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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Domestic Violence Informational Session

On October 27, 2011, members of the AABA met for a Domestic Violence Informational Session featuring DAYA Houston at the Tracy Gee Community Center. AABA members learned more about domestic violence, how it affects members of the community, and how attorneys can help.

Audrey Chang, Saima Razzaq, Vyoma Majmudar, Abhilasha Vineet, Alice Huang, and Nusrat Ameen

Nathaniel Martinez, Patrick O’Rourke, and Andrea Penedo
Domestic Violence Informational Session

David Brogden and H.C. Chang

Abhilasha Vineet
**Upcoming AABA Events**

**November**

2011 NAPABA Annual Convention  
November 17-20, 2011  
Atlanta, Georgia  
Registration: [www.NAPABA.org](http://www.NAPABA.org)

**December**

Women’s Retreat  
December 3, 2011  
9:00 AM – 12:00 PM  
Jones Day  
*Please see attached flyer.*

Annual Holiday Party and Toy Drive  
December 17, 2011  
11:00 AM – 2:00 PM  
Palace Lanes  
*Please see attached flyer.*

**Sidebar**

**Congratulations** to AABA Member Tom Nguyen on his promotion! Tom is now the General Counsel at Platinum Energy.

**2011 AABA SOLO AND SMALL FIRM DIRECTORY**

The AABA Solo and Small Firm Committee will be happy to provide anyone with a **paper copy** of the 2011 Solo and Small Firm Directory, free of charge! If you would like a copy, please contact H.C. Chang at [hcchang@lawtx.com](mailto:hcchang@lawtx.com).

The Directory will be also be available online soon!

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](mailto:jnv@njclaw.com).

**SAVE THE DATE!**

**Join us for a Legal Round-Up**  
NCVAA 2012  
Houston, Texas, May 18 -19, 2012

The National Conference of Vietnamese American Attorneys cordially invites you to their Annual Conference!

For more information go to [www.ncvaa.org](http://www.ncvaa.org).

If you would like to be included on the NCVAA ListServ, please e-mail Catherine Than at [CThan@bickerstaff.com](mailto:CThan@bickerstaff.com) with your contact information.
Nominations are now being accepted!

AABA 2012 Officer Nominations

The AABA is now receiving nominations for its 2012 Officers and the 2012-2013 Elected Director.

The following positions are open and subject to vote by the AABA membership:

- President-Elect
- Vice President of Membership
- Vice President of Programs
- Vice President of Community Relations
- Vice President of Development
- Treasurer
- Secretary
- 2012-2013 Elected Director

Any current AABA attorney member in good standing may nominate himself/herself or another attorney member for one of the positions listed above, except that each nominee for President-Elect must have served at least one previous term as an Officer of the AABA.

Please send nominations in writing to AABA President Audrey Chang by 5:00 PM on Wednesday, November 30th via e-mail at changa@gtlaw.com or via fax at 713.754.7528.

Voting will begin on Monday, December 5, 2011 and will end at 5:00 PM on Monday, December 12, 2011. The election results will be announced no later than Friday, December 16, 2011.

Feel free to contact Audrey Chang (ph. 713.374.3537) or 2011 President-Elect Daniel Chen (ph. 713.780.4982) with any questions regarding the election process or the duties and responsibilities of each Officer.

We hope you will consider getting involved in the leadership of the AABA and making your contribution to our extraordinary organization and legal community.
Dance of Asian America 10th Anniversary

Request the Pleasure of Your Company at
The East Meets West Gala

Sunday, November 20, 2011
Omni Hotel Regency Ballroom
VIP Reception: 5pm
Gala: 5:30 - 9:30pm

Honorary Chairs:
The Honorable George Bush & Barbara Bush

Guests of Honor:
Li Cunxin & Janie Parker

Asian Chic or Black Tie Optional
Gala Chairs
Linda Wu
Yuki Rogers & Lauren Anderson

Celebrity Table Hosts
Ben Stevenson OBE
Lauren Anderson & Charles Foster

Honorary Host Committee
Cathy and Giorgio Borlenghi
The Honorable Theresa and
Dr. Peter Chang
Anne and Albert Chao
The Honorable Jacque Chaumette
Faye Chin
Donna Cole
Carolyn Farb
Lily Foster
Dr. and Mrs. Arthur Hamberger
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RSVP by November 7, 2011

Dance of Asian America’s East Meets West Gala
Sunday, November 20, 2011

☐ I/We would like to make reservations for

☐ Great Wall East, Li Cunxin $5,000 Table of 10
☐ Great Wall West, Janie Parker $5,000 Table of 10
☐ Dynasty, Ben Stevenson $4,000 Table of 10
☐ Jade, Charles Foster $3,500 Table of 10
☐ Pearl, Lauren Anderson $3,500 Table of 10
☐ Golden Dragon $2,500 Table of 10
☐ Red Phoenix $1,000 Table of 10

☐ Individual Golden Dragon Sponsor ticket: ________ @ $250 Total: ________

☐ Individual ticket: ________ @ $125 Total: ________

☐ I/We cannot attend, but enclosed is my donation $__________

For detailed information go to www.danceaa.org
Name of Corporation or Individual (as you wish it to appear in the program):

