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TMCP Networking Event

On Thursday, August 23, 2012, the AABA co-sponsored an event with the State Bar of Texas Office of Minority Affairs that brought together minority attorneys around the Houston area for an evening of networking.
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Gala Preparation

Gala Committee Co-Chairs Kei Ashizawa, Claire C. Le, and Janine Yee have been hard at work planning another spectacular AABA annual celebration. Here is a behind-the-scenes look as they are assisted by a group of volunteers preparing the invitations for mailing to guests. Many thanks to the Co-Chairs and the volunteers for their hard work and dedication!
You are cordially invited to attend the

2012 Gala & Silent Auction
Benefiting the Asian American Bar Foundation

Date
Friday, September 14, 2012
6:30 p.m. Cocktail Reception & Silent Auction
7:30 p.m. Dinner and Program

Keynote Speaker
Mr. Russell Libby
Senior Vice President, General Counsel and
Corporate Secretary of Sysco Corporation

Impact Award
The Honorable Theresa Chang

Host
Adela Uchida
KTRK-TV ABC 13

Live Art
Joanna Purvis

Entertainment
Dance of Asian America

Location
Omni Hotel - Galleria Houston
Four Riverway
Houston, Texas 77056

Black Tie Optional
Asian American Election Protection and Poll Monitoring
Defending Asian American Voting Rights
General Elections -- Tuesday, November 6, 2012

In past elections, Asian Americans have faced a series of barriers in exercising their right to vote. For example, poll workers were hostile and made racist remarks, poll sites had too few interpreters to assist Asian American voters, translated voting materials were missing or hidden from voters, and ballots were mistranslated listing Democratic candidates as Republicans, and vice versa. Then, when the news media reported on election returns and the vote by specific groups, Asian Americans were often overlooked.

In response, the Asian American Legal Defense and Education Fund has conducted a non-partisan survey of Asian American voters to document Asian American voting patterns. AALDEF has also monitored the elections for compliance with the federal Voting Rights Act, which mandates bilingual ballots and forbids anti-Asian voter discrimination.

On November 6, 2012, AALDEF along with several other Asian American groups will be monitoring the elections and conducting non-partisan voter surveys at polling sites in Asian American neighborhoods in at least ten states. We need your help.

In the 2008 elections, 1,500 volunteers polled almost 17,000 Asian American voters in eleven states and Washington, DC. Volunteers are needed to administer a multilingual voter survey in 3-hour shifts and document voting problems on Election Day. Polls are generally open from 7:00 AM to 8:00 PM.

There will be a one and a half hour training session for all volunteers. All volunteers must be non-partisan during the time that they help. To sign up, complete the registration form on the next page. Thank you!

For more information, contact:
Glenn D. Magpantay, Jerry Vattamala, or Chi-Ser Tran
Asian American Legal Defense and Education Fund
99 Hudson Street, 12th Floor
New York, NY 10013
800-966-5946
votingsrights@aaldef.org
VOLUNTEER SIGN-UP
Asian American Election Protection and Poll Monitoring - Tuesday, November 6, 2012

NAME: _____________________________________________________________________________

FIRM/COMPANY: _________________________________________________________________________

ADDRESS: _____________________________________________________________________________
city_________________________________ state_____________   zip___________________

EMAIL: _____________________________________________________________________________

PHONE: daytime___________________________  evening __________________________________

WHERE DO YOU MOST PREFER TO BE STATIONED? (rank if multiple): ___No preference

- Wash., DC: ___Chinatown   ___Columbia Heights
- Florida: ___Duval/Jacksonville   ___Hillsborough/Tampa   ___Miami-Dade/Miami   ___Orange/Orlando
- Georgia: ___Norcross   ___Duluth   ___Suwanee   ___Doraville
- Louisiana: ___New Orleans/Eastbank
- Maryland: ___Rockville   ___Silver Spring   ___Prince George Co.   ___Baltimore
- Massachusetts: ___Boston/Dorchester   ___Lowell   ___Quincy   ___Malden
- Michigan: ___Detroit   ___Hamtramck   ___Ann Arbor   ___Dearborn
- Nevada: ___Las Vegas /Spring Valley
- New Jersey: ___Palisades Park   ___Jersey City   ___Edison/E. Brunswick   ___Cherry Hill
- New York: ___Manhattan   ___Brooklyn   ___Queens
- Pennsylvania: ___Chinatown   ___Olney   ___South Philadelphia   ___Upper Darby
- Texas: ___Houston/Alief   ___North Sugar Land   ___NW Sugar Land   ___New Territory
- Virginia: ___Annandale   ___Falls Church   ___Centreville   ___Arlington

DO YOU HAVE ACCESS TO A CAR TO DRIVE TO YOUR SITE? []Yes   []No

Some sites are not accessible by public transportation.

