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AABA 10th Annual Corporate Counsel Dinner

On Thursday, October 30th, the AABA held its 10th Annual Corporate Counsel Dinner at Smith & Wollensky and featured keynote speaker Robert (Rob) B. Task, Deputy General Counsel at Phillips 66. Many thanks to our speaker Rob Task, our underwriters Gardere Wynne Sewell and Latham & Watkins, and to the event's organizers, Corporate Counsel Committee Co-Chairs Anna Ha, Carmen Ng, Tom Nguyen and Debbie Yee.



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AABA 10th Annual Corporate Counsel Dinner



AABA Houston at the 26th Annual National Asian Pacific American Bar Association (NAPABA) Convention

From November 6-9, 2014, AABA Houston members joined over 1,500 Asian Pacific American attorneys, judges, law students, and professors in attendance at the 2014 NAPABA Convention in Scottsdale, Arizona. Congrats to NAPABA on another successful Convention, and thank you for your hospitality!



Nominations are now being accepted!

AABA 2015 Officer Nominations

The AABA is now receiving nominations for its 2015 Officers and the 2015-2016 Elected Director.

The following positions are open and subject to vote by the AABA membership:

**President-Elect
Vice President of Membership
Vice President of Programs
Vice President of Community Relations
Vice President of Development
Treasurer
Secretary
2015-2016 Elected Director**

Any current AABA attorney member in good standing may nominate himself/herself or another attorney member for one of the positions listed above, except that each nominee for President-Elect must have served at least one previous term as an Officer of the AABA.

Please send nominations in writing to AABA President Helene Dang by 5:00 PM on Friday, November 28, 2014 via e-mail at hdang@fosterglobal.com or via fax at 713.228.1303.

Voting will begin on Monday, December 1, 2014 and will end at 5:00 PM on Monday, December 8, 2014. The election results will be announced no later than Friday, December 12, 2014.

Feel free to contact Helene Dang (713.335.3929) with any questions regarding the election process or the duties and responsibilities of Officers and Directors.

We hope you will consider getting involved in the leadership of the AABA and making your contribution to our wonderful organization and legal community.



YOU'RE INVITED NOVEMBER 15 9 AM - 12 PM

AABA *of Houston* 2014 Women Attorney's Retreat

Join your fellow AABA women attorneys for a special professional development opportunity, morning yoga, fashion show and designer shopping!

Enjoy 20% off your David Peck USA purchase and accessorize your new outfit with Stella & Dot jewelry!*

9:00AM - 9:15AM

Registration

9:15AM - 9:45AM

Yoga for the Office

10:00AM - 11:00AM

Brunch & Roundtable Discussion

11:00AM - 12:00PM

Mini Fashion Show & Designer Shopping

RSVP | www.aabahouston.com

Kindly RSVP by 11.13.14

DAVID PECK USA

2515 Morse St. @ Westheimer
Houston, TX 77019
713.524.3482

Private lot and street parking available.

Located in the heart of Houston's Montrose neighborhood, David Peck USA not only serves as a studio and storefront, but full-scale fashion design, production, and distribution base.

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*A portion of Stella & Dot sales will be contributed to the Asian American Bar Foundation (AABF).

David Peck
An American Fashion House



AABA Men's Retreat

Description:

Whiskey Tasting Seminar (Food and drinks provided)
& 1.0 hour CLE for "Best Practices of Successful
Lawyers" featuring

- Warren Huang, Partner at Norton Rose Fulbright
- Hoang Quan Vu, Partner at Gardere
- Daniel Chen, Partner at Nguyen, Jazrawi & Chen

Date & Time:

Saturday, November 15th, 2:30 PM – 5:00 PM

Location:

Prohibition Supperclub and Bar
1008 Prairie St., Houston, TX 77002

This is a change of venue (originally at MassMutual office)

This event is free and open to male attorneys and law
students only.

RSVP online at www.aabahouston.com. For
additional information, please contact President-Elect
Clinton Yu at: cyy@givensjohnston.com.