______________________________________________________________

Address: ____________________________________________________

Phone: ___________________________ E-mail: ______________________

Individual or Corporate Contact: __________________________________

Please make checks payable to: Dance of Asian America

Please charge my: □Amex □Visa □Mastercard □Discover $____________

Name as it appears on the card: ____________________________________

Card #: ___________________________ Exp. date ___________ CVC __________

Signature: __________________________________________________________________

Please list guests below

DAA is a 501 (c) (3) non-profit organization, Tax ID: 76-0668169

Guest List

Please indicate the number of vegetarian dinners you would like to request #____

1. ___________________________ 6. ___________________________

2. ___________________________ 7. ___________________________

3. ___________________________ 8. ___________________________

4. ___________________________ 9. ___________________________

5. ___________________________ 10. ___________________________
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SUSTAINABILITY 2011:
RENEWAL AND GROWTH FOR TODAY AND TOMORROW

2011 NAPABA Annual Convention
November 17-20, 2011

Omni Hotel at CNN Center
Atlanta, Georgia

Registration: www.NAPABA.org
Early registration expires September 15, 2011
Asian American College and Career Day Highlights
Experience and Success in Houston’s Asian Communities

October 27, 2011 – It’s been said that experience is one of life’s best teachers. That’s the idea behind the Houston Independent School District’s sixth annual Asian American College and Career Day, when Asian American middle and high school students in the Houston area learn about career options from young Asian professionals who relate their experiences leading to success.

“We have seen that as students have a chance to interact with successful Asian role models, they are often inspired to seek career opportunities that had not previously been considered,” said Gordon Quan, chair of the HISD Asian Advisory Committee.

“An engaged community opens doors for our students,” said HISD Superintendent Dr. Terry Grier. “Opportunity is what Houston is about.”

Keynote speaker Miya Shay, reporter for KTRK Channel 13 news, will kick off this free, four-hour event, which starts at 8 a.m. on Saturday, November 19 at Bellaire High School, 5100 Maple Street in Bellaire.

With “Marketing Yourself” as this year’s event theme, students will be encouraged to hone skills and practices (leadership, good interpersonal relationships, teamwork, promoting their capabilities, and good grooming habits) that enhance academic excellence.

And as in years past, Houston-area Asian American professionals serve as role models, providing students and parents with advice and information in the following areas: business, counseling and social work, creative arts, culinary arts, education, energy and engineering, entrepreneurship, health care, information technology, law enforcement/public service, legal, media, and medical. This year, speakers will be available to meet with students informally during breakfast, prior to the opening assembly.

Throughout the morning, students also will have access to local and regional college and university representatives who share information about financial aid, admissions requirements, and college life.

Special workshops will be available for parents to help them understand college and financial aid requirements and the emotional issues surrounding the transition to college. Interpreters and translators in Chinese/Mandarin, Vietnamese, and Bhutanese will ensure a high level of interest and understanding among parents.

Middle school students and their parents will also be welcomed at a one-hour session presenting information on how to prepare for high school, college, and careers.
The college and career day for students in Houston’s Asian and Pacific Islander communities is a signature activity of the HISD Asian Advisory Committee, which was established in the fall of 2005 by the Superintendent of Schools.

Event partners are the University of Houston, Houston Community College, and ARAMARK.

The **Houston Independent School District** is the largest school district in Texas and the seventh-largest in the United States with 281 schools and more than 200,000 students. The 301-square-mile district is one of the largest employers in the Houston metropolitan area with nearly 30,000 employees. **For more information, visit the HISD website at** [www.houstonisd.org](http://www.houstonisd.org)
2011 Asian-American College & Career Day

WHO SHOULD ATTEND?
Middle- and high-school students and parents

Free admission and refreshments

Date: Saturday, November 19, 2011
On-Site Registration/Breakfast/Meet The Speakers: 8:00 – 8:45 a.m.
Keynote Speaker: Miya Shay, Reporter, KTRK Channel 13
Time: 8:00 a.m. – Noon
Place: Bellaire High School
5100 Maple, Bellaire 77401

Asian-American middle- and high-school students will learn about career options from professional representatives in the following areas: business, counseling and social work, creative arts, culinary arts, education, energy, engineering, entrepreneurship, health care, information technology, law enforcement/public service, legal, media, medical.

Students can meet event speakers informally at early morning session (8:00 - 8:45 a.m.).

Middle-school students will learn about the transition from middle school to high school.

Students will learn about getting ready for college: admissions, college essay and letter of recommendation, financial aid, and marketing yourself.

Parents will focus on college preparation for their children. Parent workshops will be offered in Bhutanese, English, Mandarin/Cantonese, and Vietnamese.

Preregistration is encouraged. To register, visit www.houstonisd.org/asiancareer
For more information, contact Dr. Sabrina Nguyen, HISD Community Liaison at snguyen1@houstonisd.org, 713-556-7220.

