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## *Congratulations!*

**The following AABA Members  
were honored in the  
Lawyers of Color's  
Inaugural Hot List Issue 2013:**

*Audrey Chang*

*Helene Dang*

*Janine Yee*

*Sharon Yin*

*Clinton Yu*

**The Hot List Issue recognizes  
attorneys of color who are excelling in  
the legal profession and who have had  
noteworthy accomplishments or are  
active in legal pipeline initiatives.  
Congratulations to all the 2013  
AABA honorees!**

**2013  
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# 2013 AABA WOMEN ATTORNEYS RETREAT

Join your fellow AABA women attorneys for a  
special professional development opportunity!

**DATE:**

Saturday, October 26, 2013

**TIME:**

9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

**PLACE:**

FosterQuan LLP Galleria Office  
5177 Richmond Avenue, Suite 800  
Houston, Texas 77056

**PANEL TOPICS:**

*Gender Differences in Negotiation Styles*

How women lawyers can play to their strengths and  
overcome challenges in negotiations.

*Planning for a Secure Financial Future*

Be empowered by learning how to take control of your  
financial future.

**DETAILS:**

Breakfast is included.

1 hour CLE credit pending.

This event is free and is open to women attorneys only –  
thank you.

RSVP by **October 25, 2013** at [www.aabahouston.com](http://www.aabahouston.com)

Questions? Contact AABA President Alice Huang at  
[huangac@gtlaw.com](mailto:huangac@gtlaw.com).

**AABA**  
*9<sup>th</sup> Annual*  
*Corporate Counsel Dinner*

*Featuring Keynote Speaker*

**Peggy Chang Barber**

*Assistant General Counsel*

*Global Sales Strategy*

*Hewlett-Packard Company*

**DATE:**

Wednesday, November 13, 2013

**TIME:**

Reception

6:00

Dinner and Program

7:00

**PLACE:**

RDG + Bar Annie

1800 Post Oak Boulevard

Houston, Texas 77056

**TICKETS:**

In-House Counsel: One complimentary ticket

AABA Members, Guests, and Others: \$100 per ticket

Please RSVP and purchase tickets by **November 6, 2013.**

In-house counsel, please RSVP with Corporate Counsel Committee Co-Chair, Janet Brown, at  
Janet.Brown@Cevalogistics.com.

Everyone else, please RSVP and purchase tickets online at [www.aabahouston.com](http://www.aabahouston.com).

No tickets will be sold at the door. Space is limited!

*The Corporate Counsel Dinner is graciously underwritten by Latham & Watkins and Gardere Wynne Sewell.*

