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### *2014 Membership Kickoff Dinner*

On Wednesday, January 29, 2014, the AABA held its annual Membership Kickoff Dinner at Maggiano's. We had a great turnout of renewing and new AABA members. Many thanks to Eunice Song and Clinton Yu for organizing this event!



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## *Lunar New Year Dim Sum*

On February 8, 2014, AABA celebrated the Year of the Horse with dim sum at Fung's Kitchen. Thank you to Social Committee Co-Chairs Brendon Singh and Robbie Carman for organizing this annual family event.







# LUNAR NEW YEAR PARTY

*Please join us on*

**Thursday, February 20**

**6:30pm to 9:00pm**



**MOMENTUM BMW  
SOUTHWEST**

10002 Southwest Freeway  
Houston, TX 77074  
800-714-2479

*Drinks provided by*



*Food provided by*



*Meet Miss Chinatown Houston*

*Co-Hosts*

*Asian American Bar Association  
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**DANNY  
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*Please RSVP to [event@yellowmags.com](mailto:event@yellowmags.com)*

# Law Day Poster Contest

sponsored by

**Houston Bar Association** **AABA** *of Houston*

You are invited to participate in the 2014 Houston Law Day Poster Contest! Winners in each grade level will receive \$200 (1<sup>st</sup> place), \$90 (2<sup>nd</sup> place), or \$40 (3<sup>rd</sup> place). Selected posters will be displayed in Houston Downtown court houses and office buildings.

A **FREE** poster-making workshop will be held on:



**Saturday, February 22, 2014**

**11:00 am – 2:00 pm**

Chinese Community Center  
(Downstairs Activity Room)

9800 Town Park

Houston, Texas 77036

**Grade Levels:** K-8<sup>th</sup> grades may participate.

**Cost: FREE!**

Poster materials, art supplies, and lunch will be provided for all participants.

The **special guest speaker** will be **Harris County Criminal Judge Margaret Harris**, who will be speaking about the importance of the American justice system.

The theme for the 2014 Poster Contest is **“American Democracy & The Rule of Law: Why Every Vote Matters.”** Completed posters will be submitted to the Houston Bar Association for entry into the official Poster Contest.

For questions about this event, please email [aliou@jonesday.com](mailto:aliou@jonesday.com).



# Mentor/Mentee Speed Networking

\*To participate, please complete a mentor/mentee application.\*

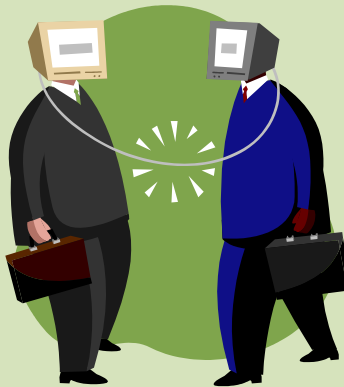
Wednesday, March 5<sup>th</sup>, 2014

5:30 pm – 6:00 pm: Registration / Reception

6:00 pm: Networking Event Begins

South Texas College of Law  
Emilie Slohm Room  
(Fred Parks Law Library, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor)  
1303 San Jacinto  
Houston, TX 77002

Please RSVP online at [www.aabahouston.com](http://www.aabahouston.com).



Appetizers and refreshments will be served.

Questions? Please contact Paul Yin ([paul.yin@tklaw.com](mailto:paul.yin@tklaw.com))



## Mentor Application – AABA 2014 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. This year, we will encourage Mentors/Mentees to match themselves based on a "Speed Networking" event, which will be held in March. Mentees and Mentors may also be matched as closely as possible according to their areas of interest and practice, if preferred. . *Please note, 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 21, 2014.***

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 \_\_\_\_\_

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**Please mail or e-mail your completed form to:**

Sang Shin  
FosterQuan, LLP  
600 Travis Street, Suite 2000  
Houston, TX 77002  
Tel: (832) 426-0314  
E-mail: sshin@fosterquan.com

**Mentee Application – AABA 2014 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 21, 2014.***

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 \_\_\_\_\_

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**Please mail or e-mail your completed form to:**

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# MINORITY MIXER

Sponsored by:

AABA, Hispanic Bar Association (HisBA) & Mexican  
American Bar Association of Houston (MABAH)

Come meet and mingle with our friends from HisBA and  
MABAH over free drinks and appetizers!

## WHEN:

Thursday, March 13, 2014

6:15 - 8:00 p.m.

