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Annual Gala & Silent Auction

On September 9, 2011, the AABA had their Annual Gala & Silent Auction at the Intercontinental Hotel! Over 300 AABA members, guests, judges, civic leaders, and supporters were in attendance. The Honorable Wallace B. Jefferson, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, was the featured Keynote Speaker and the Honorable Theodore Wu, Former Associate Municipal Court Judge for the City of Houston, was this year's Impact Award Recipient. KTRK Channel 13's Sonia Azad served as the Mistress of Ceremonies. Huge thanks to our Gala Committee Co-Chairs, Mai Huynh, Eunice Song, and Cindy Lin and to Silent Auction Chair Juvie Cruz for all of their hard work in making the event a success!



Anna Ha, Audrey Chang, Eunice Song, Alice Huang,
The Honorable Wallace B. Jefferson, Mai Huynh, and Cindy Lin



Impact Award Winner The Honorable Theodore Wu and Eunice Song

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Annual Gala & Silent Auction



Margaret Lee and Daniel Chen



Guest, Antje Gee, Harry Gee, Jr., Mark Schroeder, and Mary Schroeder



Sharon Yin and Polin Chieu

Annual Gala & Silent Auction



Daniel Chen, Audrey Chang, Cindy Lin, The Honorable Wallace B. Jefferson, Mai Huynh, and Eunice Song



Chau Le and Jeff Gee



AABF Co-Chairs Hugh Chong (*far left*) and Quan Vu (*far right*) with AABF Grantees



Rogene Calvert, Faye Chen, and Kim Szeto



Judy Chang, Rina Tzeng, Albert Liou, Linda Wu, and The Honorable Ted Wu



Carmen Ng, Cindy Wu, and Frank Wu

Annual Gala & Silent Auction



Dancer from Arirang Dance Group



Henry Huang and Alice Huang



Polin Chieu and Chrystal Quebengco



Audrey Chang, The Honorable
Wallace B. Jefferson, and Daniel Chen

Upcoming AABA Events

October

Domestic Violence Informational Session

October 27, 2011

Please see attached flyer.

November

7th Annual Corporate Counsel Dinner

November 3, 2011

Please see attached flyer.

2011 NAPABA Annual Convention

November 17-20, 2011

Atlanta, Georgia

Registration: www.NAPABA.org

Pro Bono Immigration & Naturalization Clinic

More details coming soon!

SIDEBAR

Congratulations to AABA President Audrey Chang on being honored at the Law and Justice Awards as one of Houston's Most Powerful & Influential Female Lawyers by Women Looking Ahead News Magazine!

Silent Auction Announcement

Dear AABA Members and Friends,

Thank you to those that were able to join us for our Annual Gala and Silent Auction this year. For those that were not able to join us, GOOD NEWS! There are a few items from our Silent Auction that we are now offering our members and friends via email. As a special offer, we are making these items available on a special "name your bid" basis, so make us an offer. Email your bid to **Juvie Cruz** at jcruz@pdhlaw.com. This extended Auction will close at **5:00pm on November 1, 2011**. What are you waiting for, name your bid! See attached flyer for available items.

Thanks!

Juvie Cruz

AABA VP of Development

The American Bar Association Council for Racial and Ethnic Diversity in the Educational Pipeline

THE FOURTH ANNUAL RAYMOND PACE AND SADIE TANNER MOSSELL ALEXANDER AWARD

Dear Colleague:

The ABA Council for Racial and Ethnic Diversity in the Educational Pipeline is accepting nominations for the Fourth Annual Raymond Pace and Sadie Tanner Mossell Alexander Award for Excellence in Pipeline Diversity. To increase diversity in the legal profession demands work all along the educational pipeline to expand persistence and success of underrepresented students. The purpose of the Alexander Award is to recognize exemplary leadership in pipeline work by an individual or organization. The award will honor those demonstrating success working along the educational pipeline in a collaborative approach involving more than one segment of the continuum from preschool to high school to college to law school to the practice. **The deadline for nominations is Monday, October 17, 2011.**

For more information, including the nomination form and instructions, please visit:

http://www.americanbar.org/groups/diversity/diversity_pipeline/projects_initiatives/alexander_award.html

The award will be presented at the ABA Midyear Meeting on Friday, February 3, 2012.

