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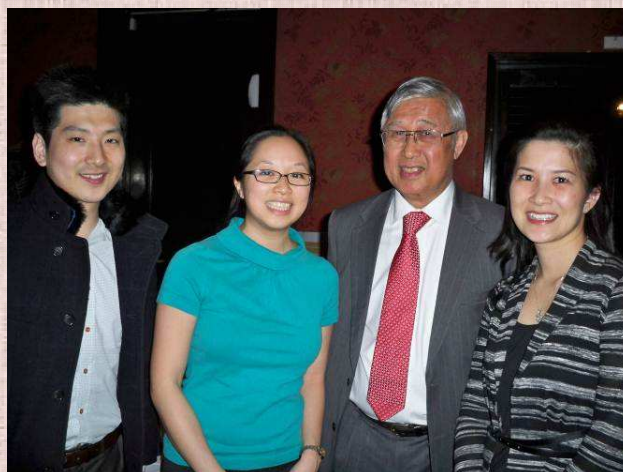
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AABA 2013 Annual Members Meeting and Kickoff Dinner

On Thursday, January 31, 2013, the AABA held its Annual Members Meeting and Kickoff Dinner at Café Ginger. Thanks to the AABA officers, board members, committee co-chairs, and fellow members who came out to enjoy the great food and kick off another exciting year for the AABA!



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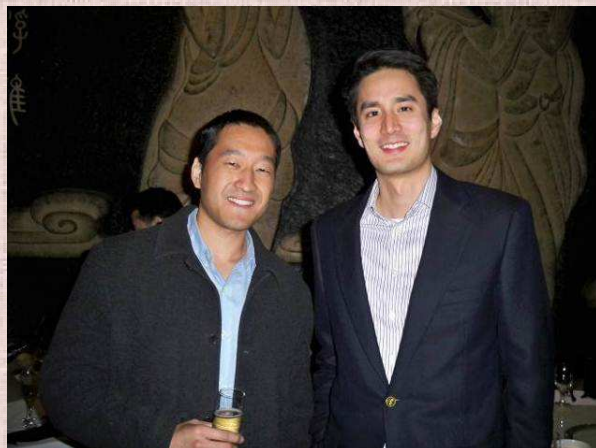
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Annual New Year Celebration

Join the AABA in celebrating the Year of the Snake!

Families are welcome!

WHERE:

**Fung's Kitchen
7320 Southwest Freeway
Houston, Texas 77074**

WHEN:

**Sunday, February 17, 2013
12:00 – 2:00 PM**

COST:

**\$10/person for AABA members
\$20/person for non-members
Free for children 12 and under**

REGISTRATION:

RSVP online at www.aabahouston.com by February 15, 2013

QUESTIONS:

**Contact our Social Committee Co-Chairs:
Claudia Gee Vassar at Claudia@bwmtx.com
Sandy Huynh at Sandy.Huynh@gmail.com**



**The AABA wishes you a happy, healthy,
and prosperous New Year!**

Law Day Poster Workshop

In recognition of Law Week, the AABA is again joining forces with the Houston Bar Association to host a Poster Workshop.



Date: Saturday, February 23, 2013

Time: 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Place: Chinese Community Center
9800 Town Park
Houston, Texas 77036

Speaker: The Honorable Theresa Chang

Grade Levels: K-8th grades may participate.

Posters, drawing supplies, food, and drinks will be provided for all our young artists!

This year's theme is "Realizing the Dream: Equality for All." Entries should depict the importance of law in our society to enable everyone to realize the dream of equality for all.

Completed posters will be submitted to the HBA courtesy of the AABA for entry into the official Poster Contest.

Please RSVP for yourself and your child(ren) at www.aabahouston.com no later than **February 21, 2013**.

For questions about this event, please contact Clinton Yu at cyu@givensjohnston.com.

2013 AABA MENTORSHIP PROGRAM and CAREER NIGHT

The AABA is seeking Mentors and Mentees for its
2013 Mentorship Program!

Please submit your applications by Friday, February 22, 2013.

The Career Night and Mentorship Program Kickoff will be held for all
mentors and mentees.

WHEN:

Wednesday, March 6, 2013

Mentorship Program Kickoff Reception
6:00 P.M. – 7:00 P.M.

Career Panel
7:00 P.M. – 8:00 P.M.