## WHERE:

Location to be announced shortly

RSVP at [www.aabahouston.com](http://www.aabahouston.com) by March 6, 2014.

If you have any questions, please contact Brendon Singh at  
[brendon.singh@ctsattorneys.com](mailto:brendon.singh@ctsattorneys.com) or Robbie Carman at [robbie.carman@tklaw.com](mailto:robbie.carman@tklaw.com).

We need your help and involvement to ensure that Asian Pacific Americans are well represented in the ABA's leadership ranks. Please consider applying for an appointment or encouraging another NAPABA member to do so.

**NAPABA will be recommending candidates for appointments to committees, commissions, and other ABA entities for the upcoming bar year. To be considered for an endorsement, you must submit a request to NAPABA by February 21, 2013, noon EST.**

Important steps:

1. To apply for an ABA appointment, you must be a member of the ABA. If you are not already a member, click [here](#) for membership information.
2. You must apply for an appointment online at <http://apps.americanbar.org/scripts/nomination14/appointments.jsp> by February 28.
3. You should seek the support of your friends and colleagues who are already in the ABA leadership ranks or who are leaders in your local/state bar associations.
4. To secure NAPABA's support for an appointment, send an email to Melanie Robinson at [Mrobinson@napaba.org](mailto:Mrobinson@napaba.org) by February 21 with the subject line "ABA Appointments." You should provide a short bio, identify the particular entities you are interested in serving on, and explain your interest and any relevant experience.

This ABA link in #2 above includes information that may answer any questions you may have. If you have other questions, please email Melanie Robinson for assistance.

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Applications are also now available for the second annual **Collaborative Bar Leadership Academy (CBLA)** in **Minneapolis, MN**, on **June 26-28, 2014**. The CBLA is a collaborative effort among the American Bar Association, Hispanic National Bar Association, National Bar Association, National Native American Bar Association, and NAPABA. The CBLA will strengthen the pipeline of diverse bar association leaders through leadership training and professional development programs. The CBLA is intended for up-and-coming bar leaders who have been in practice for 5-15 years and have served as officers of a NAPABA affiliate and/or chair/co-chair of a NAPABA committee.

Applications must be submitted by 8:00pm EST on February 28, 2014. Participants for the CBLA will be determined by a juried selection process. Applications can be found by clicking [here](#). Applicants will be asked to submit a brief essay of 250-500 words, a CV/resume, and two letters of recommendation. More information about the program can be found on the [CBLA website](#). Please contact CBLA Steering Committee member Steven Reeves with any questions at [steven.reeves@faegrebd.com](mailto:steven.reeves@faegrebd.com) or at (612)766-8859.



## 28th Annual Conference on the Prevention of Child Abuse



*Stop The Harm Before It Starts*

# Registration Open

March 3-4, 2014

San Antonio Omni Colonnade Hotel

Presented by



Prevent Child Abuse  
Texas

**Registration** is now open for 28<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference on the Prevention of Child Abuse. To take advantage of the Early-Bird discount rate, you must register before February 7, 2014, at <http://www.preventchildabusetexas.org/nextconference.html>.

Download the **Program Page** for complete program brochure.

### About the Conference

The Conference is designed to offer quality training and information on topics and model programs of interest to leaders in child abuse prevention: social workers, counselors, educators, child care and youth workers, law enforcement personnel, medical & legal professionals, foster parents, child welfare board volunteers, elected officials, and other interested child advocates. Participants may attend their choice of a variety of workshops on child abuse and neglect prevention and educational programs or may select workshops for specialized training credits and professional development.

### Schedule at a Glance

The **Schedule-at-a-Glance** for this year's 28<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference on the Prevention of Child Abuse to be held at the San Antonio Omni Colonnade Hotel, March 3-4, 2014 is available online.

### Reserve Your Housing at the San Antonio Omni Colonnade Hotel

The San Antonio Omni Colonnade Hotel will serve as the 28<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference on the Prevention of Child Abuse hotel. Located at:

9821 Colonnade Blvd.

San Antonio, TX 78230.

Make your hotel reservations now – call 1-800-THE-OMNI (1-800-843-6664) and identify the Conference for special rates good through February 7, 2014. If you would like to register online, please go to:

<http://www.omnihotels.com/FindAHotel/SanAntonio/MeetingFacilities/PreventChildAbuseTexas2.aspx>

Conference Rate: The Omni Hotel at the Colonnade offers accommodations at \$119.00 occupancy rates under a block of rooms reserved for the Prevent Child Abuse Texas Conference. Only a limited number of rooms are available at the conference rate so reserve early!