ON TUESDAY, NOV. 6, WHEN ARE YOU AVAILABLE TO VOLUNTEER? (rank 1st, 2nd, 3rd, etc.)

___6:00 - 9:00 am  ___9:00 am – 12 N  ___12 N - 3:00 pm  ___Not yet sure.
___3:00 - 6:00 pm  ___6:00 – 9:00 pm  ___Other_________  ___Willing to do multiple shifts.

ARE YOU BILINGUAL IN ANY ASIAN LANGUAGE/DIALECT? (Check all that apply)

Language ability is not required to volunteer but can be very helpful.

___Cantonese ___Mandarin ___Korean ___Tagalog ___Japanese
___Hindi ___Gujarati ___Punjabi ___Bengali ___Urdu
___Vietnamese ___Khmer ___Malayalam ___None ___Other_________

ARE YOU? ___Past Volunteer: Year _____________

__ Partnering with another volunteer: Name __________________________(times must match).

RETURN THIS FORM TO: AALDEF Election Protection Project
99 Hudson Street, 12th Floor • New York, NY 10013
FAX  212.966.4303
EMAIL  votingrights@aaldef.org
The competition is open to all students . . .
[to] provide them with an opportunity
to showcase their writing and oral advocacy skills
and compete for scholarships totaling $10,000.

Problem is available on www.napaba.org.

STCL APALSA is looking for:
- Student competitors
  (NO moot court experience required)
- Student volunteers
- Attorneys to serve as judges

CONTACT
STCL APALSA, apalsa.stcl@gmail.com
Rob Galloway, rgalloway@stcl.edu
2012 Law Student Diversity Scholarship

The Association of Corporate Counsel Houston Chapter (ACC) announces its annual Law Student Diversity Scholarship Program open to incoming second and third year minority law students at the three Houston-area law schools. Up to twelve $4,000 Scholarships will be awarded for the 2012-2013 school year.

The goal is to give the grants to students who meet the following criteria in order of importance:

(1) Enrollment at a Houston-area law school in the Fall 2012 semester;
(2) Academic accomplishment (i.e., official transcript reflecting student's calculated GPA and overall ranking in top third of his or her class);
(3) Diverse status as a racial or ethnic minority;
(4) Extra-curricular activities (e.g., pro bono); and
(5) Service to the law school

Students interested in applying for the scholarship should visit their school’s student or career services office for more information and application form. Each school’s designated representative will collect application packets on behalf of ACC.

The deadline for submission of the application packet to each school’s designated representative is WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2012.
Learn Spanish this Fall!
Register now for Fall Spanish classes, starting in September
Downtown lunchtime classes, Central Houston Location in the Evenings
Discounted price for members of the Asian American Bar Association of Houston
Register now at www.hablahouston.com/registration

Lunchtime Spanish Classes
Downtown Houston
Classes open to the public - Register Now!
Haynes and Boone Law Firm
1221 McKinney, 21st floor
Houston, TX 77010
14-week, 14-hour class
$250 – HYLA/HBA members, members of the Asian American Bar Association of Houston
$275 – all others

THURSDAYS, September 20 - December 20
Intermediate-1: 11:00 - 12:00 pm
Beginners-2: 12:05 pm - 1:05 pm

TUESDAYS, September 18 - December 18
Intermediate-2: 11:00 am - 12:00 pm
Beginners-1: 12:05 pm - 1:05 pm

Fulbright & Jaworski
1301 McKinney, 51st floor
Houston, TX 77010
14-week, 14-hour class
$250 – HYLA/HBA members, members of the Asian American Bar Association of Houston
$275 – all others

MONDAYS, September 17 - December 17
Advanced: 11:00 am - 12:00 pm

Classes for Andrews Kurth employees - Register Now
Andrews Kurth Law Firm
600 Travis, 42nd floor
Houston, TX 78702
14-week, 14-hour class
$250 - Andrews Kurth employees
$275 - all others (as admitted by special arrangement with HABLA and Andrews Kurth)

WEDNESDAYS, September 19 - December 19
Beginners-1: 11:00 am - 12:00 pm
Beginners-2: 12:05 pm - 1:05 pm
Intermediate-1: 1:10 pm - 2:10 pm

After-Work Spanish Classes
Galleria Area Location
Yarrell and Yates, P.C.
50 Briar Hollow Lane, Suite 425 West
Houston, Texas 77027
TUESDAYS, September 11 - October 23
Beginners-2: 6:00 - 8:00 pm
7-week, 14-hour class