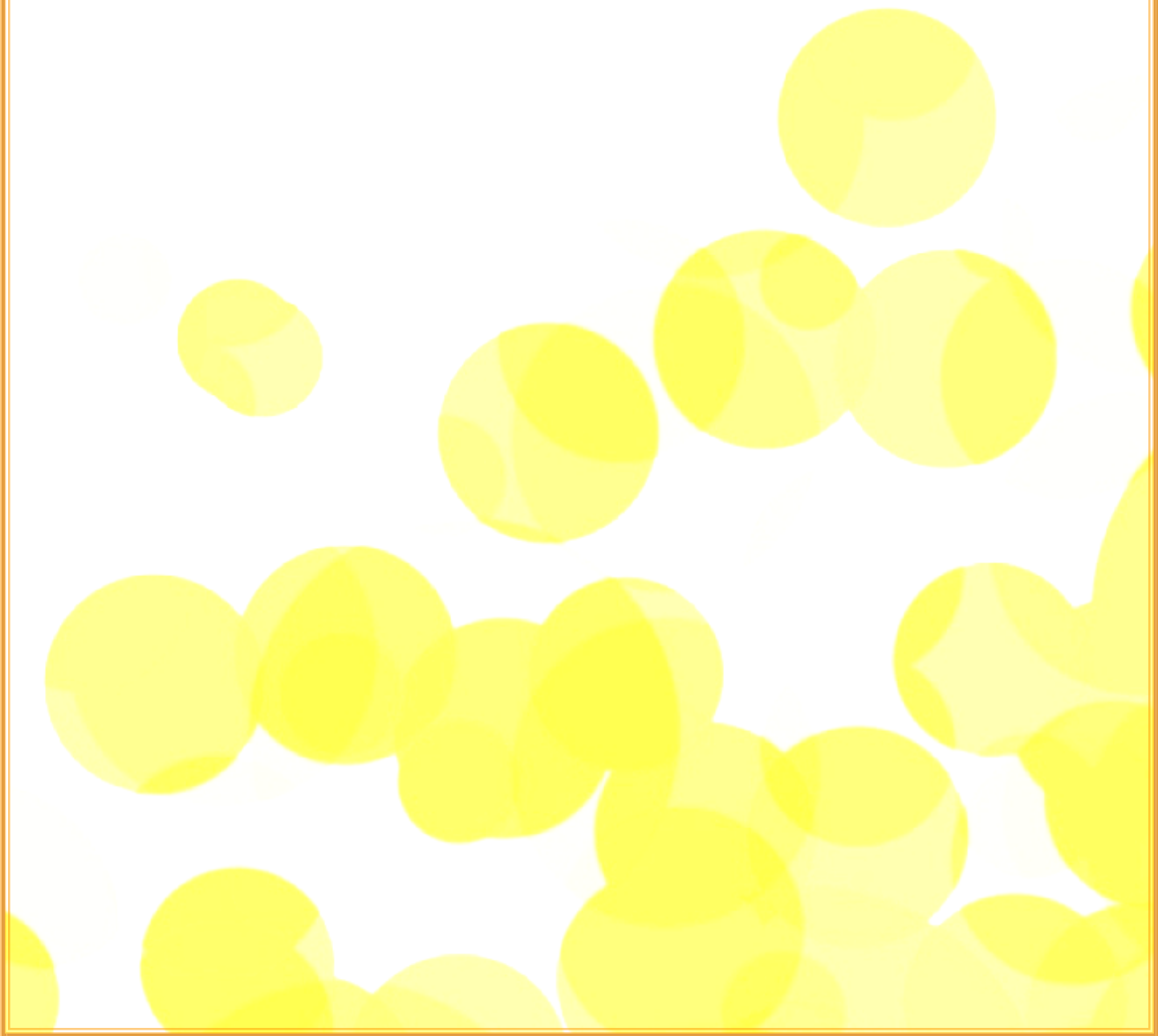
For questions, contact Corporate Counsel Committee Co-Chair, Janet Brown at [Janet.Brown@Cevalogistics.com](mailto:Janet.Brown@Cevalogistics.com).

## *In case you missed the 2013 AABA Gala and Silent Auction . . .*

Some of the Silent Auction items are still available for sale! The items listed below are available at the listed price. If you are interested in purchasing any of these auction items, please contact Eunice Song at [esong@gardere.com](mailto:esong@gardere.com) or 713-276-5079. All proceeds benefit the Asian American Bar Foundation, the 501(c)(3) charitable arm of the AABA.

		Price
	<b>GENERAL AUCTION ITEMS</b>	
1.	Photography Package with Bradford Portraits which includes Family Portrait and Wall Canvas portrait Plus One Night Stay at Ritz Carlton Resort in Palm Beach, Florida	\$500 (Valued at \$5500)
2.	<b>Item Description</b>	\$75 (Valued at \$250)
3.	Gift Certificate to Avante MediSpa for Photo Facial/IPL Treatment	\$150 (Valued at \$450)
4.	Financial Foundation Report by Amit Jain with Merrill Lynch	\$40 (Valued at \$250)
6.	Pretika Oxy Handspa	\$60 (Valued at \$150)
7.	Bath Junkie's Fill' R Up Bag (Exfoliating Scrub + Lotion)	\$20 (Valued at \$50)
8.	His and Hers Steel Quartz Watches from I.W. Marks Jewelers	\$200 (Valued at \$500)
9.	Investment Planning Package with Matthew Goff, LLC	\$50 (Valued at \$600)
	<b>CONSIGNED ITEMS</b>	
1.	Taylor Swift Signed CD with Record in Frame	\$200
2.	Hope Solo Signed 16 X 20 Photo in Frame	\$250
3.	Manny Pacquiao Signed 16 X 20 Photo in Frame	\$300

4.	Yao Ming Signed 8 X 10 Photo in Frame	\$300
5.	Olajuwon/Drexler Signed 8 X 10 Photo in Frame	\$400
6.	Vince Young/Major Applewhite/Chris Simms Signed 16 X 20 Photo in Frame	\$350
7.	Brian Cushing Signed 16 X 20 Photo in Frame	\$300
9.	Jeff Bagwell/Craig Biggio Signed 16 X 20 Photo in Frame	\$400





**Asian American Bar Foundation of Houston, Inc.**

P.O. Box 1351  
Houston, Texas 77252

AABF Pro Bono Scholarship Spring 2014 or Summer 2014  
Scholarship Application Guidelines

The Asian American Bar Foundation of Houston, Inc. (the “**AABF**”) seeks to award one scholarship to an individual (the “**Recipient**”) who will further their legal education and training while primarily being exposed to the pro bono programs and legal practice at Houston Volunteer Lawyers (“**HVL**”) which generally “educate and serve Asian American lawyers and communities in the greater Houston and surrounding areas” in accordance with the mission of the AABF. The Recipient’s education and training will be supervised by HVL, mainly under the direction of Tyrone Lin and Alissa Rubin Gomez, in a manner that serves the foregoing primary purpose.

