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AABA MENTEE/MENTOR SUMMER SOCIAL

On Thursday, June 20, 2013, AABA mentees and their mentors kicked off the summer with tapas and Latin music at downtown's new Batanga. Many thanks to Jennifer Fung, Melody Wang, and Catharine Yen for their help in organizing the event.



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Wills Clinic

** AABA * HVL * VN Teamwork * Boat People SOS **

On Saturday, June 29, 2013, the AABA, Houston Volunteer Lawyers, VN Teamwork, and Boat People SOS teamed up for the annual Wills Clinic at VN Teamwork Center to assist low-income residents of the local Asian-American community. Many thanks to Tyrone Lin of Houston Volunteer Lawyers, Sharon Yin and Clinton Yu of the AABA, and to VN Teamwork, and Boat People SOS for co-organizing the event. Special thanks to VN Teamwork for hosting the Clinic!



AABA

SUMMER MOCK INTERVIEWS

If you're a law student who wants to prepare for Fall OCI, or if you're a recently licensed attorney who wants to sharpen your interviewing skills, then sign up for the AABA Summer Mock Interviews!

WE ARE SEEKING THE FOLLOWING:

Interviewees:

Law students and recently licensed attorneys who want to practice their interviewing skills

Interviewers:

Attorneys who have practiced at least two years or more

HOW THIS WORKS:

If you're interested in being either an INTERVIEWEE or an INTERVIEWER, then complete your respective questionnaire, as attached. Upon completion, the AABA Mentorship Co-Chairs will match interviewers and interviewees based on stated interests. After matches are made, the interviewers and interviewees will be responsible for setting up their interview date, time, and location. Interviewees should bring a current copy of their resume to the interview.

WHEN:

Deadline for Submitting Interviewee and Interviewer Questionnaires:

Friday, July 19th

**Mock Interviews will occur
between**

Monday, July 22, 2013 - Friday, August 2, 2013.

Please send completed questionnaires and any questions to Catharine Yen at FosterQuan LLP, 600 Travis Street, Suite 2000, Houston, Texas 77002, cyen@fosterquan.com.

Mock Interviewee Questionnaire – AABA 2013 Mentorship Program

The goal of the Mentorship Program is to assist law students and new attorneys in better defining their legal path through the sharing of an experienced attorney's wisdom, experiences, and knowledge about the practice of law. Therefore, we believe it would be helpful for experienced attorneys to conduct mock interviews with current law students as they approach fall interviews this season. In addition to providing law students one-on-one mentoring, attorneys participating in this mock interview program will offer constructive feedback and tips to help law students polish their technique and strategy before interviews officially get underway.

Eligibility: All law students and newly licensed attorneys (less than 2 years) are eligible to apply to be a Mock Interviewee.

Process: Each interviewer and interviewee will complete their respective questionnaire. Upon completion, the Mentorship Committee will match interviewers and interviewees to the best of their abilities based on stated interests. The interviewers and interviewees will be responsible for setting up an interview location and time that is convenient to the interviewer.

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

The deadline to apply is Friday, July 19, 2013.

Name _____

Phone # _____ E-mail _____

Law School _____

Anticipated Year of Graduation _____

Practice Area(s) of Interest _____

Your career goals _____

Additional requests regarding interviewer / interview location? _____

Please mail or e-mail your completed form to:

Catharine Yen
FosterQuan, LLP
600 Travis Street, Suite 2000
Houston, Texas 77002
Tel: (713) 229-8733
E-mail: cyan@fosterquan.com

Mock Interviewer Questionnaire – AABA 2013 Mentorship Program

The goal of the Mentorship Program is to assist law students and new attorneys in better defining their legal path through the sharing of an experienced attorney's wisdom, experiences, and knowledge about the practice of law. Before interviews at law schools begin this fall, we believe it would be helpful for experienced attorneys to conduct mock interviews with current law students to help these students perfect their interviewing technique. This will be a great opportunity to get to know another mentee/law student and to provide constructive feedback and tips to your interviewee before interviews get underway.

Eligibility: Attorneys with two or more years of legal experience are eligible to apply to be a Mock Interviewer.

Process: Each interviewer and interviewee will complete their respective questionnaire. Upon completion, the Mentorship Committee will match interviewers and interviewees to the best of their abilities based on stated interests. The interviewers and interviewees will be responsible for setting up an interview location and time that is convenient to the interviewer.

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The deadline to apply is Friday, July 19, 2013.

