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## A Night on the Town

On June 26, 2015, AABA members enjoyed a casual night out, starting with dinner at Dosi Restaurant, followed by entertainment and singing at Spotlight Karaoke. Many thanks to the Social Committee for organizing the event!





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## *Solo & Small Firm Summer Networking Reception*

On July 22, 2015, the AABA hosted an evening of networking activities, including small group discussions and speed networking. The event was open to all practitioners and held at McCormick & Schmick's Seafood & Steaks. A special thanks to the Solo & Small Firm Committee for coordinating the event.







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

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**The AABA is accepting membership applications and renewals for 2015!**

**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 members!**

**Vy (Tina) Huynh  
Jennifer Lin  
David Nguyen  
Frederick Wen  
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- ☐ \$50 General Member  
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Area(s) of Practice \_\_\_\_\_

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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 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  
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Make checks payable to **AABA** and submit application and fee to:

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



## 31<sup>st</sup> Anniversary Gala & Silent Auction

The AABA is excited to celebrate its 31<sup>st</sup> 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

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2015**

**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](mailto:aaba.gala@gmail.com).





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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 at the JW Marriott Houston Downtown on Friday, **September 18, 2015**. The Gala is the organization's flagship event of the year and attracts over 400 guests and celebrates the extraordinary diversity of our city and state.

We are honored and pleased to announce that the keynote speaker for this year's Gala is ***Lee Cheng, Chief Legal Officer, SVP of Corporate Development and Corporate Secretary of Newegg, Inc.*** The AABA will also present its 2015 Impact Award to Alexander C. Chae, Partner at Gardere Wynne Sewell LLP.

Founded in 1984, the AABA is Texas' largest organization of lawyers advocating for Asian-Pacific American concerns, representing the interests of nearly 1,000 attorneys in the Greater Houston area. In keeping with tradition, the AABA will donate a portion of the proceeds from its Gala & Silent Auction to its charitable affiliate organization, the Asian American Bar Foundation (AABF), whose mission is to advance the participation of Asian-Pacific Americans in all areas of legal practice, seeking to promote diversity in the legal community and to improve access to justice for all Texans.

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 at the Gala.

Sincerely,

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2015 GALA & SILENT AUCTION**

**DIAMOND DRAGON UNDERWRITER - \$10,000**

- ◆ 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
- ◆ Underwriter recognition in AABA monthly newsletters for 1 year
- ◆ **Recognition as an Underwriter of the AABA 2015 Corporate Counsel Dinner**
- ◆ **Six tickets to attend the AABA 2015 Corporate Counsel Dinner**

**PLATINUM DRAGON UNDERWRITER - \$7,500**

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- ◆ Special mention during Gala and inclusion in Gala printed materials\*

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***\*All Underwriters for the Gala & Silent Auction will (1) receive special mention during the Gala dinner, (2) be named in the Gala slideshow presentation, and (3) be included in all printed promotional materials for the Gala including programs and invitations.***

*We sincerely appreciate your support!*



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**JW Marriott Houston Downtown ♦ September 18, 2015**

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**Texas Minority Counsel Program's**  
**Houston "Save the Date" Networking Reception**

**Date and Time**

Tuesday, August 4, 2015  
5:30 - 7:30 p.m.

**Location**

Wells Fargo Plaza Sky Lobby (58th Floor)  
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Houston, Texas 77002

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