The Recipient is expected to further his/her legal education and training during a ten week period (which may occur, at the Recipient’s option, during the 2014 spring semester or during the summer of 2014) to commence no earlier than January 6, 2014 and to end not later than August 31, 2014 at HVL. The Recipient is expected to devote his/her part-time efforts to further his/her legal education and training at HVL, equivalent to not less than 10 hours per week.

The Recipient will receive a \$3,000 award (payable in two equal installments on dates to be determined). The Recipient shall deliver a report to the AABF summarizing his/her scholarship activities and how the grant was used to further the Recipient’s legal education and training. The award is to be used for the Recipient’s law school tuition and fees, books, supplies, and equipment for law school courses.

The Recipient must be enrolled as a full time law student at an American Bar Association accredited law school. Preference shall first be given to those qualified full time law students enrolled at an ABA accredited law school in the greater Houston area.

All applications will be submitted to the AABF in care of Joyce Kao Soliman at the address below by not later than **November 10, 2013** via U.S. Certified Mail/Return Receipt Requested or by email in PDF format with reply confirmation that the application has been received.

Each Applicant should submit an application package / curriculum vitae containing the following information to the Scholarship Committee:





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 accredited law school
8. Educational background
9. Course work at current or previous schools relevant to AABF's purposes listed above
10. Employment history (if any)
11. Employment experience relevant to AABF's purposes listed above or demonstrating applicant's commitment to public service
12. Community and volunteer experience relevant to AABF's purposes listed above or demonstrating applicant's commitment to public service
13. Independent research or publications relevant to AABF's purposes listed above or demonstrating applicant's commitment to public service
14. Awards, honors, scholarships received
15. Other activities, hobbies, skills, positions held in any organizations, etc.
16. Any other information that applicant desires to provide to assist in the application process
17. Cover letter stating interest in the scholarship and proposed dates for serving the ten week period at HVL
18. Name and contact information of at least one work, professional or educational reference of the applicant (please do not provide more than three references)

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 Scholarship Committee may contact applicants if additional information is required, but the Scholarship Committee reserves the right to disqualify application packages from consideration if key information is not included.

**Application packages must be postmarked no later than November 10, 2013, and mailed via U.S. Certified Mail/Return Receipt Requested to the following address or by email in PDF format with reply confirmation that the application has been received by email:**

Asian American Bar Foundation  
c/o Joyce Kao Soliman  
Porter Hedges LLP  
1000 Main Street, 36<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Houston, Texas 77002  
[jsoliman@porterhedges.com](mailto:jsoliman@porterhedges.com)  
and with a copy by email to: [cthan@bickerstaff.com](mailto:cthan@bickerstaff.com)

For additional information, please contact Catherine Than (ph. 713.984.9997) or Joyce Kao Soliman (ph. 713-226-6685).

# Job Opportunities

## **Thompson, Coe Cousins & Irons, LLP**

Thompson, Coe, Cousins & Irons, LLP seeks a 2-5 year Insurance Coverage & Litigation Associate. This position principally involves handling litigation matters, including the direct defense of insurance companies and the defense of property management companies, trucking companies, product manufacturers and other businesses. Candidates should have a working knowledge of state and federal civil procedure as well as experience with depositions, hearings, and insurance coverage. Excellent advocacy and writing skills are a must. Send resumes to: [employment@thompsoncoe.com](mailto:employment@thompsoncoe.com).

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## **Current Department of Justice Attorney Vacancies**

**Please visit:**

**<http://www.justice.gov/careers/legal/attvacancies.html>**

**for more information about job vacancies.**



# *Get to Know an AABA MEMBER!*



**Name:** Kylie C. Ho

**Law School:** 3L at South Texas College of Law

**Practice Areas of Interest :** Labor & Employment; Commercial Contracts

**If I weren't an attorney, I would be . . .** an event planner or grade school teacher.

**The oddest food I have ever eaten has been . . .** deep-fried shark meat.

**In my spare time, I enjoy . . .** trying new restaurants because I am an amateur foodie. I also love playing with my adopted puppies, Sam and Luna..