Name _____

Employer _____

Phone # _____ E-mail _____

State Bar Number _____

Law School _____

Year of Graduation _____

Year(s) in Practice _____

Practice Area(s) _____

Your advice / tips to interviewees _____

Please mail or e-mail your completed form to:

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AABA Community Service at The Houston Food Bank

The Houston Food Bank is a non-profit organization that distributes nutritious meals to hunger relief charities throughout southeast Texas and needs volunteers to help with:

- Inspecting and sorting food for distribution
- Building boxes and bags of food for disaster relief, seniors, families, and kids

This is a family event, so please invite any able-bodied family (and friends) ages 8 and up to join us!

DATE:

Saturday, July 27, 2013

TIME:

**Coffee & Snacks
7:30 a.m. – 8:00 a.m.**

**Orientation & Volunteer Work
8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.**

PLACE:

**535 Portwall
Houston, TX 77029**

DRESS CODE:

Tennis shoes/closed toes shoes, jeans/shorts, t-shirts

***Parking is available in the front lot. Please enter through the double glass doors and check in at the Welcome Desk.**

RSVP at www.aabahouston.com by **July 19, 2013.**

For more information, contact Clinton Yu at cyu@givensjohnston.com.



AABA

Solo and Small Firm Networking Reception and CLE Program Part II: “Building and Enhancing Your Law Practice”

DATE:

Thursday, August 8, 2013

TIME:

5:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Cocktail and Appetizer Reception

6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

CLE Program: “Building and Enhancing Your Law Practice”

7:30 p.m.

Dessert Reception

PLACE:

Prohibition

5175 Westheimer Rd., Suite 2295

Houston, Texas 77056

This event is free!

Approved for 1.5 CLE credit hours (including .25 ethics hours)

RSVP at www.aabahouston.com by August 2, 2013.

Please contact the AABA Solo & Small Firm Committee Co-Chairs Brendan Singh at brendon.singh@ctsattorneys.com, Julie Pi Evans at Julie@jpelawfirm.com, or Caroline Cho at ccho@rapfirm.com with any questions.



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Asian American Bar Association

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May 13, 2013

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Dear Friends and Colleagues,

The Asian American Bar Association of Houston (AABA) cordially invites you and your company to attend and underwrite our **Gala & Silent Auction**, which will be held in Houston, Texas, at the Hilton Americas Hotel on Friday, September 6, 2013.

We are honored and pleased to announce that the keynote speaker for this year's Gala & Silent Auction is ***The Honorable Julián Castro, Mayor of The City of San Antonio.***

The AABA was founded in 1984 by a handful of Asian American attorneys in Houston. Over twenty-nine years later, the AABA enjoys a vibrant membership that represents a diverse spectrum of the Houston legal community. We expect several hundred corporate, legal and civic leaders from the greater Houston area, the State of Texas, and around the country to join us for this special evening. The Gala & Silent Auction will feature a cocktail reception, charitable silent auction and seated dinner.

In keeping with tradition, the AABA will donate a portion of the proceeds from its Gala & Silent Auction to the Asian American Bar Foundation (AABF), whose mission is to advance the participation of Asian Pacific Americans in all areas of legal practice, thereby promoting diversity in the legal community and improving access to justice for all Houstonians.

Enclosed is information on becoming an underwriter. Your generous support of this year's Gala & Silent Auction will help fund scholarships, grants and programs in furtherance of the AABA's and the AABF's missions.

Thank you for your consideration and continued commitment to diversity in our community. We look forward to seeing you on September 6th.

Sincerely,

Anna Ha
Co-Chair, Gala Committee
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ASIAN AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION OF HOUSTON 2013 GALA & SILENT AUCTION

DIAMOND DRAGON UNDERWRITER - \$10,000

And Underwriter of the AABA 2013 Corporate Counsel Dinner

- ◆ Ten tickets to the Gala, reserved table with underwriter placard
- ◆ Six tickets to the VIP Reception preceding the Gala
- ◆ Full page color advertisement in the printed Gala program
- ◆ Logo display in the printed Gala program
- ◆ Special mention and prominent logo display during the Gala dinner
- ◆ Logo on the AABA website as a Diamond Dragon Underwriter
- ◆ Underwriter recognition in all 2014 AABA monthly newsletters
- ◆ **Recognition as an Underwriter of the AABA 2013 Corporate Counsel Dinner**
- ◆ **Six tickets to attend the AABA 2013 Corporate Counsel Dinner**