$250 - members of affiliated organizations, including the Asian American Bar Association of Houston
$275 - non-members
$225 - HBA/HYLA/HVLP members/associates taking on pro-bono work

Medical Center Location
Law Office of Julia Maldonado, P.C.
4606 San Jacinto St
Houston, TX 77004
WEDNESDAYS, September 12 - October 24
Beginners-1: 6:00 - 8:00 pm
7-week, 14-hour class

$250 - members of affiliated organizations, including the Asian American Bar Association of Houston
$275 - non-members

We look forward to seeing you in Spanish class - Register now!
Temporary Job Opportunity

Robert Half Legal is recruiting Mandarin-speaking attorneys licensed in Texas for a document review project that will start in a few weeks.

Interested parties should e-mail resumes to Linda Lee Kaplan at: linda.kaplan@roberthalflegal.com.

Attorney Volunteers Needed

OCA-Greater Houston will be hosting Saturday morning and Wednesday evening Citizenship & Immigration forums. We need attorneys like you to help applicants with their more challenging questions. We will provide breakfast and lunch.

- Saturday, September 8, 2012 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. at Collins Elementary School, 9829 Town Park Drive.
- Wednesday, September 12, 2012 from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the Chinese Community Center, 9800 Town Park Drive.

If you would like to attend these or future forums, please email ron.sung@ocahouston.org or call 972-400-0457.

OCA is an organization of community advocates dedicated to advancing the social, political, and economic well-being of Asian Pacific Americans with our headquarters in Washington, D.C. For more information about us, please visit www.ocanational.org and www.ocahouston.org.

EMBRACING THE HOPES AND ASPIRATIONS OF ASIAN PACIFIC AMERICANS
If you would like to publicize job opportunities, community news, or personal SIDEBAR news, please contact AABA Secretary, Mai Huynh, at mhuynh@tum.com.

SIDEBAR

Congratulations to Jennifer Phan on her transition to Superior Energy Services, Inc!
Get to Know an AABA Member!

Name: Janet Brown
Firm: Baker Hostetler
Practice Area: Commercial Real Estate

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

My favorite (or fantasy) vacation is . . . anywhere with surfing and yoga.

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

The best dessert (or other food) in the world is . . . tres leches.

The best restaurant in Houston is . . . Reef. Their mussels in Shiner sauce are fantastic.

My favorite movies are . . . comedies and anything Pixar.

The sports team I root for is . . . the Rockets.

If I won the lottery, I would . . . open a Swiss bank account.

I recommend reading . . . The Prize, which is about the oil industry.

Most AABA members probably don’t know that . . . adore all dogs, especially Boston terriers, and call them all puppies no matter what age they are.

You forgot to ask me about . . . my costume this year for my family’s annual TrueBlood party – I’m working on it!
Get to Know an AABA Member!

Name: Marrick Armstrong

Firm: Adams and Reese LLP

Practice Areas: Commercial and Personal Injury Litigation

If I weren’t an attorney, I would be . . . an author of novels or editor of a publishing company (I own a start-up e-book publishing company).

My favorite (or fantasy) vacation is . . . South Africa.

In my spare time, I enjoy . . . reading and writing works of fiction and non-fiction.

The best dessert (or other food) in the world is . . . bread pudding (preferably made at Commander’s Palace in New Orleans).

The best restaurant in Houston is . . . the one I am in on any given night. I love the diversity of Houston’s culinary offerings.

My favorite movies are . . . the Star Wars saga movies.

The sports teams I root for are . . . Green Bay Packers, Houston Texans, Miami Heat, Houston Dynamo.

If I won the lottery, I would . . . give most of it to family and donate to charity.

I recommend reading . . . The Psychology of Persuasion by Kevin Hogan.

Most AABA members probably don’t know that . . . I am an AABA member. It is my first year as a member and I must get better at participating.

You forgot to ask me about . . . the name of my publishing start-up. It is ROM Digital Ink Press, launching in Fall 2012.
Many thanks to our 2012-2013 Major Underwriters!

**Diamond Dragon Underwriters**

**Platinum Dragon Underwriter**

**Gold Dragon Underwriters**
It’s that time of year again…
Renew your membership!

The AABA is accepting membership applications and renewals for 2012!

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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2012 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______________________________

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Address ____________________________________________

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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 2012 AABA Directory?  ☐ Yes  ☐ No

By completing this membership application, I hereby consent to the receipt of notice of meeting through electronic means.

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 Cindy Lin at (713) 220-4311.

*Transitional attorneys refer to those attorneys currently not employed.