WHERE:

South Texas College of Law
Fred Parks Library, 6th Floor
Emilie Slohm Room
1303 San Jacinto Street
Houston, Texas 77002

All AABA members, friends, supporters, mentees and mentors are invited
and encouraged to attend.

Attendance is Free!

Food and beverages will be provided.

RSVP at www.aabahouston.com by March 1, 2013.

Mentor Application – AABA 2013 Mentorship Program

The goal of the Mentorship Program is to assist law students and new attorneys better define their legal path through the sharing of an experienced attorney's wisdom, experiences, and knowledge about the practice of law. In order to maximize the benefits of this program, Mentees and Mentors will be matched as closely as possible according to their areas of interest and practice, respectively. *Mentors and Mentees are encouraged to schedule a meeting once per month to 6 weeks and to remain in contact with each other on a regular basis throughout the year.*

Eligibility: Attorneys with 2 or more years of legal experience are eligible to apply to be a Mentor.

If you would like to participate in this program, please complete the form below.

The deadline to apply is Friday, February 22, 2013.

Name _____

Employer _____

Employer Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone # _____ Fax # _____

E-mail _____ State Bar Number _____

Law School _____

Year of Graduation _____

Year(s) in Practice _____

Practice Area(s) _____

Your Goals & Expectations from the Mentorship Program _____

Please mail or e-mail your completed form to:

Melody Wang
Kane Russell Coleman & Logan PC
919 Milam St., Suite 2200
Houston, Texas 77002
Tel: (713) 425-7410
E-mail: mwang@krcl.com

Mentee Application – AABA 2013 Mentorship Program

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Eligibility: Law students and attorneys with up to 1 year of legal experience are eligible to apply to be a Mentee.

Please note: Matches will be subject to availability. If you would like to participate in this program, please complete the form below.

The deadline to apply is Friday, February 22, 2013.

Name _____

Employer (for Attorneys) _____

Home/Business Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone # _____ E-mail _____

State Bar Number (Attorneys) _____

Law School _____

Year of Graduation or Current Law School Year _____

Year(s) in Practice (for Attorneys) _____

Practice Area(s) of Interest _____

Your Goals & Expectations from the Mentorship Program _____

Please mail or e-mail your completed form to:

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Houston, Texas 77002
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E-mail: mwang@krcl.com

SAVE THE DATE!

CLE Program:

**Advancing Your Legal Career and
Avoiding Common Pitfalls**

**Hear the do's and don'ts of practicing in the courtroom, in law firms
and in corporations.**

Wednesday, March 27th

11:30 AM – 1:00 PM

Place: TBA

***1 hour CLE ethics credit pending**



Texas Regional Conference

Saturday, February 23, 2013

University of Houston, Houston, TX

Register at <http://go.usa.gov/4B8H>

civil rights • community development • education • healthcare • housing • immigration • small business

Join senior Obama Administration officials for a day of open dialogue, where the community and government will work together to empower the Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) community in Texas.

- Learn about federal resources and programs.
- Provide feedback to the Obama Administration about issues important to the AAPI community.
- Meet other AAPI community leaders and organizations.

The Conference is free and open to the public. To attend, please register at:

<http://go.usa.gov/4B8H>

Corporations and Human Trafficking: The Global Supply Chain Dilemma & Solutions

ASYLUM AND HUMAN TRAFFICKING CLINIC

THE RANDALL O. SORRELS
LEGAL CLINICS
SOUTH TEXAS COLLEGE OF LAW / HOUSTON
Formerly Miller Law School



Thursday, March 7, 2013

11:30 am - 1:30 pm

SOUTH TEXAS COLLEGE OF LAW

1303 SAN JACINTO, 6TH FLOOR

HOUSTON, TEXAS

Lunch provided for all participants registered by Tuesday, March 5, 2012

Introduction by Leigh Ganchan, Chair of SBOT, Immigration Section

1.5 hours CLE credit (.75 ethics) approved by the State Bar of Texas

Free for law students; \$10.00 for non-STCL law students;

\$25 for Attorneys

Cash or check only at the door

Featuring:

Virginia Sudbury, Litigator/Author of "*Sweatshops in Paradise*," Brad Sidle, FBI Agent, Human Trafficking Task Force; **T. Luu**, Victim of Forced Labor Human Trafficking; Corporate Rep. TBA.