PLATINUM DRAGON UNDERWRITER - \$7,500

And Underwriter of the AABA 2013 Corporate Counsel Dinner

- ◆ Ten tickets to the Gala, reserved table with underwriter placard
- ◆ Four tickets to the VIP Reception preceding the Gala
- ◆ Half page black and white advertisement in the printed Gala program
- ◆ Logo display in the printed Gala program
- ◆ Special mention and prominent logo display during the Gala dinner
- ◆ Logo on the AABA website as a Platinum Dragon Underwriter
- ◆ Underwriter recognition in all 2014 AABA monthly newsletters
- ◆ **Recognition as an Underwriter of the AABA 2013 Corporate Counsel Dinner**
- ◆ **Four tickets to attend the AABA 2013 Corporate Counsel Dinner**

GOLD DRAGON UNDERWRITER - \$5,000

- ◆ Ten tickets to the Gala, reserved table with underwriter placard
- ◆ Two tickets to the VIP Reception preceding the Gala
- ◆ Logo display in the printed Gala program
- ◆ Special mention and prominent logo display during the Gala dinner
- ◆ Logo on the AABA website as a Gold Dragon Underwriter
- ◆ Underwriter recognition in all 2014 AABA monthly newsletters

SILVER DRAGON UNDERWRITER - \$3,500

- ◆ Ten tickets to the Gala, reserved table
- ◆ Special mention during the Gala dinner and slideshow
- ◆ Logo display in the printed Gala program

BRONZE DRAGON UNDERWRITER - \$2,500

- ◆ Five tickets to the Gala
- ◆ Special mention during the Gala dinner

JUDICIAL SPONSORSHIP¹ - \$350

- ◆ Two tickets to the Gala
- ◆ Name printed in Gala program
- ◆ Quarter page black and white advertisement in the printed Gala program

All Underwriters for the Gala & Silent Auction are also named in the Gala program and in the Gala slideshow presentation, listed on the AABA website as an underwriter of the Gala, and included in all printed promotional materials for the Gala.

We sincerely appreciate your support!

¹ *For current sitting members of the judiciary only.*



**ASIAN AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION OF HOUSTON
2013 GALA & SILENT AUCTION**

CORPORATE AND FIRM UNDERWRITER FORM

**September 6, 2013
Hilton Americas • 1600 Lamar • Houston, Texas 77010**

Underwriter Name: _____

Contact Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip Code: _____

Telephone: _____ Facsimile: _____

E-mail: _____

Please select your level of underwriting*:

_____ **\$10,000 Diamond Dragon Underwriter**

_____ **\$7,500 Platinum Dragon Underwriter**

_____ **\$5,000 Gold Dragon Underwriter**

_____ **\$3,500 Silver Dragon Underwriter**

_____ **\$2,500 Bronze Dragon Underwriter**

_____ **\$350 Judicial Sponsorship****

*The AABA of Houston is a tax-exempt organization. However, contributions or gifts to the AABA of Houston are not tax deductible as charitable contributions for federal income tax purposes.

**For current sitting members of the judiciary only.

Please return your completed form and check made payable to "AABA of Houston"
by no later than **July 12, 2013** to:

**Debbie Yee
Latham & Watkins LLP
811 Main Street, Suite 3700
Houston, TX 77002**

*Questions? Feel free to contact us at aaba.gala@gmail.com
Thank you for your interest and support.*



**ASIAN AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION OF HOUSTON
2013 GALA & SILENT AUCTION**

September 6, 2013

Hilton Americas • 1600 Lamar • Houston, Texas 77010

If you or your company are interested in purchasing an advertisement in the 2013 Gala & Silent Auction printed program, please complete the form below.

THE DEADLINE TO PURCHASE AND SUBMIT AN ADVERTISEMENT IS AUGUST 5, 2013.

PROGRAM ADVERTISEMENT FORM

Name of Advertiser: _____

Contact Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City/State/Zip Code: _____

Telephone: _____ Facsimile: _____

E-mail: _____

Please select the size of your advertisement:

_____ Quarter page (4" x 5") black & white advertisement \$250.00

_____ Half page (8" x 5") black & white advertisement \$500.00

_____ Full page (8" x 11") color advertisement \$1,000.00

TOTAL AMOUNT DUE: \$ _____

Please return this form and your check made payable to "AABA of Houston" to:

**Albert Liou
Jones Day
717 Texas Ave, Suite 3300
Houston, Texas 77002**

- You will receive a confirmation of your sponsorship via email.
- Advertisement content may be sent via email.
- Questions? Please contact us at aaba.gala@gmail.com.