ABOUT THE AWARD

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Raymond Pace Alexander was Wharton's first African American graduate, president of the National Bar Association in 1929 and again from 1933 to 1935, and was the first black judge on the Common Pleas Court of Philadelphia. In the early 1930s, he took two Chester County school districts to court after they tried to establish racially segregated school systems. His victory in that case marked an end to de jure segregation in Pennsylvania schools.

Raymond's wife, Sadie Tanner Mossell Alexander, was the first African American woman to receive a Ph.D. in the United States, the first woman to receive a law degree from the University of Pennsylvania Law School, and was the first national president of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated.

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.

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month!

The AABA invites you to attend:

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE INFORMATIONAL SESSION

Featuring:

DAYA Houston

Come learn about domestic violence,
how it affects members of our community &
how you as an attorney can help!

Thursday, October 27, 2011

6:00 - 7:30 pm

Tracy Gee Community Center
3599 Westcenter Drive
Houston, Texas 77042

RSVP at aabahouston.com by October 24, 2011

Attendance is free!

*Food & beverage provided courtesy of
Asian American Bar Foundation.*



2011 Gala & Silent Auction

Benefitting the Asian American Bar Foundation of Houston

The Asian American Bar Foundation of Houston (AABF), incorporated in 2005, is the non-profit, charitable, and educational affiliate of the Asian American Bar Association of Houston. The AABF's mission is to educate and serve Asian American lawyers and communities in the greater Houston and surrounding areas.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AND SELF-IMPROVEMENT

MONEY MATTERS #3

Comprehensive Estate and Financial Planning. A gift certificate for six (6) hours of comprehensive estate and financial planning that includes includes two (2) hours of estate planning from an estate attorney and four (4) hours of personal financial planning with a registered investment advisory. - *Courtesy of Matthew Goff, LLC*

Valued at \$1,900 Starting Bid: **NAME YOUR BID!**

THE PROFESSIONAL

Lunch and career consultation. A gift certificate for lunch at Dolce Vita and a career consultation with Warren Recruiting. - *Both courtesy of Warren Recruiting.*

A gift certificate to for a portrait session and one (1) 5x7 print. - *Courtesy of Silverlight Photos.*

Valued at \$375 Starting Bid: **NAME YOUR BID!**

SPORTS AND ENTERTAINMENT

PLAY TOGETHER #1

Two (2) memberships to any sport and season. The HSSC offers a variety of co-ed sports leagues and tournaments in addition to a wide array of social events and activities, but their main objective is FUN! They have happy hours after every game and offer unique social events and activities. Fun for any skill level and a great way to meet other professionals! - *Courtesy of Houston Sports and Social Club.*

A NFL Pro Replica Football. - *Courtesy of Brockman, Brauchle & Evans PLLC.*

Valued at \$140 Starting Bid: **NAME YOUR BID!**

PHOTOGRAPHY SESSIONS

TEAM PHOTOS #1

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A softball. - *Courtesy of Brockman, Brauchle & Evans PLLC.*

A gift certificate for family portrait session and one (1) 5x7 print. - *Courtesy of Silverlight Photos.*

Valued at \$265 Starting Bid: NAME YOUR BID!

TEAM PHOTOS #2

Two (2) memberships to any sport and season. The HSSC offers a variety of co-ed sports leagues and tournaments in addition to a wide array of social events and activities, but their main objective is FUN! They have happy hours after every game and offer unique social events and activities. Fun for any skill level and a great way to meet other professionals! - *Courtesy of Houston Sports and Social Club.*

A professional kickball. - *Courtesy of Brockman, Brauchle & Evans PLLC.*

A gift certificate for family portrait session and one (1) 5x7 print. - *Courtesy of Silverlight Photos.*

Valued at \$268 Starting Bid: NAME YOUR BID!

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The Asian American Bar Association of Houston cordially invites you to the

SEVENTH ANNUAL CORPORATE COUNSEL DINNER

Featuring Special Guest Speaker

SHERRY WILLIAMS

Senior Vice President, Chief Ethics and Compliance Officer
Halliburton

When & Where:

Thursday, November 3, 2011

6:30 PM
Reception

7:00 PM
Dinner

Place TBD.

RSVP:

www.aabahouston.com or to Michael Dae at MDae@slb.com.