Moderated by Naomi Bang, South Texas College of Law

Hosted by: South Texas College of Law Asylum and Human Trafficking Clinic

Sponsored by: State Bar of Texas Immigration & Nationality Section, and Lawyers Against Human Trafficking

R.S.V.P. to abraham.garcia@stcl.edu



SEVENTEENTH ANNUAL CONFERENCE AND RETREAT

PROUDLY HELD IN CONJUNCTION FOR THE FIRST TIME WITH THE



SOUTHWEST REGION CONFERENCE

APRIL 5-6, 2013
FOUR SEASONS HOTEL
AUSTIN, TEXAS



REGISTRATION, SPONSORSHIP, AND CONTACT INFORMATION ATTACHED



Asian Pacific Interest Section



NAPABA
Southwest Region

State Bar of Texas

National Asian Pacific American Bar Association

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IN PROUD CONJUNCTION WITH THE
NAPABA SOUTHWEST REGION CONFERENCE

APRIL 5-6, 2013 | FOUR SEASONS | AUSTIN, TEXAS

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Friday, April 5, 2013:

- 5:00 – 6:00 pm** Asian Pacific American Bar Associations and Law Student Leadership Meeting (The Four Seasons)
Meet with statewide leaders of Asian Bar and Asian Law Student organizations. Please email APIS Chair Bill Richmond at brichmond@ghjhlaw.com if you or your group would like to participate.
- 6:30 – 7:30 pm** APIS Retreat & CLE Welcome Social & Registration (Cedar Door) Kick-off the 17th Annual APIS/NAPABA Conference and Retreat by meeting and mingling with other APA lawyers, corporate counsel, and law students across Texas, Louisiana, Colorado, Arizona, and New Mexico. This will be an informal social at Cedar Door followed by our Family-Friendly Dinner event.
- 7:30 – 9:30 pm** Family-Friendly Dinner (Cedar Door)
Join us with your family at Cedar Door or for more information contact APIS Chair Elect Alice Cook at acook@piperturner.com.

Saturday, April 6, 2013:

- 9:30 am – 10:00 am** Registration (Four Seasons)
- 10:00 am – 3:30 pm** CLE Conference (Four Seasons) – **5 hours CLE pending** (please register at least 20 minutes prior; includes lunch). Hear practical and informative CLE presented by leading attorneys from across the State. Lunch will begin at noon and feature a special presentation and brief awards ceremony.
- 7:00 – 9:30 pm** General Counsel Dinner Join us on Saturday night at Max's Wine Dive for a private panel presentation from distinguished General Counsels. Additional tickets for this event may be purchased for \$50 per adult.

JADE PACKAGE – ALL EVENTS

\$ 50.00	Law-students
\$ 75.00	In-House, Gov't. & Public Interest Attorneys
\$ 125.00	APIS/NAPABA Members
\$ 145.00	Non- Members

GOLD – CLE CONFERENCE ONLY

\$ 30.00	Law-student rate
\$ 55.00	In-House, Gov't. & Public Interest Attorneys
\$ 90.00	APIS/NAPABA Members
\$ 120.00	Non- Members

GC DINNER – SATURDAY EVENING SOCIAL ONLY

\$50 per person

2013 APIS membership fee (if not already remitted)
\$ 15.00 (annual; per person)

****Student Volunteers receive free admission to all events upon commitment to assist for at least one four hour session. For details about time frame and duties, please contact APIS Secretary Catherine Le for details:**
catherine@calfirm.com

*Conference fees do not include lodging. APIS attendees may take advantage of discounted hotel rates of \$289.00 per room, per night (before taxes) at the conference site, Four Seasons. You can make reservations at <http://www.fourseasons.com/austin> or by calling 512-685-8100. At the Radisson, the discounted hotel rate is \$189.00 per room, per night (before taxes). You can make reservations at <http://www.radisson.com/austin-hotel-tx-78701/txaustdt> or call 1-800- 967-9033. Enter your arrival and departure dates and Group Code: **BAR**. Reduced rates are subject to availability; please reserve as soon as possible to ensure reduced rates.*

For questions or additional information, visit www.texasapis.org or contact:

Bill Richmond, APIS Chair. Phone: (314) 324-3242 | brichmond@ghjhlaw.com

Gina Shishima, NAPABA SW Region Governor. Phone (512) 536-3081 | gshishima@fulbright.com