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Advertisement Format Instructions

- PDF (portable document format) or TIFF (tagged image file format) files are requested for all advertisement submissions.
- Color advertisement files should be created using CMYK (cyan-magenta-yellow-black).
- Preferred document format/application is Adobe Illustrator or Adobe Photoshop.

Size	Width	Depth
Full Page	8-1/2"	11"
Half Page horizontal	8-1/2"	5-1/2"
Quarter Page	4-1/4"	5-1/2"

**PLEASE SUBMIT YOUR AD AS A DIGITAL FILE
BY NOT LATER THAN AUGUST 5, 2013**

TO: aaba.gala@gmail.com

or by submitting the digital file on a CD and mailing it to:

**Albert Liou
Jones Day
717 Texas Ave, Suite 3300
Houston, Texas 77002**

Questions? Please email Albert Liou, Gala Co-Chair, at aliou@jonesday.com.



**ASIAN AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION OF HOUSTON
2013 GALA & SILENT AUCTION**

**September 6, 2013 • Reception & Silent Auction at 6:30 pm • Dinner at 7:30 pm
Hilton Americas • 1600 Lamar • Houston, Texas 77010**

TICKET RESERVATION FORM

**Tickets may be purchased on-line using GoogleCheckout at www.aabahouston.com.
If paying by check, please use this form.**

THE DEADLINE TO PURCHASE TICKETS IS AUGUST 23, 2013.

Name: _____

Firm/Company/Law School: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City/State/Zip Code: _____

Primary Phone: _____ Email: _____

Please indicate the number of tickets below:

Law Student: \$50 ____ AABA Members & Guests: \$100 ____ Non-Member: \$150 ____

TOTAL AMOUNT DUE: \$_____

For nametag purposes, please list the name and affiliation (if any) of each attendee:

Please indicate whether a vegetarian meal is requested: _____ (# of vegetarian meals).

Please return this form and your check made payable to "AABA of Houston" to:

**Anna Ha
Sidley Austin LLP
1000 Louisiana Street, Suite 6000
Houston, TX 77002**

- You will receive a confirmation of your ticket reservation via email.
- Interested in joining the AABA? Membership forms are available at www.aabahouston.com.
- Questions? Please contact us at aaba.gala@gmail.com. Thank you for your support.



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AABA Annual Gala & Silent Auction Donation Request

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Dear Sir or Madam:

Founded in 1984 and celebrating our 29th anniversary this year, the Asian American Bar Association of Houston (the "AABA") is a voluntary association of lawyers, judges, and law students who are of Asian-Pacific heritage or who have interests in Houston's Asian-Pacific community.

The AABA will be holding its Gala & Silent Auction on Friday, September 6, 2013 at the Hilton Americas Hotel and the keynote speaker for this year is *The Honorable Julián Castro, Mayor of The City of San Antonio*. We are expecting several hundred corporate, legal, and civic leaders from the greater Houston area to join us for this very special evening. The Silent Auction is one of the most popular and anticipated attractions of the Gala, and we hope to offer some memorable and exciting auction items.

All proceeds from the Silent Auction will be donated to the Asian American Bar Foundation (the "AABF"), the charitable affiliate organization of the AABA, to fund scholarships, grants and programs. The AABF's mission is to educate and serve Asian-Pacific American lawyers and Asian American communities in the greater Houston area and surrounding counties and to promote Asian-Pacific Americans in all areas of legal practice, thereby promoting diversity in the legal community and improving access to justice for all Houstonians.

The AABF is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, and your donation to the Silent Auction is tax deductible to the extent allowed by law. In addition to having your business associated with this worthy charity, your business will have valuable exposure to the AABA's members and supporters and the hundreds of attendees of this event. We hope that you will take advantage of this fantastic advertising opportunity and join us in making this year's Gala and Silent Auction a success.