**If my life were a movie, it would be called . . .** "What life? I'm in law school."

**In my opinion, the best restaurant in Houston is . . .** D'Amico's Italian Market Café in Rice Village.

**The coolest store in Houston is . . .** Hobby Lobby Arts & Crafts. I could spend hours in there!

**The sports team(s) I root for is/are . . .** Baylor Bears (sic'em!!), Houston Rockets, and Dallas Cowboys.

**My favorite decade for music is the 2000's, and my favorite song is . . .** I don't have one, but my favorite artists are Thirty Seconds to Mars, Red Hot Chili Peppers, Daft Punk, and Bloc Party.

**My favorite quote is . . .** "Bloom where you are planted."

**I recommend reading . . .** "I Declare" by Joel Osteen.

**Most AABA members probably don't know that . . .** I was born in a refugee hospital in the Philippines.

# *Get to Know an AABA MEMBER!*



**Name:** Minh Q. Nguyen

**Firm:** Coane and Associates, PLLC

**Practice Areas:** Labor and Employment,  
and Immigration Law

**If I weren't an attorney, I would be . . .** a think tank, focusing on nurturing and mentoring young peoples' creative minds in the arts.

**The oddest food I have ever eaten has been . . .** a "specialty" dish in Guangzhou, China. It was odd because it was still moving.

**In my spare time, I enjoy . . .** watching stand-up comedy – such as Kevin Hart, Chris Rock, and Dave Chapelle.

**If my life were a movie, it would be called . . .** "TheEarthisRound"

**In my opinion, the best restaurant in Houston is . . .** my mother's cooking.

**The coolest store in Houston is . . .** my phone, because I can use it to buy anything and I never have to set foot into any actual store.

**The sports team(s) I root for is/are . . .** the Houston TEXANS and ROCKETS!

**My favorite decade for music is the early and middle '90s, and my favorite song is . . .** The Fresh Prince of Bel-Air (Theme Song).

**My favorite quote is . . .** "Great minds discuss ideas; average minds discuss events; small minds discuss people." – Eleanor Roosevelt.

**I recommend reading . . .** "Endurance: Shackleton's Incredible Voyage" by Alfred Lansing, because twenty-eight men surviving in Antarctica in 1914 for two whole years is an amazing feat!

**Most AABA members probably don't know that . . .** lived and worked in Manhattan as a professional photographer before going to law school.

**Many thanks to our 2013 Major Underwriters!**

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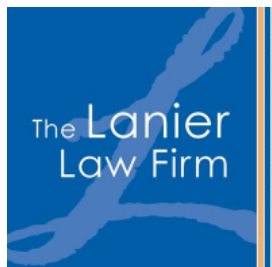
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## **It's that time of year again... Renew your **AABA** membership!**



**The AABA is accepting membership applications and renewals for 2013!**

**You may apply for membership online at [www.aabahouston.com](http://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!**

**Janis Chang, *Gulf States Toyota, Inc.***  
**Justin Chakrabarty, *The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center***  
**Faisac Charania, *Charania & Associates PLLC***  
**Paul Chung, *Targa Resources***  
**Sheila Enriquez, *Briggs & Veselka Co***  
**Rea K Ferandez, *Fulbright & Jaworski LLP***  
**Shawn Grady, *Sheehy, Ware & Pappas, P.C.***  
**Hon. Dan Hinde, *269<sup>th</sup> District Court***  
**Grace Ho, *Vinson & Elkins LLP***

**Loan-Anh Tran Kao**  
**Hon. Jay Karahan, *Harris County Criminal Court-at-Law No. 8***  
**Eduardo Martinez**  
**Henry K. Nguyen, *Law Office of Henry K. Nguyen, P.C.***  
**Robert Rapfogel, *Rapfogel Law Firm, PLLC***  
**Gary K. Shiu, *Sutherland Asbill & Brennan LLP***  
**Catherine Than, *Bickerstaff Heath Delgado Acosta LLP***  
**Jane Vuong, *Nguyen, Jazrawi & Chen, PLLC***



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## Asian American Bar Association of Houston 2013 Membership Application/Renewal

- ☐ \$50 General Member  
☐ \$25 Public Interest Attorney  
☐ \$25 Government Attorney • Judge  
☐ \$25 Solo Practitioner  
☐ \$0 Law Student • Retired Attorney • Transitional Attorney\*

Bar Number and Jurisdiction \_\_\_\_\_

Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ First Name \_\_\_\_\_

Employer \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

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 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:

- ☐ 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 Claire Lin at (713) 372-9218 or Claire.Lin@chevron.com.

*\*Transitional attorneys refer to those attorneys currently not employed.*