2013 APIS/NAPABA SW REGION CONFERENCE AND RETREAT
INDIVIDUAL REGISTRATION FEES WORKSHEET

Name: _____ Telephone: (____) ____ - _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ State Bar No: _____

Law Firm/Company/School: _____ Email: _____

Package	Cost	# of Tickets	Your Payment
ALL EVENTS on Friday and Saturday	\$145 General Attendee x	_____ =	_____
	\$125 APIS/NAPABA Members x	_____ =	_____
	\$75 In-house, Gov't, Public x	_____ =	_____
	\$50 Law Students x	_____ =	_____
A la Carte Events	Cost	# of Tickets	Your Payment
CLE Conference Only (includes luncheon)	\$120 General Attendee x	_____ =	_____
	\$90 APIS/NAPABA Members x	_____ =	_____
	\$55 In-house, Gov't, Public x	_____ =	_____
	\$30 Law Students x	_____ =	_____
Saturday Evening General Counsel Dinner Only	\$50 per adult x	_____ =	_____
1-year APIS Membership	\$ 15	_____ =	_____
		Total Tickets	Total Payment
Would you like to receive event alerts via text or email during the Retreat?		Yes _____	No _____

Please send registration form & payment by mail: State Bar of Texas, Attn: Sandra Carlson, P.O. Box 12487, Austin, Texas 78711-2487 or **by fax:** 512-427-4102

Make checks payable to: State Bar of Texas Asian Pacific Interest Section

To pay by credit card (select): ____ Visa ____ MasterCard ____ AMEX ____ Discover

Credit Card No: _____ **Exp. Date** _____ **CSV #*:** _____

Name on Card (Please Print): _____

Signature: _____

***Three or four digit Security Code listed on Credit Card**

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Job Opportunities

***Case Management Specialist*, Department of Justice, Civil Rights Division**

Job Title: Case Management Specialist

Department: Department of Justice

Agency: Offices, Boards and Divisions

Job Announcement Number: 13-CRD-002 (MPP)

SALARY RANGE: \$51,630.00 to \$67,114.00 / Per Year

OPEN PERIOD: Wednesday, February 06, 2013 to Wednesday, February 20, 2013

SERIES & GRADE: GS-0301-09

POSITION Full Time - Permanent

INFORMATION:

PROMOTION POTENTIAL: 09

DUTY LOCATIONS: 1 vacancy in the following location:
Washington DC Metro Area, DC United States

WHO MAY APPLY: Applications will be accepted from current and former competitive service Federal employees. VEOA eligible's and people under special hiring authorities.

JOB SUMMARY:

The Employment Litigation Section enforces against state and local government employers the provisions of Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended, and other federal laws prohibiting employment practices that discriminate on grounds of race, sex, religion, and national origin. The Section also enforces against state and local government employers and private employers the Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act of 1994, which prohibits employers from discriminating or retaliating against an employee or applicant for employment because of such person's past, current or future military obligation.

Division offices are ideally situated near metro stations or other public transportation, and are conveniently accessible to restaurants, museums and other Washington, D.C. area attractions. Most jobs in the Division offer alternative work schedules and other family friendly opportunities. Most employees who commute by public transportation are provided a transit subsidy benefit.

KEY REQUIREMENTS:

- U.S. Citizenship.
- Background and/or Security Investigation required.
- You must submit your application by 11:59 EST on the closing date.
- Filling this position is subject to funding availability

This position is located in the Employment Litigation Section of the Civil Rights Division. The incumbent will be responsible for maintaining and updating the Interactive Case Management (ICM) and Correspondence Tracking System (CTS) for the section. As such the incumbent:

- Enters data in the ICM system to capture the Section's outcome measures and generates reports.
- Promptly assigns DJ numbers and enters relevant data in the ICM system upon receiving complaint referrals from the Department of Labor involving claims under the Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment action of 1994 (USERRA).

If you would like to publicize job opportunities, community news, or personal SIDEBAR news, please contact AABA Secretary, Janine Yee, at jyee@porterhedges.com.