This event is sponsored by the Houston Independent School District in partnership with:

It is the policy of the Houston Independent School District not to discriminate on the basis of age, color, handicap or disability, ancestry, national origin, marital status, race, religion, sex, veteran status, political affiliation, sexual orientation, gender identity and/or gender expression in its educational or employment programs and activities.
AABA Women’s Retreat

The AABA invites Women Attorneys to get together in a relaxed atmosphere to discuss relevant topics of today including Health and Wellness, Making Priorities and Mentoring with our Guest Speakers and amongst each other.

Where:

Jones Day
717 Texas, Suite 3300
Houston, Texas 77002

When:

Saturday, December 3, 2011
9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Cost:

Free!

Breakfast will be provided courtesy of the AABA.

RSVP:

RSVP on www.aabahouston.com or to Anna Ha at eha@jonesday.com by November 30, 2011.
Annual Holiday Party & Toy Drive

Come join the AABA of Houston in celebrating the holidays at our Annual Holiday Party & Toy Drive!

**WHERE**

Palace Bowling Lanes
4191 Bellaire Blvd.
Houston, Texas 77025

**WHEN**

Saturday, December 17, 2011
11:00 AM – 2:00 PM

*Lunch will be provided!*

**COST**

This event is FREE for AABA Members and their families. Non-Members will be charged $20. Children under 12 are FREE.

All attendees are encouraged to bring an unwrapped gift for a child as part of the AABA’s traditional toy drive benefiting Asian American Family Services. School and art supplies are also appreciated.

**RSVP**

RSVP on [www.aabahouston.com](http://www.aabahouston.com) by December 16, 2011.

*We hope to see you there!*
Name: Kei Ashizawa
Firm: Kilburn Law Firm, PLLC
Practice Areas: Oil & Gas

If I weren’t an attorney, I would be . . . an entrepreneur or diplomat.

The oddest food I have ever eaten has been . . . horse. Well, no, I refused those offerings in Japan, but I have eaten the very last part of a chicken’s digestive system served off of a Taipei bicycle street vendor. That is odd enough for my Texan tastebuds. It was crunchy.

In my spare time, I enjoy . . . traveling anywhere, running, networking, volunteering, my new bicycle, sleeping, international cuisine, and the outdoors – especially the beach.

If my life were a movie, it would be called . . . “Like No Other”

In my opinion, the best restaurant in Houston is . . . too difficult to determine, but shout out to my restaurateur friend from my Maui days, Hicham Nafaa of Mia Bella, Majorca, and other great dining establishments. He welcomes the AABA with a 10% discount at Majorca in midtown. Just mention the AABA!

The coolest store in Houston is . . . Whole Foods. I live next door to one and love it, but my wallet doesn’t. I hear Trader Joe’s is coming to town and I can’t wait!

The sports team(s) I root for is/are . . . Bellaire High School Women’s Lacrosse Club, of which I am the head Varsity coach! GO CARDINALS!!!

My decade for music is the ______ and my favorite song is . . . 90’s hop-hop and Marley era reggae. I don’t have a favorite song, but there is something to be said about music that is the voice of its people.

My favorite quote is . . . “You don’t ask; you don’t get.” –Momma

Most AABA members probably don’t know that I . . . participated in the Emerging Leader Program of the US-Japan Council this October. The program exposed me to powerful Japanese American leaders, including Senator Inouye, who share the common purpose of advancing Asian Americans and the international bridges we build.

You forgot to ask me about . . . my favorite mentor, Donna Fujimoto Cole, President and CEO of Cole Chemical. I owe so much to her. Beyond running her own successful company, she is an energetic activist for Asian Americans and women, a philanthropist, and an all around wonderful human being. I believe Houston’s Asian community will continue to advance so long as we strive to be like those great leaders before us, like Donna.
If I weren’t an attorney, I would be . . . running a nonprofit and building schools in Vietnam.

The oddest food I have ever eaten has been . . . (unwittingly) goat brains while travelling in Vietnam.

In my spare time, I enjoy . . . watching movies, TVs, and very rarely--reading.

If my life were a movie, it would be called . . . “Boats and Ho’s.”

In my opinion, the best restaurant in Houston is . . . Saigon Pagolac for the seven course beef meal.

The coolest store in Houston is . . . not in Houston but online—toss-up between Amazon.com and Newegg.com.

The sports team(s) I root for is/are . . . all major league sports in Houston starting with the Rockets, Texans, Astros, and Dynamos.

My decade for music is the 80’s and my favorite song is . . . Pet Shop Boys – It’s a Sin.

My favorite quote is . . . “only a life lived for others is worth living.” –Albert Einstein

Most AABA members probably don’t know that I . . . was a Varsity swimmer in High School and competed in amateur swim leagues during the summer.

You forgot to ask me about . . . my childhood as a refugee.
Many thanks to our 2011-2012 Major Underwriters!

Platinum Dragon Underwriter

Gold Dragon Underwriters
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!

Chau Do

Renee Huey
Chamberlain Hrdlicka White Williams & Aughtry

David Kuo
Applied Optoelectronics

Tom Nguyen
Platinum Energy

Kim Sangyoon
Aker Solutions Drilling Technologies
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 ______________________________________________________

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:

□ 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) 425-8423.

*Transitional attorneys refers to those attorneys currently not employed.