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Lee Cheng to be 2015 AABA Gala Keynote Speaker



The AABA is proud to announce that the 2015 Gala keynote speaker will be Lee Cheng, Chief Legal Officer, SVP of Corporate Development and Corporate Secretary of Newegg Inc., the largest privately held e-commerce company in North America. Gala tickets can be purchased online at www.aabahouston.com. The deadline to place an ad in the program is September 4, and the deadline to purchase tickets is September 11. For more information about the Gala, please see below or contact AABA's Gala Co-Chairs Julie Pi Evans, Caroline Cho, Jennifer Park, and Susan Tran at aaba.gala@gmail.com.

SAVE THE DATE

2015 Annual Gala & Silent Auction

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2015

JW MARRIOTT HOUSTON DOWNTOWN

806 Main Street

Houston, Texas 77002

GALA KEYNOTE SPEAKER:

LEE CHENG

Chief Legal Officer, SVP of Corporate Development
and Corporate Secretary, Newegg Inc.

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Giving Back: AABA Community Service at the Houston Food Bank

On Saturday, August 1, 2015, the AABA volunteered at the Houston Food Bank, a non-profit organization that distributes nutritious meals to hunger relief charities throughout southeast Texas. AABA volunteers generously contributed their time and efforts in inspecting and sorting food for distribution, building boxes and bags of food for disaster relief, seniors, families, and children. Many thanks to our AABA volunteers and Janet Brown for organizing the community service event.







Meet an AABA Member



Name: Nhu Nguyen

Firm/Company: Formerly with the Department of Veterans Affairs, Social Security Administration, and Bronx District Attorney's Office

Practice Areas: Taxation, Immigration, Civil Litigation

1. If I weren't an attorney, I would be . . . *an American Ninja Warrior*.
2. The oddest food I have ever eaten has been . . . *Twinkies*.
3. In my spare time, I enjoy . . . *dining in bed*.
4. If my life were a movie, it would be called . . . *Mission Impossible*.
5. In my opinion, the best restaurant in Houston is . . . *Tommy Bahamas*.
6. The coolest store in Houston is . . . *Amazon*.
7. The sports team I root for is . . . *The University of Louisville Cardinals*.
8. My favorite decade for music is the 1980s, and my favorite song is . . . *Fat Bottom Girls by Queen*.
9. My favorite quote is . . . *"Nobody puts Baby in a corner."—Patrick Swayze from Dirty Dancing*.
10. I recommend reading . . . *Dad is Fat by Jim Gaffigan*.
11. Most AABA members probably don't know that . . . *I am a Kentucky Colonel*.

Spotlight on...

Ted Wu



Firm: Fong & Associates, LLP.

Practice Areas: business and corporation law, real estate, employment-based permanent residence, PERM labor certification, audit responses, non-immigrant visas, including H-1B, L-1A, family-based permanent residence, and nationality law.

1. If I weren't an attorney, I would be . . . *a potter, carpenter, or racecar driver.*
2. In my spare time, I enjoy . . . *puttering around the house at Galveston, cruising the bay, and wandering around South Texas brush country.*
3. If my life were a movie, it would be called . . . *"Sweet and Sour."*
4. In my opinion, the best restaurant in Houston is . . . *any reasonably quiet restaurant/bar with white linen table cloths that serves Grey Goose vodka martinis, straight up, no dirt.*
5. In my opinion, the most underrated restaurant/bar in Houston is . . . *same as No. 4.*
6. A deserving charity I recommend giving to is . . . *Chinese Community Center Expansion Project (9800 Town Park, Houston, TX 77036, Attn: Chi-mei Lin).*
7. The sports teams I root for are . . . *the Houston Rockets and Houston Texans.*
8. My favorite decade for music is the 1960's *Motown sound*; *"What the World Needs Now is Love,"* composed by Burt Bacharach; *"Midnight Train to Georgia,"* sung by Gladys Knight & the Pips.
9. My favorite quote is . . . *difficult to pick a favorite. The older I get, the more I realize that old sayings and quotes that I once thought trite ring true . . . a penny saved is a penny earned, a stitch in time saves nine, patience is a virtue, anything worth doing is worth doing right, and on and on. Try this one, "Age wrinkles the body, quitting wrinkles the soul" (General Douglas MacArthur).*
10. I recommend reading . . . *The Bible and The Art of the Deal . . . from what I have been told.*
11. Most AABA members probably don't know that . . . *fresh out of undergraduate school, I joined the Navy in 1967 during the Vietnam War. As a newly commissioned Ensign just out of Officer's Candidate School, Newport, RI, I saluted an Eastern Airline Captain in Kennedy Airport terminal, NY, thinking he was an admiral.*

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Don't forget to 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").