SALAMAT

Celebrating the Filipino Culture, Heritage and Spirit

SALAMAT (Tagalog for "thank you") is a thanksgiving celebration and commemoration of the anniversary of Typhoon Haiyan in the Philippines. While honoring the Houston community for its overwhelming help after this catastrophic event, FYP also hopes to bring awareness to the continued support that is still needed to rebuild these communities. A portion of the net proceeds from this event will fund education scholarships for students affected by Haiyan in the Philippines. This event will also highlight FYP's 2014 accomplishments. Please join us for this family-friendly event!

Saturday, November 22, 2014
6 p.m.–11 p.m.

FFAUMC Family Hall
8603 S. Kirkwood Rd.
Houston, TX 77099

Entertainment:

Showcase performances by the FYP Cultural Performers, as well as DJ Seduction, Local Talents and Guests

Hosts:

Anthony Guevarra and Delmar Imperial-Aubin

Cost (per person):

\$28 advanced tickets, \$35 at the door
\$10 advanced tickets (12 y/o & under), \$15 at the door
Includes dinner buffet featuring a variety of popular Filipino dishes and street food.

To purchase advanced tickets, please visit
fyp-salamat.eventbrite.com.

To become an event sponsor or to make a tax deductible donation, please email
fyp-houston@gmail.com or visit
www.fyp-houston.com.

Dressy Casual & Cultural Dress Attire Encouraged

Hosted by the Filipino Young Professionals of Houston



STATE BAR of TEXAS

MINORITY DIRECTOR SOUGHT

Nominations are now being accepted for minority director for the State Bar of Texas Board of Directors. Four appointed positions were created on the board to increase minority participation as well as to provide representation from varying professional, geographic, and social environments. One position will become vacant in 2015. Minority directors serve three-year terms, and the terms begin on June 18, 2015.

Nominees will be selected by an ad hoc committee comprised of members of the State Bar Board, the Women in the Profession Committee, and the Diversity in the Profession Committee. Nominees will be responsible for their own expenses related to the interview process.

Criteria for selection:

Any minority lawyer in good standing with the State Bar is eligible to be nominated, provided such lawyer has never served, or is not currently serving, as a minority director or as an elected director. To the fullest extent possible, the nominating committee shall nominate only persons who demonstrate the sensitivity and knowledge, gained from experiences in the profession and the community, necessary to represent the interests of minority lawyers.

A minority member of the State Bar is any lawyer who is female, African-American, Hispanic American, Native American, or Asian-American.

The nominating committee shall be guided, but not limited, by the following criteria in selecting its nominees for minority director:

The minority population of the area in which the candidate resides and practices.

The degree of minority representation already on the State Bar Board of Directors from a particular geographic area.

Demonstration of leadership ability.

Involvement in civic or political activities within the minority community.

Participation in minority bar associations.

Participation in local bar, State Bar, and American Bar Association committees and activities.

Year of licensure.

Number and content of recommendation letters.

Ethnicity and gender.

Deadline for nominations is December 15, 2014. *Self-nominations will not be accepted.* Persons interested in being nominated for the position should submit the following: **a nomination letter from a third party; resume, including information on bar participation, civic and political activities, year of licensure, ethnicity, gender, place of residence and practice; and three to five letters of recommendation.**

Submit the information to:

Andrew Wallace, Chair

Ad Hoc Committee to Select Minority Directors

c/o State Bar of Texas

1414 Colorado Street, Ste. 300

Austin, TX 78701-1627

Please note that applying to be a minority director does not preclude an applicant from running for a geographic area board position. Petitions for the elected board member positions must be received at the State Bar headquarters by March 2, 2015, to be considered.



SAVE THE DATE

2015 GPSolo Spring Meeting and 2015 NAPABA Western Regional Conference

April 16 – 18, 2015

**Moana Surfrider
A Westin Resort & Spa
Honolulu, Hawaii**

For more information about our meeting please visit our
website www.americanbar.org/gpsolo



Solo, Small Firm and
General Practice Division



Join us in Hawaii!