### Sponsorship and Exhibiting Opportunities

Convey your commitment to children! Please support the 28<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference on the Prevention of Child Abuse. Depending on support level, benefits include complimentary meeting registrations and acknowledgement. View information about all of our different [support opportunities](#).

Businesses, organizations, and individuals are invited to bring products, materials and services to the attention of those attending the Conference. For information or to reserve a table, visit our web site at

<http://www.preventchildabusetexas.org/pdf/28th-exhibitor-form.pdf>

or

email

[Conferences@preventchildabusetexas.org](mailto:Conferences@preventchildabusetexas.org). Deadline is December 31, 2013. Space is limited!

YOU CAN ALSO CUT AND PASTE THE FOLLOWING LINK FOR ALL OF THE ABOVE INFORMATION

<http://www.preventchildabusetexas.org/nextconference.html>

MEMORANDUM

From: Jonathan W. Vickery, Associate Director and Director of Grants

To: Interested Persons

Re: Funding Opportunity for Civil Legal Aid to Low-Income Veteran's GY 2014-2015 Grant Applications- **DUE MARCH 31, 2014**

Date: February 10, 2014

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The Texas Access to Justice Foundation (TAJF) is pleased to announce its current application for proposals to support civil legal aid programs that provide legal services for low-income Texas veterans. The next funding opportunity is for the 2014-2015 grant year from September 1, 2014 through August 31, 2015. **The application must be submitted online no later than Monday, March 31, 2014.**

Over the past four years, the annual Texas Access to Justice Commission's Champions of Justice Gala has raised a total of \$1.4 million in support of legal services for Texas veterans, or an average of \$350,000 annually. The Foundation applauds this effort and will, as we hope you will, be an active partner in the Commission's efforts to make the 2014 Gala a banner year for generating funds for Veterans Legal Services. We will not know the level of funding for GY 2014-2015 legal aid to veterans until after the event which is May 13<sup>th</sup>. Also, as we cautioned last year, we must remain mindful that there are no assurances that this pool of money will be available in future years, or at what level so it is vital that programs seek alternative resources to sustain this important work.

Veteran grant applications may be submitted by any Texas 501 (c) (3) non-profit organization who fits within the grant funding criteria. Grant applications will only be accepted through the [online grants system](#).



### Client Eligibility Requirements

Only clients and cases eligible under this funding source may be supported with TAJF funds. (See <http://www.tajf.org/grants/faq.aspx>). Selected applicants' screening and intake procedures must include instructions to solicit sufficient questions from the applicant to determine the total amount of household income for eligibility and must be able to demonstrate that staff practice and follow these procedures uniformly and consistently.

### Screening and Reporting Requirements

TAJF requires, as a condition to the granting of funds to any eligible organization, that adequate provision be made for reports to TAJF as to the actual use of the funds so granted and for audit of such reports. Each such selected organization receiving funds from TAJF shall keep its financial records in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles for organizations of its type and shall furnish reports to TAJF in such form and containing such information as shall be reasonably requested. Minimally, TAJF will require quarterly financial expenditure reports, bi-annual programmatic reports, and annual programmatic and financial reports.



Selected grantee shall utilize a case management systems and procedures that ensure that information necessary for the effective management of cases is accurately and timely recorded in a case management system. Such systems and procedures shall ensure that program management has timely access to accurate information, ensure that cases involving the same client and same legal problem are not recorded and reported to TAJF more than once and the capacity to meet funding sources' reporting requirements. Grantees will also be required to ensure that non-eligible clients and or cases are not funded with TAJF funds.

### **Geographic Service Area**

Applicants must limit proposed TAJF funded legal services to Veterans to one of the three service areas of TAJF (see Attachment I for listing of counties by region) unless your proposal is offering statewide services. For example, if you are awarded a Veterans grant for the East and Gulf Coast area, TAJF funds are limited to services to residents within that region, which should also be consistent in your grant application. Applicants may not support funded legal services in counties outside their awarded service area unless TAJF approves statewide services. TAJF Board makes grant decisions based on the allocation rule to ensure funds awarded are proportionate to regions' targeted poverty populations.