In-House Counsel, RSVP by **October 27, 2011**.

AABA Members, Non-Members, and Guests of In-House Counsel, RSVP by **October 31, 2011**.

Cost:

In-House Counsel, by invitation only, receive ONE complimentary ticket.

AABA Members, Non-Members, and Guests of In-House Counsel: \$125 per ticket.
All paid tickets must be purchased online using Google Checkout.

Space is limited.

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October 10, 2011

The Houston Regional Rounds of the 2011 Honorable Thomas Tang International Moot Court Competition will be held in Houston on Friday, October 21, and Saturday, October 22. The Competition is sponsored annually by the National Asian Pacific American Bar Association. We were hoping you might be willing to judge the oral arguments.

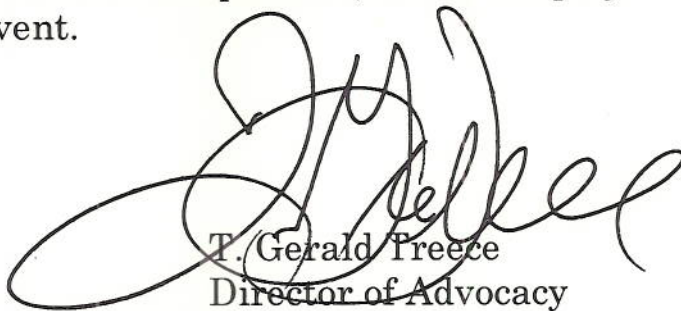
The regional rounds will be held at South Texas College of Law. The Friday rounds will be held at 2:00 p.m. and 3:45 p.m. The Saturday rounds will be held at 10:00 a.m. The judges will need to check in 30 minutes before each round. Each judge will receive the problem and a Bench Memo before the competition that will include the arguments and cases for each side and issue to help with preparation for judging.

If you are able to volunteer your time to judge, it would be an honor to have you on the bench. Please let us know your availability by returning the attached form.

We would appreciate your help in making this competition a great experience for the competitors. As you know, good judges are the most important component of a well-run competition, and we hope you will be able to join us for this event.



Lily Ung Leal
President
Asian Pacific American
Law Students Association



T. Gerald Freece
Director of Advocacy

**Houston Regional Rounds
of the 2011 Honorable Thomas Tang International
National Moot Court Competition**

<i>Name</i>
<i>Address</i>
<i>Phone</i>
<i>E-mail Address</i>
<i>Law School / Graduation Year</i>

I can help with the 2011 Honorable Thomas Tang International Moot Court Competition at the following times:

_____ Friday, October 21 (1:30 pm to 3:30 pm)

_____ Friday, October 21 (3:00 pm to 5:00 pm)

_____ Saturday, October 22 (9:30 am to 11:30 am)

***Please return this form at your earliest convenience
by fax to 832.201.7472 or by email to hstenhouse@stcl.edu.
We will send you a confirmation letter
and all the competition materials.***

**The Asian Pacific American Law Student Association
and the Board of Advocates
of South Texas College of Law**

invite you to join us for a

Reception

honoring the participants of the

2011 Honorable Thomas Tang International Moot Court
Competition

**Friday, October 21
5:30 pm to 7:30 pm**

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**Emilie Slohm Room
South Texas College of Law**

MINORITIES IN POLITICS: NAVIGATING THE POLITICAL ARENA

Featuring Guest Panelists



*State
Representative
Harold V.
Dutton, Jr.*



*Honorable
Judge
Josefina
Rendon*



*State Senator
Rodney
Ellis*



*Honorable
Judge
Maria T. Jackson*



*Former City
Councilman
Gordon Quan*

**Tuesday, October 25, 2011 – 6:00pm
South Texas College of Law
1303 San Jacinto St; Houston, TX 77002
Garrett-Townes Auditorium**

Hosted by: Houston Area Chapters of the Black Law Students Association, the South Texas College of Law Chapters of Hispanic Law Students Association and Asian and Pacific Law Students Association



**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

JOB DESCRIPTION FOR LEGAL/ADVOCACY FELLOW:

BPSOS is a community based organization with 10 offices in the U.S. and 3 overseas operational locations in Malaysia, Taiwan and Taiwan. Our international initiatives include: refugee protection work, civil society development and anti-human trafficking projects.