You don't want to miss this Joint Spring Meeting at the beautiful Moana Surfrider, a Westin Resort & Spa in Honolulu, Hawaii. This year, GPSolo will be meeting with NAPABA (National Asian Pacific American Bar Association) Western Regional Conference, which will include lots of exciting CLE and fun networking opportunities.

Hotel Information

Moana Surfrider – A Westin Resort & Spa
2365 Kalakaua Avenue
Honolulu, HI 96815

A special ABA rate of \$265.00 single/double for a Historic Wing City View room has been negotiated. To lock in the ABA hotel rates, book your hotel accommodations before 5:00 p.m. CST on Wednesday, March 25, 2015. Occupancy Tax is currently 13.96% (subject to change)

Non-Hawaii Residents should contact the hotel directly to make reservations at (808) 921-4641 and refer to the 2015 Joint Spring Meeting Presented by ABA GPSolo and NAPABA. The reservations line is staffed Monday through Friday 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Saturday/Sunday 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. (Hawaiian Standard Time).

You may also use the following website to make reservations.
<https://www.starwoodmeeting.com/Book/MMABAM>

Hawaii Residents only will receive the group rate of \$225.00 plus tax per night. They will not be able to book this rate on the website, as they must call-in to book their reservations. They should call the Moana Surfrider Group Reservations Line at (808) 921-4641 and let the agent know they are a Hawaii Resident, so they will be able to book at the \$225.00 rate. They must present a Hawaii ID at check-in to receive the rate.



Sponsorship and Exhibitor Opportunities

Joint Spring Meeting

April 16–18, 2015

**Moana Surfrider — A Westin Resort & Spa
Honolulu, Hawaii**

**Presented by
ABA Solo, Small Firm and General Practice Division
NAPABA Western Regional Conference**

About Our Meeting

New this year, GPSolo will be meeting with the NAPABA Western Regional Conference to engage and inform attorneys at all levels of practice. The CLE programming will cover a spectrum of legal topics of interest to solo, small firm and general practitioners. This unique event provides an all-in-one environment for education, networking, and idea sharing.

Sponsorship and Exhibitor Opportunities

We offer a \$10,000 and \$5,000 meeting sponsorship package, which can be enhanced with additional opportunities. You must be a Diamond Head or Waikiki Beach level sponsor to be able to take advantage of an enhancement. We also offer an exhibits only or CLE option. All of the options provide exposure to conference attendees and esteemed faculty. Attendance is estimated at 250–300 with meeting delegates from all practice areas coming from across the nation. Details on sponsor levels and a commitment form follow; customized packages are also available. **We hope to see you in Honolulu!**

For more information, please contact: Kimberly Kocian, Kimberly.Kocian@AmericanBar.org or 312-988-5636

Diamond Head — \$10,000 Investment

Exclusive opportunities to add Enhancements

- Entire conference attendee exposure
- A speaking opportunity, if it is a natural fit in the meeting program, will be offered
- Promotion of sponsorship on GPSolo and NAPABA social media
- Verbal recognition at conference
- Logo recognition in all printed conference materials
- Logo recognition on the conference website
- Signage in the conference registration area
- One complimentary vendor table in exhibitor area
- Four complimentary conference registrations
- Sponsor ribbon to be worn on name-tag

Waikiki Beach — \$5,000 Investment

Exclusive opportunities to add Enhancements

- Entire conference attendee exposure
- Promotion of sponsorship on GPSolo and NAPABA social media
- Verbal recognition at conference
- Logo recognition in all printed conference materials
- Logo recognition on the conference website
- Signage in the conference registration area
- One complimentary vendor table in exhibitor area
- Two complimentary conference registrations
- Sponsor ribbon to be worn on name-tag

Exhibit Only — \$1,500 Investment

Enhancements are not available at this level

- Six-foot display table in registration / break area
- Recognition in all printed conference materials
- Recognition on the conference website
- Signage in the conference registration area
- Two conference registrations