### **Online Grants System**

You can access the online grants system by going to <http://grants.tajf.org>. You must register before you can submit an online application. If new to the system click on "register" and enter applicable information. Once approved, you will be able to access funding opportunities. To access the new funding opportunities, select *Funding Opportunities* from the *Main Menu*. This system offers convenient features such as:

- Previewing & printing application before starting & at any point before submission
- Copying old applications and editing and updating for new application(s)
- Saving work and returning to it later
- Easy editing of forms
- NOTE that in the fields for narrative responses that there is a character limit of 3,500 maximum so please be concise and brief- answer only the question asked- no exceptions.
- Copying and pasting text from word-processed documents into Web forms
- Required fields to help make sure that all necessary data was included
- Error notices that is a required field is not filled out, or if incorrect information is entered (such as text in a numeric field), you will receive clear and simple feedback about what the error is and how to fix it
- Easily file attachments
- Convenient & informative drop-down lists and check boxes

Please reference the formal grant application protocol listed in this section of the website.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at [jvickery@teajf.org](mailto:jvickery@teajf.org), or if you have any questions concerning the online grants system, you can contact Jessica Murray at [jmurray@teajf.org](mailto:jmurray@teajf.org)



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February 12, 2014

**Re: Sponsorship of the Asian Pacific Interest Section Conference and Retreat**

Dear Friend of APIS:

On behalf of the State Bar of Texas Asian Pacific Interest Section (APIS), I invite you to be a sponsor of the Eighteenth Annual APIS Conference and Retreat, which will take place April 4-5, 2014 in Austin, Texas, at the AT&T Executive Conference Center. This year, APIS will host its first-ever **Annual In-House Counsel Committee Meeting** during the conference, and we welcome your support in making this landmark event a success.

Every year, Asian Pacific American (APA) attorneys and those interested in APA issues gather from across Texas at the APIS conference and retreat to develop and nurture valuable business and personal connections. This year's event includes an outstanding CLE program and numerous networking opportunities for sponsors and attendees. This year's theme is **Leaving a Legacy: Shaping Texas Leaders for Tomorrow**, and we will focus on building a diverse leadership for the Texas legal community. In addition, the annual Justice David Wellington Chew Award will be presented at the retreat to an exceptional individual who has significantly contributed to the APA community in Texas.

As a sponsor, you will be prominently recognized in multiple ways, including recognition in the *Texas Bar Journal*, the APIS list serve, and the APIS website. **Your contribution will help APIS develop diverse legal leaders all across Texas.** Additionally, your company's logo will be displayed on slide shows, display boards, and marketing materials at the conference and retreat, including the Annual In-House Counsel Committee Meeting & APIS Gala. Our different sponsorship levels provide a variety of marketing and business development benefits for your organization. We are also in the process of finalizing the panels for the CLE program and would be happy to consider speaking opportunities for you or someone in your organization.

Our sponsorship levels can be found on the enclosed Sponsorship Form, which is due by **Friday, March 21, 2014**. Please send your company's completed Sponsorship Form and payment to: Sandra Carlson, State Bar of Texas Accounting, P.O. Box 12487, Austin, TX 78711-2487. Also, please submit your organization's logo and/or advertisement in high-resolution electronic format to APIS Secretary, Catherine Le, at [catherinethile@gmail.com](mailto:catherinethile@gmail.com) (Subject Line: "Logo") by March 21, 2014, to ensure inclusion in all advertising materials.

We hope that you will participate as a sponsor this year, and in doing so, make an important investment in the future of the APA legal community. We invite you to visit the APIS website for more information about our organization and this year's retreat. Please feel free to contact us with any questions, and we look very forward to seeing you in Austin!

Best regards,

Alice Liu Cook  
APIS Chair  
512.477.1600  
[alice@lazarlaw.com](mailto:alice@lazarlaw.com)





**EIGHTEENTH ANNUAL ASIAN PACIFIC INTEREST SECTION  
CONFERENCE AND RETREAT**

**APRIL 4-5, 2014 | AT&T EXECUTIVE CONFERENCE CENTER & HOTEL | AUSTIN, TEXAS**

**SPONSORSHIP FORM**

**Advertising Materials  
Deadline: March 21**

**\$5,000 Platinum Sponsor**

- Six Complimentary Passes to all events at the Conference & Retreat; Four Additional Guest Passes for the APIS Gala
- Full page, premium-placement advertisement in retreat program and headline recognition during CLE and APIS Gala
- Recognition as a Platinum Sponsor in the *Texas Bar Journal* and on the APIS website
- Recognition as a Platinum Sponsor to local Asian American bar associations across Texas
- Use of firm/company logo in program materials, on the APIS website, and on signs displayed during the Conference