Please complete the enclosed donation form to accompany your Silent Auction donation. If you are donating services or non-tangible items, please provide a certificate, letter, or voucher that the winning bidder can redeem for such services or items. If you are donating tangible items, we can make arrangements to pick the items up at your convenience. Completed forms and donations may be mailed to Eunice Song with Gardere Wynne Sewell LLP at 1000 Louisiana Street, Suite 3400, Houston, Texas 77002. **Your prompt response is greatly appreciated. Please respond by July 12, 2013 to ensure your inclusion in this year's Silent Auction.**

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

Very truly yours,

Eunice Song

Vice President of Development



Celebrating 29 Years



AABA Gala and Silent Auction
Silent Auction Donation Form

Donor Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____ Fax: _____

E-mail: _____

Item Donated: _____

☐ Tangible Item

☐ Gift Certificate/Voucher

☐ Services

Retail/Fair Market Value: _____

Additional information about donated item (please provide us any background, history, or special instructions regarding the item so we can promote the item to its best advantage):

AABA use only:

AABA contact _____

Pkg _____

Rsv _____

Final _____

☐ Dnr rcpt

☐ Ty ltr

The Asian American Bar Foundation is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization.
Your contribution is tax deductible to the extent allowed by law.

Please return form by July 12, 2013 to:

Eunice Song

Gardere Wynne Sewell LLP

1000 Louisiana Street, Suite 3400

Houston, Texas 77002



Asian American Bar Foundation of Houston, Inc.

**P.O. Box 1351
Houston, Texas 77252**

2013 AABF Honorable Herbert W. Gee Memorial Scholarship
Application Guidelines
2013

The Asian American Bar Foundation of Houston, Inc. seeks to award a \$2,000 scholarship in honor of the late Judge Herbert W. Gee, who was Associate Presiding Judge for the City of Houston Municipal Courts, a founding member and Past President of the Asian American Bar Association, and a recipient of the 2010 AABA Impact Award. The 2013 AABF Honorable Herbert W. Gee Memorial Scholarship will be awarded to an individual applicant who best embodies the spirit of the late Judge Gee who (1) was dedicated to serving the public, (2) supported the Asian American community in the greater Houston area, and (3) exemplified intelligence, generosity and leadership in his everyday life. The foregoing criteria may be weighed in any order as determined by the AABF.

To be eligible, an applicant must be (1) a member of the AABA, (2) enrolled in an ABA-accredited law school in Texas, and (3) intend to reside and seek employment in the greater Houston metropolitan area after graduation. Applicants should submit application packages containing the following information to the Scholarship/Grant Committee, where applicable:

1. Name of applicant
2. Contact information (name, address, telephone number, e-mail address)
3. Name of school
4. School address and contact information for registrar's office
5. Degree sought
6. Expected graduation date
7. Copy of transcript, GPA and class rank (if available) or other proof of enrollment at an ABA-accredited law school in Texas
8. Educational background
9. Course work, clinics or other relevant extracurricular activities at current or previous schools relevant to AABF's purposes listed above
10. Employment history (if any)
11. Employment experience relevant to the criteria listed above
12. Community and volunteer experience relevant to criteria listed above
13. Involvement with Asian American community relevant to criteria listed above



14. Leadership experience relevant to criteria listed above
15. Independent research or publications relevant to criteria listed above
16. Awards, honors, scholarships received
17. Other activities, hobbies, skills, positions held in any organizations, etc.
18. Any other information that applicant desires to provide to assist in the application process
19. Cover letter stating how the applicant demonstrates or embodies the criteria set forth above

The scholarship recipient will receive a \$2,000 scholarship to help cover tuition and academic expenses and 1 ticket to the Asian American Bar Association of Houston's annual gala, to be held Friday, September 6, 2013 (tentative date), where the scholarship will be presented. The scholarship recipient is required to submit a final report at the following year updating the AABF on the status of the recipient's studies and activities and how the scholarship has helped the recipient.

Scholarship applicants are advised to use these application guidelines as a reference and checklist to ensure that all necessary information is provided with the original application package. The AABF Scholarship/Grant Committee may contact applicants if additional information is required, but the Scholarship/Grant Committee reserves the right to disqualify application packages from consideration if key information is not included. The AABF reserves the right to subdivide the scholarship or increase the number of scholarships in its sole discretion.

Application packages must be postmarked no later than July 15, 2013, and mailed to the following address:

Asian American Bar Foundation of Houston, Inc.
Attn: Scholarship/Grant Committee
P.O. Box 1351
Houston, Texas 77252

At this time, grant applications are not accepted by electronic mail unless approved by Catherine Than. For additional information, please contact Catherine Than at cthan@aol.com.



Asian American Bar Foundation of Houston, Inc.