CLE Patron — \$500 Investment

Enhancements are not available at this level

- Recognition in printed conference material for one CLE session
- Verbal recognition before CLE session begins
- Signage at the CLE session

Rainbow Enhancements

Welcome Reception — \$5,000 Investment

- Verbal recognition at reception
- Signage at reception
- Ten complimentary registrations for reception

Solo & Small Firm Awards Luncheon — \$5,000 Investment

- Verbal recognition at luncheon
- Signage at luncheon
- One table of ten at luncheon

Breakfast — \$2,500 Investment

- Verbal recognition at breakfast
- Signage at breakfast
- One table of ten at breakfast

Logo on flash drives loaded with course materials — \$1,500 Investment

- Logo recognition on flash drive

Hospitality Reception — \$1,000 Investment

- Verbal recognition at hospitality
- Signage at hospitality

Coffee Break — \$500 Investment

- Signage at coffee break
- Logo recognition on napkins

Sponsorship and Exhibitor Commitment Form

Joint Spring Meeting

Presented by: ABA Solo, Small Firm and General Practice Division and NAPABA Western Regional Conference

April 16–18, 2015 🕒 Moana Surfrider – A Westin Resort & Spa, Honolulu, Hawaii

Company/Firm Name (as it should be publicized): _____

Contact Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Contact Signature: _____

Please Check Your Commitments

Sponsor or Exhibitor Options

☐ Diamond Head — \$10,000

☐ Waikiki Beach — \$5,000

☐ Exhibit Only — \$1,500

☐ CLE Patron — \$500

Rainbow Enhancements*

☐ Welcome Reception — \$5,000

☐ Solo & Small Firm Awards Luncheon — \$5,000

☐ Breakfast — \$2,500

☐ Logo on flash drives — \$1,500

☐ Hospitality Reception — \$1,000

☐ Coffee Break — \$500

* Available to Diamond Head and Waikiki Beach Commitments Only

Payment Information:

☐ Enclosed is a check made payable to the American Bar Association GPSolo for the amount marked above.

☐ Please send me an invoice for the amount marked above.

Form Return:

Please return this form via mail or email. In order to be included in promotional materials, we must receive your signed response form no later than **March 25, 2015**.

Print and Mail Form to:

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American Bar Association
Solo, Small Firm and General Practice Division
321 N. Clark Street, 18th Floor
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Thank you for your support!

JOB OPPORTUNITIES

United States Attorney's Office for the Southern District of Texas:

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The United States Attorney's Office for the Southern District of Texas, with approximately 190 Assistant United States Attorneys, is among the largest in the country. The office prosecutes federal crimes and represents the interests of the United States in civil cases. The Southern District of Texas stretches from the Houston area southwest to the Mexican border. The United States Attorney's Office operates staffed offices in Brownsville, Corpus Christi, Houston, Laredo, McAllen, and Victoria.

The work environment and atmosphere is open, diverse, collegial, and inclusive. There are active affinity groups for African-American; Asian-American; Hispanic; lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT); and Native American employees, which are open to all DOJ employees regardless of background. Justice fosters a work environment where people of all backgrounds and experiences may reach their full potential.

These and other attorney vacancy announcements can be found at:

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

Many thanks to our 2014 Major Underwriters!

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



The AABA is accepting membership applications and renewals for 2015!

You may apply for membership online at www.aabahouston.com or by completing and submitting the attached form and dues.

If you haven't already applied for membership to the AABA, then you are missing out on all the benefits of membership. Members of the AABA receive significant discounts to all AABA events, as well as invitations to exclusive members-only seminars and programs such as the annual Corporate Counsel Dinner and inclusion in the Attorney Profiles Directory. Become an AABA member today, and gain access to all of the networking, career enhancement, mentorship, and volunteer opportunities and resources that the AABA has to offer!

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



www.aabahouston.com

Asian American Bar Association of Houston
2014-2015 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 _____

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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 2014-2015 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 Eunice Song at (713) 276-5079 or esong@gardere.com

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