**\$2,500 Diamond Sponsor**

- Four Complimentary Passes to all events at the Conference & Retreat; Two Additional Guest Passes for the APIS Gala
- Full page advertisement in retreat program given to all Conference attendees
- Recognition as a Diamond Sponsor in the *Texas Bar Journal* and on the APIS website
- Recognition as a Diamond Sponsor to local Asian American bar associations across Texas
- Use of firm/company logo in program materials, on the APIS website, and on signs displayed during the Conference

**\$1,500 Gold Sponsor**

- Three Complimentary Passes to all events at the Conference & Retreat
- One-half page advertisement in retreat program given to all Conference attendees
- Recognition as a Gold Sponsor in the *Texas Bar Journal* and on the APIS website
- Recognition as a Gold Sponsor to local Asian American bar associations across Texas
- Use of firm/company logo in program materials, on the APIS website, and on signs displayed during the Conference

**\$ 1,000 Silver Sponsor**

- Two Complimentary Passes to all events at the Conference & Retreat
- Half page advertisement in retreat program given to all Conference attendees
- Recognition as a Silver Sponsor in the *Texas Bar Journal* and on the APIS website
- Recognition as a Silver Sponsor to local Asian American bar associations across Texas
- Use of firm/company logo in program materials, on the APIS website, and on signs displayed during the Conference

**\$ 500 Bronze Sponsor**

- One Complimentary Pass to all events at the Conference & Retreat
- Quarter page advertisement in retreat program given to all Conference attendees
- Recognition as a Bronze Sponsor in the *Texas Bar Journal* and on the APIS website
- Recognition as a Bronze Sponsor to local Asian American bar associations across Texas
- Use of firm/company logo in program materials, on the APIS website, and on signs displayed during the Conference

**\$ 150 Friend of APIS/NAPABA Sponsor**

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- Recognition as a Friend Sponsor in the *Texas Bar Journal* and on the APIS website
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Law Firm/Company: \_\_\_\_\_ Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Please make checks payable to "Asian Pacific Interest Section, State Bar of Texas."**

**Remit Sponsorship Form and Payment to:** Sandra Carlson, State Bar of Texas Accounting, P.O. Box 12487, Austin, Texas 78711-2487.

**Remit Logo/Advertisement to:** Catherine Le, *Secretary*, at [catherinethile@gmail.com](mailto:catherinethile@gmail.com) (Subject Line: "Logo")

**For additional information, visit [www.texasapis.org](http://www.texasapis.org) or contact:** Alice Liu Cook, *Chair* (512.477.1600; [alice@lazarlaw.com](mailto:alice@lazarlaw.com))



## EIGHTEENTH ANNUAL ASIAN PACIFIC INTEREST SECTION CONFERENCE AND RETREAT

**APRIL 4-5, 2014 | AT&T EXECUTIVE CONFERENCE CENTER & HOTEL | AUSTIN, TEXAS**

### **REGISTRATION INFORMATION**

#### **Friday, April 5, 2014:**

- 5:00 – 6:00 pm**      **Asian Pacific American Bar Associations and Law Student Leadership Meeting** (AT&T Center)  
Meet with statewide leaders of the Asian Bar and Asian Law Student organizations. Please email APIS Chair Alice Liu Cook at [alice@lazarlaw.com](mailto:alice@lazarlaw.com) if you or your group would like to participate.
- 6:00 – 7:00 pm**      **APIS Retreat & CLE Welcome Social & Registration** (AT&T Center) Kick-off the 18<sup>th</sup> Annual APIS Conference and Retreat by meeting and mingling with other APA lawyers, corporate counsel, and law students across Texas.
- 7:00 – 9:30 pm**      **Pro Bono/Public Service Workshops & Family-Friendly Dinner** (AT&T Center) – **1.25 hours CLE pending**. Join us for useful and informative workshops with experienced pro bono and public service professionals and/or enjoy a free casual dinner with your family and friends. Please RSVP to the APIS Chair if you are attending and/or bringing guests.