- Enters data on cases, investigations, and other matters into the ICM system accurately and timely. Responsible for acquiring case and investigation information from management, staff, weekly reports and other sources within the Section to ensure that the data in the ICM system are current and accurate.
- Runs reports from the ICM system on a scheduled established by management or as requested by management. Receives and responds to requests for special computer generated reports and summaries.
- Pro-actively communicates with attorney, management, and other ELS staff, and members of the information system component of the Administrative Management Section.
- Works with ELS staff and management to identify and address their actual support requirements and to communicate the capabilities of the ICM system in meeting those requirements.
- Reviews incoming citizen correspondence to determine if it was properly directed to the Section for response.
- Responds to correspondence related telephone inquiries from citizens and handles inquiry or directs inquiry to appropriate staff member.
- Prepares reports of statistics and other data regarding ELS enforcement matters to respond to request from the Office of the Assistant Attorney General (OAAG), ELS management and others.
- Maintains and updates the ELS website, including ensuring that all public statistics are current, all complaints and consent decrees are posted timely, and that all ELS press releases are posted timely.
- Performs other duties as assigned.

QUALIFICATIONS REQUIRED:

GS-9

Qualifying experience for the GS-9 level includes one year of specialized experience at least equivalent to the GS-7 level in the Federal service. OR

Master's or equivalent graduate degree, 2 full years of progressively higher level graduate education leading to such a degree or LL.B. or J.D., if related.

Examples of specialized experience may include but are not limited to experience in correspondence management, coordinating intake of and responses to correspondence, tracking through data entry the progress of complaints investigated by the Section, and experience using case management software, such as Interactive Case Management and/or Correspondence Tracking Systems.

You must be a U.S. citizen to qualify for this position.

Time-In-Grade: Federal employees must meet time-in-grade requirements for consideration. You must meet all qualifications within 30 days after the closing date of this announcement.

HOW TO APPLY:

You must submit your application so that it will be received no later than 11:59 PM EST on the closing date of the vacancy announcement. If materials are not received, your application will be evaluated solely on the information available and you may not receive full consideration or may not be considered eligible.

Applicants must either fax or e-mail their application in by the closing date for this position. Please submit your application via fax at 202-514-6603 or by email to CRD.VACANCIES@usdoj.gov. If you are submitting your application via e-mail, please indicate the Vacancy Announcement Number and position title in the subject line.

If you are unable to fax or email your application, please contact the Human Resources at the telephone number listed below, prior to the closing date of the announcement, for alternate application procedures. Application mailed using government postage or through an internal federal government mail will not be accepted.

REQUIRED DOCUMENTS:

You must submit appropriate documentation in order to be considered under merit promotion procedures such as:

Resume showing relevant experience (cover letter optional). Applicants should clearly indicate all experience [including dates (month and year) and number of hours spent per week], training, include volunteer work experience, education, and awards relevant to the qualification requirements. Training or self-development activities must reflect course title, classroom hours completed and date(s). Do not send position descriptions.

SF-50, Notification of Personnel Action, which shows career or career-conditional tenure and copy of most recent performance appraisal is required for current Federal employees.

DD-214 from Veterans' preference for consideration under special Veteran appointing authorities, if applicable.

<http://www.fedshirevets.gov/job/vetpref/index.aspx>.

CTAP/ICTAP documentation, if applicable.

Non-competitive appointment authority documentation, if applicable.

If you would like to publicize job opportunities, community news, or personal SIDEBAR news, please contact AABA Secretary, Janine Yee, at jyee@porterhedges.com.

FOR QUESTIONS ABOUT THIS JOB, PLEASE CONTACT:

Betsy Allen
Phone: (202)514-3934
Fax: (202)514-6603
Email: CRD.VACANCIES@USDOJ.GOV

Agency Information:

U S Department of Justice Civil Rights Division
Civil Rights Division
600 E Street NW
Room 3105
WASHINGTON, DC 20004
Fax: (202)514-6603

***For more information about this job posting and other available job opportunities with the Civil Rights Division of the Department of Justice, please visit www.justice.gov/crt/employment.**

***Case Management Specialist*, Department of Justice, Civil Rights Division**

Job Title: Case Management Specialist
Department: Department of Justice
Agency: Offices, Boards and Divisions
Job Announcement Number: 13-CRD-002 (DEU)

Please note that the job description, salary, and qualifications are the same as the above for Job Announcement Number 13-CRD-002 (MPP).

For more information about this job posting and other available job opportunities with the Civil Rights Division of the Department of Justice, please visit www.justice.gov/crt/employment.