**P.O. Box 1351
Houston, Texas 77252**

Community Organization Grant
**Community Organization Grant Guidelines
2013**

The Asian American Bar Foundation of Houston, Inc. seeks to award up to 2 community organization grants to Texas-based charitable non-profit 501(c)(3) organizations whose pursuits will impact the Greater Houston Metropolitan Area by (1) expanding the scope of legal services available to the Asian American community; (2) increasing the number of Asian Americans working as lawyers or in legal services; (3) educating members of the Asian American community of their civil and legal rights; (4) stimulating legal discourse by and/or about Asian Americans, the Asian American cultures and Asian American communities; or (5) otherwise promoting the interests of Asian Americans.

The 2013 AABF Community Organization Grant is a grant of up to \$5,000 to a charitable non-profit 501(c)(3) organization that fulfills the aims described in the preceding paragraph. The foregoing criteria may be weighed in any order as determined by the AABF. Applicant organizations must be charitable non-profit 501(c)(3) organizations incorporated or formed under the laws of the State of Texas and/or otherwise demonstrate a substantial connection to the greater Houston metropolitan area. Applicant organizations should submit application packages containing the following information to the Scholarship/Grant Committee:

1. Name of applicant organization
2. Contact information (name, address, telephone number, e-mail address) of applicant organization and representative of applicant organization
3. Proof of 501(c)(3) status of the organization
4. Copy of the mission statement (or, if no official mission statement exists, a statement of the primary purpose) of the applicant organization and information and materials about the applicant organization sufficient for the Scholarship/Grant Committee to understand the purpose of and activities conducted by the applicant organization
5. Information regarding a few recent events held by the applicant organization, if any
6. Description of and information relating to the program or event for which the grant funds are to be applied (the more detail, the better). Please keep in mind that the AABF cannot fund programs or activities that are not in keeping with its mission; therefore, program and activity descriptions should be detailed enough for the AABF to discern whether it is within the AABF's mission or guidelines.



7. Any other information that applicant organization desires to provide to assist in the application process
8. Cover letter stating how a community organization grant will help the applicant organization to achieve AABF's purposes listed above and serve the public interest

The grant recipient will receive an award of up to \$5,000 and a ticket for one of its representatives to attend the Asian American Bar Association of Houston's annual gala, to be held Friday, September 6, 2013 (tentative date), where the grant will be presented. The grant recipient is required to submit a final report no later than thirty (30) days after completion of the program or event that is supported by the grant funds explaining how the grant funds were used and the results of the program or event. Failure to provide the report may jeopardize future grants to the recipient organization.

Applicant organizations are advised to use these application guidelines as a reference and checklist to ensure that all necessary information is provided with the original application package. The AABF Scholarship/Grant Committee may contact applicants if additional information is required, but the Scholarship/Grant Committee reserves the right to disqualify application packages from consideration if key information is not included. The AABF reserves the right to subdivide the grants or increase the number of grants in its sole discretion.

Application packages must be postmarked no later than August 6, 2013, and mailed to the following address:

Asian American Bar Foundation of Houston, Inc.
Attn: Scholarship/Grant Committee
P.O. Box 1351
Houston, Texas 77252

At this time, grant applications are not accepted by electronic mail unless approved by Catherine Than. For additional information, please contact Catherine Than at cthan@aol.com.



Asian American Bar Foundation of Houston, Inc.

**P.O. Box 1351
Houston, Texas 77252**

**APALSA Grant
Grant Application Guidelines
2013**

The Asian American Bar Foundation of Houston, Inc. seeks to award 1-3 grants to Asian Pacific American Law Student Association groups of accredited law schools located in the greater Houston metropolitan area.

The 2013 APALSA Grant is a one-time grant, for the Fall 2013/Spring 2014 academic year in the amount of up to \$1,000 depending on need. Grants will be given to 1-3 APALSAs selected by the AABF taking into account the financial need of the specific APALSA group and the nature of the activities or programs for which support is being requested, which programs have to be consistent with the AABF's goals of (1) expanding the scope of legal services available to the Asian American community; (2) increasing the number of Asian Americans working as lawyers or in legal services; (3) educating members of the Asian American community of their civil and legal rights; (4) stimulating legal discourse by and/or about Asian Americans, the Asian American cultures and Asian American communities; or (5) otherwise promoting the interests of Asian Americans. The foregoing criteria may be weighed in any order as determined by the AABF. Applicant APALSA groups should submit application packages containing the following information to the Scholarship/Grant Committee:

1. Name of applicant APALSA organization
2. Contact information (name, address, telephone number, e-mail address)
3. Name of school
4. School address and contact information for registrar's office
5. Information about APALSA, including estimated size and types of programs
6. Projected budget for Fall 2013/Spring 2014 Academic Year, including projected expenses and sources of income
7. Budget from previous Fall 2012/Spring 2013 Academic Year
8. Description (including estimated cost) of programs or activities for which support is being requested (with emphasis on how they satisfy some or all of the foregoing criteria). Please keep in mind that the AABF cannot fund programs or activities that are not in keeping with its mission; therefore, program and activity descriptions should be detailed enough for the AABF to discern whether it is within the AABF's mission or guidelines.



9. Any other information that applicant desires to provide to assist in the application process
10. Cover letter stating how a grant to the applicant will achieve AABF's purposes listed above

The grant recipient will receive a one-time grant of up to \$1,000. The grant recipient is required to submit a final report regarding the programs or activities for which the grant is awarded no later than thirty (30) days after the last of such programs or activities is held or explaining how the grant funds were used and the results of the program or event. Failure to provide the report may jeopardize future grants to the recipient organization.

Grant applicants are advised to use these application guidelines as a reference and checklist to ensure that all necessary information is provided with the original application package. The AABF Scholarship/Grant Committee may contact applicants if additional information is required, but the Scholarship/Grant Committee reserves the right to disqualify application packages from consideration if key information is not included. The AABF reserves the right to subdivide the grants or increase the number of grants in its sole discretion.

Application packages must be postmarked no later than August 31, 2013, and mailed to the following address:

Asian American Bar Foundation of Houston, Inc.
Attn: Scholarship/Grant Committee
P.O. Box 1351
Houston, Texas 77252

At this time, grant applications are not accepted by electronic mail unless approved by Catherine Than. For additional information, please contact Catherine Than at cthan@aol.com.

FYP Youth Scholarship



THE FILIPINO YOUNG PROFESSIONALS OF HOUSTON 2013 Academic Scholarship Application Guidelines

The Filipino Young Professionals of Houston (FYP) is looking to award scholarships to three worthy candidates that best represent our mission of fostering unity, culture, friendship, networking, and philanthropy within our community.

To be eligible, an applicant must be:

1. A Spring 2013 graduate of a Houston area high school,
2. Applying OR has applied for Fall 2013 admission to an institute of higher learning,
3. And of Filipino descent and/or an active member of a Filipino student organization.

Five applicants will be chosen and will be encouraged to participate in our Youth Day Event on July 27, 2013 starting at 4 pm. At the end of this event, scholarship recipients will be announced. The top three applicants will be awarded in the amounts of \$500, \$300, and \$200 to be spent on living and/or academic expenses in their first semester of enrollment.

Scholarship applicants are advised to use these application guidelines as a reference and checklist to ensure that all necessary information is provided with the original application package. The FYP Scholarship Committee may contact applicants if additional information is required, but the FYP Scholarship Committee reserves the right to disqualify application packages from consideration if key information is not included or if guidelines are not followed. The FYP Scholarship Committee reserves the right to subdivide the scholarship or increase the number of scholarships in its sole discretion.

Currently, applications will not be accepted by physical mail unless approved by the Youth Outreach Co-Chairs, Abby Cua, and Victoria Bongat. If you have any questions regarding the scholarship or application process, please contact either Ms. Cua or Ms. Bongat at the email addresses provided below.

Required documents for the application are to be sent via email to abscwa@gmail.com and ulra28@yahoo.com with the subject heading: "FYP Scholarship Application and Essay - (Your last name)", no later than 5 pm CST, July 19, 2013:

1. FYP Scholarship Application Form
 - A. Found at <http://fyphouston.com/wp-content/uploads/2013/05/FYP-Scholarship-Application-Online-Form.pdf> and enclosed hereto; and
2. Your essay in MS Word format, saved as "FYP Scholarship Essay – (Your last name)"



THE FILIPINO YOUNG PROFESSIONALS OF HOUSTON
2013 Academic Scholarship Application

Name: _____ Gender: _____ Date of birth: _____

Parents' Names: _____

Ethnicity(ies): _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email: _____

High School: _____ GPA: _____ out of _____

College(s) you plan on attending/applying to: _____

Organizations that you belong to and leadership positions held (if applicable): _____

Volunteer events you have participated in and/or organized: _____

A short statement describing your financial need: _____

Please complete the following essay, typed, double-spaced and in 750 – 800 words:

Which public figure bests represents the Filipino culture, and why?