#### **Saturday, April 6, 2014:**

**Discounted Hotel Deadline: See Below**  
**Registration Deadline: March 21**

- 8:30 am – 9:30 am**      **Registration & Breakfast** (AT&T Center)
- 9:30 am – 3:00 pm**      **CLE Conference** (AT&T Center) – **5 hours CLE pending** (please register at least 20 minutes prior; includes lunch). Attend practical and informative CLE presented by leading attorneys from across the State. Lunch will begin at 12:15 pm and feature a special presentation and brief awards ceremony.
- 3:00 pm – 5:30 pm**      **Museum Exploration & Austin Activities**. Spend the afternoon with your family and friends at the Texas Memorial Museum—with spectacular exhibits, including the largest flying creature ever found, the Texas Pterosaur—and the Bullock Texas State History Museum. Enjoy Austin: go on a downtown bike tour, get a massage, or just relax by the pool. Contact the APIS Chair to schedule tours and massages.
- 4:00 pm – 5:30 pm**      **First Annual In-House Counsel Committee Meeting** (AT&T Center) – **0.75 hours CLE pending**. Socialize with in-house counsel colleagues and learn from Asian American in-house attorneys.
- 6:00 – 10:00 pm**      **APIS Gala & Dinner** (Blanton Museum of Art). Join us on Saturday night for cocktails, dinner, live music, and a private panel presentation with Texas Asian American leaders. Additional tickets for this event may be purchased for \$50 per adult. Please RSVP to the APIS Chair if you are attending and/or bringing guests.

#### **JADE PACKAGE – ALL EVENTS**

\$ 50.00	Law-students
\$ 75.00	In-House, Gov't. & Public Interest Attorneys
\$ 125.00	APIS/NAPABA Members
\$ 150.00	Non-Members

#### **GOLD – CLE CONFERENCE ONLY**

\$ 25.00	Law-student rate
\$ 50.00	In-House, Gov't. & Public Interest Attorneys
\$ 85.00	APIS/NAPABA Members
\$ 110.00	Non-Members

#### **APIS GALA – SATURDAY EVENING 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 Chair Elect Ann Chao for details: [annrchao@gmail.com](mailto:annrchao@gmail.com)**

*Conference fees do not include lodging. Attendees may take advantage of discounted hotel rates at the conference site, AT&T Executive Conference Center & Hotel: \$179.00 per room, per night (before taxes). For reservations, please call 877-744-8822 and use code "APISCO0414" or visit the reservation page <https://resweb.passkey.com/go/APISCO0414>. **Deadline is March 14, 2014.***

**For questions or additional information, visit [www.texasapis.org](http://www.texasapis.org) or contact:**

Alice Liu Cook, APIS Chair | (512) 477-1600 | [alice@lazarlaw.com](mailto:alice@lazarlaw.com)



# 2014 ASIAN PACIFIC INTEREST SECTION CONFERENCE AND RETREAT

## INDIVIDUAL REGISTRATION FEES WORKSHEET

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ State Bar No: \_\_\_\_\_

Law Firm/Company/School: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

<b><u>Package</u></b>	<b><u>Cost</u></b>	<b><u># of Tickets</u></b>	<b><u>Your Payment</u></b>
ALL EVENTS on Friday and Saturday	\$150 General Attendee x	_____ =	_____
	\$125 APIS/NAPABA Members x	_____ =	_____
	\$75 In-house, Gov't, Public x	_____ =	_____
	\$50 Law Students x	_____ =	_____
<b><u>A la Carte Events</u></b>	<b><u>Cost</u></b>	<b><u># of Tickets</u></b>	<b><u>Your Payment</u></b>
Saturday CLE Conference Only (includes luncheon)	\$110 General Attendee x	_____ =	_____
	\$85 APIS/NAPABA Members x	_____ =	_____
	\$50 In-house, Gov't, Public x	_____ =	_____
	\$25 Law Students x	_____ =	_____
Saturday Evening Gala Only	\$50 per person x	_____ =	_____
1-year APIS Membership	\$ 15	_____ =	_____
		<b>Total Tickets</b>	<b>Total Payment</b>

**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:** \_\_\_\_\_

**DISCOUNTED HOTEL RATES DEADLINE IS MARCH 14, 2014!**

**REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS MARCH 21, 2014!**

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

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## Deborah G. Hankinson Award

The Deborah G. Hankinson Award honors local bar associations and young lawyer affiliates that demonstrate a commitment to access to justice in their communities and to raising financial support for legal service providers on a local and statewide basis. There will be only one award recipient for each division. In 2013, the Texas Access to Justice Commission began using an application process to determine local bar associations and young lawyer affiliates award recipients.

Each bar association has an opportunity to receive this award based on its division. The divisions are:

**Division I:** local and district bar associations with a membership of 500 or less

**Division II:** local and district bar associations with a membership of 501 to 1,999

**Division III:** local and district bar associations with a membership of 2,000+

Each young lawyer affiliate also has an opportunity to receive this award. There is one division for the young lawyer affiliate.