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***Student Internships*, Department of Justice, Civil Rights Division**

Volunteer and Paid Student Internships

The Civil Rights Division of the Department of Justice offers competitive student volunteer internship positions in Washington, D.C. each academic semester, including the summer, for both law and undergraduate students. These positions are volunteer (without compensation) but may be used for work-study credit. The Division also participates - subject to budget restrictions - in the Pathways Program, which provides paid internship opportunities for students.

Interns gain a unique and exciting view of the work and mission of the Division. Interns will assist Division attorneys and/or specialists in a variety of assignments, including conducting legal and factual research, preparing documents and exhibits, interviewing witnesses, summarizing depositions, analyzing records, and other case-related work. Interns in the Policy and Strategy Section, as well as interns in some other sections, will assist the Division with a full range of civil rights policy work, including legislative proposals, policy development, and engaging civil rights stakeholders.

Please visit http://www.justice.gov/crt/employment/vol_intern_opps.php for more information about student internships with the Civil Rights Division of the Department of Justice.

If you would like to publicize job opportunities, community news, or personal SIDEBAR news, please contact
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***Legal Advocacy Fellow*, Boat People SOS**

BPSOS is a community based organization with 10 offices in the US. And 3 overseas operational locations in Malaysia, Taiwan and Thailand. Our international initiatives include: combatting human trafficking, defending refugee rights, and developing civil society.

Job Title: Legal Advocacy Fellow

Initiative: Defending refugee rights

Location: Bangkok, Thailand

Duration: 1 year minimum

Salary: A living stipend (\$1000 USD per month, plus monthly travel expenses and airfare)

Primary Responsibilities

- Counsel Vietnamese asylum seekers on UNHCR RSD process, standards, and guidelines.
- Prepare and draft written refugee status 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.
- Provide legal assistance to asylum-seekers and refugees detained in Immigration Detention Center.
- Compile Vietnam country conditions information and draft relevant reports.
- Maintain partnership and build alliance with other legal aid and human rights organizations operating in Thailand to advance with UNHCR and relevant stakeholders on due process and refugee protection.
- Compile Vietnam country conditions information, including torture, arbitrary arrest and detention, lack of due process.
- Maintain network of overseas pro bono lawyers to assist with legal casework.
- Create public awareness within region and outside region of the plight of Vietnamese asylum seekers, including assisting in fundraising efforts.
- Update legal caseload and activities report on a weekly basis.
- Report to the International Initiatives Manager.

Qualifications:

- A law degree.
- Fluency in Vietnamese or Hmong, both written and oral, highly preferred.
- Minimum 1 year of relevant professional job experience, preferably in the area of refugee protection, human rights or international humanitarian law.
- Strong research and analytical skills.
- Excellent interpersonal skills and ability to relate to people from a wide range of backgrounds.
- Sensitivity to issues of asylum seekers, refugees and displaced people.
- Team player with demonstrated ability to interact professionally with staff, clients, donors and service providers and to work productively in diverse team settings or independently.

To apply, please send your resume, a writing sample, and three references to Human Resources at hr@bpsos.org. Only short-listed candidates will be contacted for interviews.

BPSOS is an equal opportunity employer!

***Attorney Advisor*, Federal Bureau of Prisons (Grand Prairie, Texas)**

About the Office: The Federal Bureau of Prisons (Bureau) Grand Prairie Office Complex, Grand Prairie, Texas (Complex) consists of the Designation and Sentence Computation Center (DSCC) and the Human Resource Services Center (HRSC).

Responsibilities and Opportunity Offered: The Attorney-Advisor, under direction of the Complex Supervisory Attorney-Advisor, provides legal analysis and assistance to the DSCC on correctional law issues related to the Bureau's Residential Drug Abuse Program (RDAP). Duties include, but are not limited to, determining inmates' eligibility for early release based on a review of their current and prior offenses, providing litigation assistance related to individual determinations, and other RDAP related issues. Additionally, the incumbent assesses the need for change in Bureau policies based on trends in inmate grievances, statutes, and case law. The incumbent interprets federal laws, regulations, and Bureau policies, and suggests methods for policy development and serves as a resource person in the areas of RDAP offense reviews and other RDAP program issues.

Required Qualifications: Interested parties must possess a J.D. degree, be an active member of the bar of any state or territory, or the District of Columbia, and have at least 1 year post-J.D. experience.

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Applicants must also submit to and pass a drug test.

Preferred Qualifications: Prior experience, education, and training in correctional law, with a focus on matters relating to the Bureau's RDAP program, is highly desired, though not required.