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Job Opportunities

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Please visit <http://www.justice.gov/careers/legal/attvacancies.html> for more information about job vacancies.

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.

Get to Know an AABA MEMBER!



Name: Edwin Lam

Firm: Law Office of W. Ohyan, P.L.L.C.

Practice Areas: Immigration, Business, and Litigation

If I weren't an attorney, I would be . . . either running my own business or working in financial services.

The oddest food I have ever eaten has been . . . lengua (cow tongue) at the Taqueria Guadalajara Grill in Davis, California.

In my spare time, I enjoy . . . playing with my dog, ultimate frisbee, rock climbing, and taking snowboarding trips.

If my life were a movie, it would be called . . . "Make that a Venti, Please."

In my opinion, the best restaurant in Houston is . . . Kata Robata. It's Japanese food, but with a creative flair. Unlike some other similar outfits, most of the dishes are generously portioned and quite filling.

The coolest store in Houston is . . . Fit Japanese Store. Whenever I have time to kill around the Chinatown area, I like to peruse the aisles for random knick knacks and household items from the far side of the globe.

The sports team(s) I root for is/are . . . the Houston Rockets! I'm pretty stoked about getting Dwight Howard!

My favorite decade for music is the early and middle 2000's, and my favorite song is . . . "Feeling Good – Michael Buble".

My favorite quote is . . . "I never learned anything while I was talking." – Larry King.

I recommend reading . . . "Nothing to Envy" by Barbara Demick.

Most AABA members probably don't know that . . . am a huge science and nature nut. I could watch nature documentaries from dusk to dawn.

Get to Know an AABA MEMBER!



Name: Kris Teng

Firm: Antonelli, Harrington & Thompson LLP

Practice Areas: Patent litigation (plaintiff)

If I weren't an attorney, I would be . . . involved in a tech startup's management team.

The oddest food I have ever eaten is . . . Korean dog stew.

In my spare time, I enjoy . . . dancing tango! And weightlifting/yoga.

If my life were a movie, it would be called . . . a box of chocolates.

In my opinion, the best restaurant in Houston is . . . Mala Sichuan Bistro.

The coolest store in Houston is . . . Bacchus Wine Bar or Men's Resale by the Village.

The sports team(s) I root for is/are . . . San Francisco 49ers, San Jose Sharks.

My favorite decade for music is the 70's, and my favorite song is . . . "Stairway to Heaven".

My favorite quote is . . . "We are ready to try the untried when what we do is inconsequential. Hence, the remarkable fact that many inventions had their birth as toys. In the Occident the first machines were mechanical toys, and such crucial instruments as the telescope and microscope were first conceived as play things. Almost all civilizations display a singular ingenuity in toy making. The Aztecs did not have the wheel, but some of their animal toys had rollers for feet . . The urgent search for the vitally necessary is likely to stop once we have found something that is more or less adequate, but the search for the superfluous has no end. Hence the fact that man's most unflagging and spectacular efforts were made not in search of necessities but of superfluities."

I recommend reading "A True Believer: Thoughts on the Nature of Mass Movements" by Eric Hoffer.

Most AABA members probably don't know that I . . . worked in Shanghai in consumer electronics manufacturing (as a management associate) and share the same name with a Singaporean model. Apparently, according to FHM Singapore 2009, she's the sexiest woman in the world. I'm pretty sure I fall far below her in those rankings.

Many thanks to our 2013 Major Underwriters!

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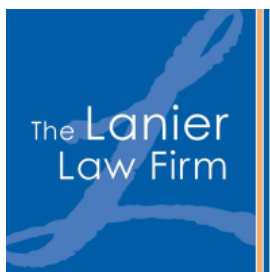
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Another terrific benefit of AABA membership is automatic membership in the National Asian Pacific American Bar Association ("NAPABA").

The **AABA welcomes the following new and renewing members!**

**Hsiao Cheng (Steven) Wu, *Chevron*
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Emily Kuo, *M.D. Anderson Services Corporation***

**Nhi Le, *South Texas College of Law*
Geng Li
Teresa Messer, *South Texas College of Law*
Sonya Rikhye, *UNC School of Law*
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Office # _____ Home # _____

Fax # _____ E-Mail _____

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Would you like to receive the AABA Newsletter by E-Mail? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Would you like your business contact information published in the 2013 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:

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