**Award Criteria** (Criteria and application can also be found online [www.texasatj.org/awards](http://www.texasatj.org/awards))

### **Financial Support for Access to Justice (50%)**

- ✓ Rate of voluntary ATJ contributions made at the suggested \$150 level or more through State Bar dues statement (15 points). This information will be determined by the State Bar Membership Department.
- ✓ Local bar fundraising and donation efforts; examples include: bike ride, gala, golf tournament, pro bono prom, etc., with proceeds benefitting local legal aid organizations (15 points)
- ✓ Number of first time donors (15 points)
- ✓ Largest donation contributed (5 points)

### **Access to Justice – Initiatives and Awareness (50%)**

- ✓ Specific efforts to increase *access* to legal aid services. Examples include hosting free legal advice clinic; creating a local lawyer referral service or reduced fee panel on the local lawyer referral service; efforts to increase pro bono participation; etc. (25 points)
- ✓ Specific efforts to increase *awareness* of access to justice issues on a local or statewide basis. Examples include inviting speakers to give presentations on access to justice, limited scope representation or other related topics; developing and providing presentations on topics related to access to justice and pro bono work; visiting local legislators to educate them about the importance of legal services to the poor; encouraging attorneys to bank at a Prime Partner Bank; etc. (25 points)

**NOTE:** To streamline award applications, you may have the access to justice portion of the State Bar of Texas Award of Merit application or the TYLA Awards of Achievement sent to the Texas Access to Justice Commission to be considered in your application for the Deborah G. Hankinson Award. You will need to check a box on the enclosed Deborah G. Hankinson Award Application to release this information to us.



## Deborah G. Hankinson Award Nomination

The award honors local bar associations and young lawyer affiliates that demonstrate a commitment to access to justice in their communities and to raising financial support for legal service providers on a local and statewide basis. There will be only one recipient for each award category. Each category is worth 50 points for a total 100 point judging scale. **Deadline for submission is April 4, 2014, at NOON.**

### Nominee information

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Name of Bar Association

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Name of Bar President

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Address

City

Zip Code

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Phone Number(s)

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Email

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Bar Association/Young Lawyer Affiliate Division

**The State Bar of Texas Award of Merit and the Texas Young Lawyers Association Awards of Achievement have an access to justice component. If you applied for either award and would like the access to justice information to be considered for the Hankinson Award, check here:**      **Yes**      **No**

### A. Financial Support for Access to Justice

1) Please provide the following:

a. Number of first time donors: \_\_\_\_\_ (15 points)

b. Largest donation amount contributed: \_\_\_\_\_ (5 points)

c. Rate of voluntary ATJ contribution made at the suggested \$150 level or more through State Bar dues statement: (Information will be provided by the State Bar Membership Dept.) (15 points)



**NOTE: If more space is needed for any question on this page, please supplement with attachments and label appropriately.**

- 2) Please describe the bar association/young affiliates fundraising and donation efforts. Examples include bike rides, gala, golf tournament, pro bono prom, etc. (15 points)

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## **B. Initiative and Awareness**

- 1) Please list specific efforts to increase access to legal aid services. Examples include hosting free legal advice clinics, creating local lawyer referral service/reduced fee panels, efforts to increase pro bono participation. (25 points)

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- 2) Please list specific efforts to increase awareness of access to justice issues on a local or statewide basis. Examples include inviting speakers to give presentations on access to justice, limited scope representation or other related topics, developing and providing presentations on topics related to access to justice and pro bono work, visiting legislators to educate them about the importance of legal services to the poor, encouraging attorneys to bank at a Prime Partner Bank, etc. (25 points)

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**JAMES B. SALES BOOTS ON THE GROUND AWARD**  
**2014 Official Nomination Form**

**Overview & Criteria**

Nominations are currently being accepted for the Texas Access to Justice Commission *James B. Sales Boots on the Ground Award*. The award is given to a legal services program attorney or a pro bono attorney who is an exemplary advocate and who gives selflessly of his/her time and talent to provide legal help to those who have no voice.

Nominations must be received **no later than 5 p.m., Friday, April 11, 2014**. Submit the original nomination form, a description of the nominee's achievements, and any additional supporting materials via email to: [atjmail@texasbar.com](mailto:atjmail@texasbar.com).