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

Kirk Chen
Maily Hoang
Teresa Messer
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Would you like your business contact information published in the 2015 AABA Directory? ☐ Yes ☐ No

By completing this membership application, I hereby consent to the receipt of notice of meeting through electronic means.

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- ☐ 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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P.O. Box 1554
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Send any inquiries concerning AABA membership to
membership@aabahouston.com.

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



31st Anniversary Gala & Silent Auction

The AABA is excited to celebrate its 31st anniversary with you this year! The 2015 AABA Gala & Silent Auction will commemorate this achievement and celebrate the growth that the Asian legal community and the AABA has enjoyed in Houston

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JW MARRIOTT HOUSTON DOWNTOWN

- 6:30 P.M. – 7:30 P.M.:** Reception and Silent Auction
- 7:30 P.M. – 9:00 P.M.:** Dinner & Keynote Speech by Lee Cheng; 2015 Impact Award Recipient Alexander C. Chae



AABA is proud to announce its 2015 Gala keynote speaker will be Lee Cheng, Chief Legal Officer, SVP of Corporate Development and Corporate Secretary of Newegg Inc., the largest privately held e-commerce company in North America. Mr. Cheng has been recognized as one of America's 50 Outstanding General Counsel by the *National Law Journal*, Best Lawyers Under 40 by NAPABA, and most recently received the In-House Impact Award from leading legal publisher *The Recorder*. In addition to having been interviewed by major news outlets like the *Wall Street Journal* and *New York Times*, Mr. Cheng has been invited to testify before U.S. Congressional committees, the U.S. International Trade Commission, and the U.S. Federal Trade Commission.

For more information about the Gala, please contact our Gala Co-Chairs Julie Pi Evans, Caroline Cho, Jennifer Park, & Susan Tran at aaba.gala@gmail.com.



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Thank you for your interest and support.*



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

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Name: _____

Company/Law School: _____

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Please indicate the number of tickets below:

Law Student: \$50 _____ AABA Member: \$125 _____ Non-Member: \$150 _____

TOTAL AMOUNT DUE: \$ _____

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by no later than **September 9, 2015** to:

**Caroline Cho at Rapfogel Law Firm PLLC, 4200 Montrose Blvd., Suite 430,
Houston, Texas 77010**

- 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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ABA Forum on Construction Law's Diversity Scholarship

**2015 Fall Meeting, The Construction ADR Summit, October 8 - 9, 2015,
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The American Bar Association Forum on Construction Law is a nationwide organization of construction lawyers and professionals. The Forum's focus is "Programs, Publications, and People," with the stated mission of "Building the Best Construction Lawyers." Each year the Forum hosts three national meetings which provide unequalled opportunities to learn from top industry professionals, and network and exchange ideas with colleagues from around the country and beyond. This year, the Forum's Fall Meeting, titled "The Construction ADR Summit," will be held October 8 – 9, 2015 at the Hilton Austin in Austin, Texas. Attached is the brochure for the meeting with full details or click [here](#).

The Forum is pleased to announce the availability of six (6) Diversity Scholarships for the cost of registration for this program for women and minority construction lawyers, construction lawyers with disabilities, and construction lawyers from the LGBT community, whose practices are based in Texas. Individuals wishing to be considered for a scholarship should submit a copy of their resume and a letter describing their construction law practice and the reasons why they want to attend the Fall Meeting. Applications are due no later than August 31, 2015. If selected, candidates must commit to attend the program. The scholarships are not transferable. The Diversity Scholarship includes:

- admission to the Program with waiver of the registration fee;
- a set of Program course materials; and
- continental breakfast and lunch as noted in the brochure.

Applications for the scholarships should be sent via email to the Forum's Diversity Committee Chair, David J. Theising, at dtheising@harrisonmoberly.com. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Theising by email or by calling him at 317-639-4511.

Thank you for your interest.