!



Name: Sandy Huynh

Firm: Zwicker & Associates PC

Practice Areas: Creditor's Rights /
Commercial Litigation

AABA Position: Co-Chair of Mentorship
and Law School Committee

If I weren't an attorney, I would be . . . a chef.

The oddest food I have ever eaten has been . . . hmmm... this is a tough one, I've been tricked too many times by my parents so I've probably had a lot of odd foods in my life; however, I've had turtle, rabbit, and other ethnic food that taste delish (but I didn't care to ask what was in it).

In my spare time, I enjoy . . . eating and surfing on food websites.

If my life were a movie, it would be called . . . Hungry Sandy.

In my opinion, the best restaurant in Houston is . . . depends on what I'm craving for. For brunch, I enjoy Backstreet Café. For sushi, I enjoy The Fish. For sushi happy hour, I enjoy AKA. For steaks, I either go to Pappas Bros or Fogo de Chao. Tex-Mex: Chuy's. Hong Kong-style food: House of Bowls... I really can go on, but I'll stop now.

The coolest store in Houston is . . . Central Market. <3

The sports team(s) I root for is/are . . . anything that Baylor plays in; UT football; and the Astros.

My decade for music is the 80's and my favorite song is . . . Billie Jean.

My favorite quote is . . . "Nom, nom, nom..."

Most AABA members probably don't know that I . . . blog about restaurants and yelp a lot.

You forgot to ask me about . . . my favorite dessert (btw, its red velvet cake/cupcake... hmm, scratch that... anything with chocolate or ice cream).

Many thanks to our 2011-2012 Major Underwriters!

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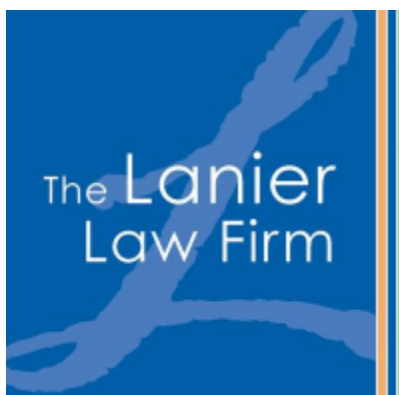
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It's that time of year again. . .
Renew your **AABA** membership!



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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