Travel: Some travel will be required.

Number of Vacancies: One (1)

Location and Salary Information: This position is located in Grand Prairie, Texas. Current salary and years of experience will determine the appropriate salary level. The appropriate salary range, including locality pay adjustments is GS-12 (\$72,733 to \$94,551); GS-13 (\$86,489 to \$112,434); or GS-14 (\$102,204 to \$132,862).

Relocation Expenses: Not authorized.

Submission Process and Deadline Date: Applicants must submit a cover letter highlighting relevant experience, resume and a writing sample no later than February 22, 2013, to:

U.S. Department of Justice
Federal Bureau of Prisons
Office of General Counsel
Legislative and Correctional Issues Branch
320 first Street, NW
Washington, DC 20534
Attention: James C. Wills, Associate General Counsel

You may also submit your application packet via e-mail jwills@bop.gov.

No telephone calls please. This position is open until filled, but no later **February 22, 2013**.

***For more information about this job posting and other available job opportunities with the Federal Bureau of Prisons, please visit www.justice.gov/careers/legal/attvacancies.html.**

****Supervisory Attorney-Advisor*, Federal Bureau of Prisons (Grand Prairie, Texas)***

About the Office: The Federal Bureau of Prisons (Bureau) Grand Prairie Office Complex, Grand Prairie, Texas (Complex) consists of the Designation and Sentence Computation Center (DSCC) and the Human Resource Services Center (HRSC).

– The DSCC is a branch of the Correctional Programs Division, Central Office, and is responsible for centralized agency functions related to inmate designations, sentence computations, and inmate transportation. Additionally, legal department staff located in the DSCC perform reviews of inmates' offenses to determine whether they are eligible for early release upon successfully completing the Bureau's Residential Drug Abuse Program (RDAP).

– The HRSC consists of the Consolidated Benefits Unit (CBU), Consolidated Processing Unit (CPU), and Consolidated Staffing Unit (CSU), and is responsible for nationwide Bureau personnel actions and record retention.

Responsibilities and Opportunity Offered: The Complex Supervisory Attorney-Advisor, under direction of the Assistant Director/General Counsel, is responsible for management and supervision of the legal department at the Complex, its legal staff, and activities relating to legal functions of the DSCC and HRSC.

– DSCC legal functions include, but are not limited to, legal analysis and assistance on correctional law issues related to sentence computations, national policy formulation and implementation, related administrative remedies and appeals, litigation and discovery, and RDAP offense reviews.

– HRSC legal functions include, but are not limited to legal advice, policy formulation, and review of matters regarding court orders affecting Bureau staff (e.g., wage withholding and other orders), review of personnel files in response to Giglio and Touhy requests, and other personnel related legal activities.

The Complex Supervisory Attorney-Advisor works under the general on-site direction of the DSCC Chief, with direct supervision and performance evaluation provided by the Associate General Counsel, Legislative and Correctional Issues Branch, Office of General Counsel, Central Office.

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The incumbent is responsible legal review of matters concerning sentencing and sentence calculation, inmate classification and designation, and RDAP offense reviews. The incumbent reviews inmate appeals of decisions made by Wardens and other management staff of the Bureau, and assesses the need for change in Bureau policies based on trends in inmate grievances, statutes, and case law. The incumbent researches and prepares responses to legislative, judicial, and executive branch representatives, and others, in response to written correspondence, and establishes positive relationships with high-ranking or other criminal justice system officials. The incumbent interprets federal laws, regulations, and Bureau policies, and suggests methods for policy development and serves as a resource person in the areas of sentencing and designation processes, and RDAP offense reviews. The incumbent also performs many other functions such as evaluating management assessment data, conducting studies of programs and making recommendations for improvements.

The incumbent is responsible for providing direction and support to Bureau field, regional, and central office staff concerning sentencing and designation matters, and RDAP offense reviews. Additionally, the incumbent is responsible for providing legal review of requests for Bureau personnel actions and records production. The incumbent provides direct management and supervision of legal staff consisting of approximately five attorneys, six paralegals, and a legal assistant.

Required Qualifications: Interested parties must possess a J.D. degree, be an active member of the bar of any state or territory, or the District of Columbia, and have at least 3 years post-J.D. experience.

Applicants must also submit to and pass a drug test.