This award will be presented at the 2014 Champions of Justice Gala Benefiting Veterans in May.

**Nominator Information**

Name of Nominator: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**Nominee Information**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ State Bar Card #: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name of legal services organization where nominee is either currently employed or ceased to work within the last two years: \_\_\_\_\_  
Length of Service: \_\_\_\_\_

Please describe nominee's achievements in the delivery of legal services to the poor on a separate sheet(s) of paper.



## **Job Opportunity**

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

Civil Rights Division of the Department of Justice currently has available job opportunities as Deputy Chief, Appellate Section (closing date February 26, 2014) and Student Volunteers.

Please visit <http://www.justice.gov/crt/employment/> for more information.

Individuals interested in applying for these positions should comply with the application procedures and closing dates in the vacancy announcement. The Division does not accept unsolicited resumes or applications (i.e., those not submitted in response to a particular vacancy announcement). If you need more information about a specific Civil Rights Division vacancy, please call the Human Resources Office, Team 1, at (202) 514-3934.

For information about all job vacancies at the Department of Justice, please visit <http://www.justice.gov/careers/legal/attvacancies.html>.

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## **SIDEBAR NEWS**

**Congratulations to Judy Kim on her new position as Sr. Corporate Counsel – Retail at Dynegy Inc.!**

**Congratulations to Tom Nguyen on his new position as a partner and Executive Vice President, Land & General Counsel of Pintail Oil & Gas LLC!**

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## **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

AABA is seeking volunteers from 10:30 AM to 2:00 PM for the Law Day Poster Workshop on February 22, 2014. If you are interested, please contact Albert Liou @ [aliou@jonesday.com](mailto:aliou@jonesday.com).



# Get to Know an AABA MEMBER!



*Name:* Sylvia Ngo

*Firm/Company:* The Elliott Law Firm

*Practice Areas of Interest:* IP  
Litigation

*If I weren't an attorney, I'd try to be . . . ballerina.*

*The oddest food I have ever eaten has been . . . crawfish! I'm from Los Angeles and crawfish is so weird to me.*

*In my spare time, I enjoy . . . catching up on my Netflix DVD queue.*

*If my life were a movie, it would be called . . . "It's Monday, Already?"*

*In my opinion, the best restaurant in Houston is . . . Nundini, Aka, El Tiempo... the food is great in Houston.*

*The coolest store in Houston . . . Target. I admit it, I have a Target problem.*

*The sports team(s) I root for is . . . the USC Trojans. Fight on!*

*My favorite decade for music is the 90's , but my favorite song is . . . anything by Mariah Carey.*

*"My favorite quote is . . . "I don't understand the question, and I won't respond to it." - Lucille Bluth - Arrested Development.*

*I recommend reading . . . David Sedaris.*

*Most AABA members probably don't know that . . . can wiggle my ears!*

**Many thanks to our 2014 Major Underwriters!**

**Diamond Dragon Underwriter**

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



The AABA is accepting membership applications and renewals for 2014!

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!**

Peggy Barber  
Janet Brown  
Justin Chakrabarty  
Audrey Chang  
Janis Chang  
Jennifer Chang  
William Chang  
Faisal Charania  
Daniel Chen  
Brad Chin  
Caroline Cho  
Paul Chung  
Helene Dang

Sheila Enriquez  
Rea Ferandez  
Jennifer Fung  
Mark Gilbreth  
Shawn Grady  
Dan Hinde  
Ann Ho  
Grace Ho  
James Hu  
Warren Huang  
Loan-Anh Kao  
Jay Karahan  
Kathryn Karam

Judy Kim  
Christopher Koa  
Phillina Lai  
Chris Lee  
H. Albert Liou  
Judy Liu  
Eduardo Martinez  
David Nguyen  
Henry Nguyen  
Michele Nguyen  
Tom Nguyen  
Liane Noble  
Robert Rapfogel

Gary Shiu  
Brendon Singh  
Joyce Kao Soliman  
Eunice Song  
Catherine Than  
Susan Tran  
Jane Nguyen Vuong  
Jue Wang  
Debbie Yee  
Paul Yin  
Sharon Yin  
Clinton Yu  
Marissa Yu



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## Asian American Bar Association of Houston 2014 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 2014 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:

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**ATTN: Membership**  
**P.O. Box 1554**  
**Houston, TX 77251**

Send any inquiries concerning AABA membership to  
membership@aabahouston.com,  
or contact Eunice Song at (713) 276-5079 or esong@gardere.com

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