We are looking for a legal/advocacy fellow to serve at least a 1-year term in Bangkok, Thailand. If you are ready for a unique opportunity to serve as an ardent advocate for refugee rights while honing your legal skills in international law, then this position is for you!

The fellowship offers a living stipend plus 23 vacation days.

Primary Responsibilities:

- Counsel Vietnamese asylum seekers on UNHCR Refugee Status Determination process, standards and guidelines.
- Prepare and draft written applications, appeals and motions to re-open to UNHCR.
- Provide general legal counseling and assistance to Vietnamese asylum seekers, including educating them of Thailand legal framework. Refer them to social services, whenever possible.
- Advocate with UNHCR for the rights of Vietnamese asylum seekers to due process.
- Create public awareness within region and outside region of the plight of Vietnamese asylum seekers.
- Develop and foster professional relationships with other NGOs and human rights organizations in Thailand. Assist in fundraising efforts.
- Compile Vietnam country conditions information and assist in preparation of relevant reports.
- Visit asylum-seekers and refugees detained in Immigration Detention Center.
- Maintain partnership and build alliance with other legal aid and refugee protection organizations operating in Thailand.
- Report to the International Initiatives Manager.

Qualifications:

- JD preferred. Other graduate degrees in sociology or social work related fields will be considered.
- Fluency in English, both written and oral.
- Fluency in Vietnamese preferred (oral required and some written desired).
- Excellent interpersonal skills and ability to relate to people from a wide range of backgrounds.
- Demonstrated ability to communicate effectively both orally and in writing.
- Sensitivity to issues of asylum seekers, refugees and displaced people.
- Demonstrated ability to work in a team as well as individually.

To apply, please send your resume, a cover letter and three references to An Phong Vo at anphong.vo@bpsos.org. Only short-listed candidates will be contacted for interviews. **We will interview candidates on a rolling basis until the position is filled.**

BPSOS is an equal opportunity employer!

GET TO KNOW AN AABA MEMBER!



Name: Janine Yee

Firm: Porter Hedges LLP

Practice Areas: Banking & Finance

AABA Position: Corporate Counsel Co-Chair

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

The oddest food I have ever eaten has been . . . dandelions in a salad.

In my spare time, I enjoy . . . baking cupcakes & any other dessert, plus ballet & kickboxing (in no particular order).

In my opinion, the best restaurant in Houston is . . . Buffalo Grille – best banana pancakes!

The coolest store in Houston is . . . Marshall's Megastore.

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

My decade for music is the 80's and my favorite song is . . . "Take on Me" by A-Ha.

My favorite quote is . . . "Frankly, my dear, I don't give a damn." –Gone With the Wind

Most AABA members probably don't know that I . . . can play the clarinet.

You forgot to ask me about . . . my love of "Dancing with the Stars."

GET TO KNOW AN AABA MEMBER!



Name: Catharine Yen

Firm: Harry Gee & Associates PLLC

Practice Areas: Immigration Law

If I weren't an attorney, I would be . . . a meteorologist. Tornadoes fascinate yet terrify me. We should get more of those instead of hurricanes.

The oddest food I have ever eaten has been . . . bitter melon. A textbook example of assault and battery.

In my spare time, I enjoy . . . practicing flow yoga. Not hot yoga. Hot yoga kinda kills me.

In my opinion, the best restaurant in Houston is . . . sushi miyagi. It's a cute mom-and-pop shop near Chinatown with very fresh sushi!

The coolest store in Houston is . . . any bubble tea shop.

The sports team(s) I root for is/are . . . the Rice Owls! They really try so hard every year...and I love rooting for the underdogs.

My decade for music is the 1990's and my favorite band is . . . Backstreet Boys. They have the best sing-a-long songs for a road trip.

Most AABA members probably don't know that I . . . have watched the Broadway show, Wicked, a total of five times in 4 different cities.

You forgot to ask me about . . . where I go every year in the winter for my big family reunions...Las Vegas! It's like my 2nd home.

Many thanks to our 2011-2012 Major Underwriters!

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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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Bracewell & Giuliani LLP

Michele (Mitch) Gibbons

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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 _____

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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

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membership@aabahouston.com,
or contact Erick Wang at (713) 425-8423.

*Transitional attorneys refers to those attorneys currently not employed.