Preferred Qualifications: Prior experience, education, and training in correctional law, with a focus on matters relating to calculating prison sentences, facility designations, and RDAP offense reviews, is highly desired, though not required.

Travel: Some travel will be required.

Number of Vacancies: One (1)

Location and Salary Information: This position is located in Grand Prairie, Texas. Current salary and years of experience will determine the appropriate salary level. The appropriate salary range, including locality pay adjustments is GS-15 (\$120,221 to \$155,500).

Relocation Expenses: Not authorized.

Submission Process and Deadline Date: Applicants must submit a resume or current OF-612 (Optional Application for Federal Employment), a cover letter (highlighting relevant experience) and a writing sample no later than February 22, 2013 to:

U.S. Department of Justice
Federal Bureau of Prisons
Office of General Counsel
Legislative and Correctional Issues Branch
320 First Street, NW, Room 977A
Washington, D.C. 20534
Attention: James C. Wills, Associate General Counsel

You may also submit your application packet via e-mail to JWills@bop.gov.

No telephone calls please. This position is open until filled, but no later than **February 22, 2013**.

***For more information about this job posting and other available job opportunities with the Federal Bureau of Prisons, please visit www.justice.gov/careers/legal/attvacancies.html.**

***Administrative Law Judge ***

The U.S. Office of Personnel Management (OPM) has developed a new examination for the Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) position. Soon, OPM will post a job opportunity announcement to accept applications to take the ALJ examination. Once the examination cycle is complete and scores are processed, OPM will terminate the existing ALJ register and replace it with a new ALJ register. Agencies may continue to request certificates from the current register, and hire from those certificates, until the new ALJ register is established.

A job opportunity announcement will be posted in the near future on OPM's USAJOBS website at <https://opm.usajobs.gov>. Individuals can conduct a search with the job title "Administrative Law Judge" to locate the OPM job opportunity announcement when it is posted. All candidates on the current register must reapply and complete the new examination to be placed on the new ALJ register and can be considered for ALJ positions in the future. The announcement will provide full details about the application and the examination process.

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Name: Alicia M. Matsushima

Firm: Alicia M. Matsushima, P.C.

Practice Areas: Commercial Litigation
and Insurance Defense Litigation

If I weren't an attorney, I would be . . . an interior decorator.

The oddest food I have ever eaten has been . . . grapes cooked and battered that someone brought at a pot luck Thanksgiving.

In my spare time, I enjoy . . . watching football and playing with my dog Jeep.

If my life were a movie, it would be called . . . "Life in the Fast Lane".

In my opinion, the best restaurant in Houston is . . . Vietopia.

The coolest store in Houston is . . . Nordstrom's.

The sports team(s) I root for is/are . . . Notre Dame Fighting Irish, Dallas Cowboys and Manchester United.

My favorite decade for music is the 90s, and my favorite song is ...anything heavy metal by the "hair" bands in the early 90's, like Motley Crue and Poison.

My favorite quote is . . . What would you do if you knew you could not fail?

I recommend reading . . . Sports Illustrated and Irish Sports Report.

Most AABA members probably don't know that I . . . traveled the world by age 18 and lived in Saudi Arabia for 10 years.

Get to Know an AABA MEMBER!



Name: Sang Shin

Firm: FosterQuan LLP

Practice Areas: Business Immigration

If I weren't an attorney, I would be . . . much taller and trying to take Jeremy Lin's spot on the Houston Rockets.

The oddest food I have ever eaten has been . . . gourmet pork liver.

In my spare time, I enjoy . . . watching episodes of the West Wing.

If my life were a movie, it would be called . . . Glee – The Office Special.

In my opinion, the best restaurant in Houston is . . . Thai Gourmet.

The coolest store in Houston is . . . anything on Harwin.

The sports team(s) I root for is/are . . . Since I'm originally from North Carolina, the UNC Tarheels and Carolina Panthers.

My decade for music is the 2000's and my favorite song is . . . "Hey Ya" by Outkast.

My favorite quote is . . . "The way to gain a good reputation is to endeavor to be what you desire to appear." - Socrates

I recommend reading . . . Sonia Sotomayor's book – "My Beloved World".

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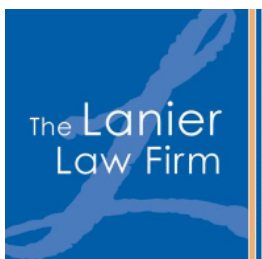
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