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## OCTOBER 2015 NEWSLETTER

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### Mixing Business & Pleasure

On October 24, 2015, AABA members enjoyed a morning out and attended the men's or women's retreat. The men enjoyed a morning of Top Golf with golf swing tips from Past-President Mark Lee, followed by lunch and a CLE on immigration legislation and policy, presented by Past-President George Willy. Many thanks to Mark Lee, George Willy, and those who coordinated the event.

The women attorneys enjoyed a morning of mingling, fun, and a panel discussion on "Personal Branding," followed by a wine and cheese tasting with a local sommelier. Many thanks to the panelists: career coaches Debra Bruce and Stacey Burke, Anna Ha and Trang Nguyen. A special thanks to the sommelier, Debbie Ribar, Houston Wine Merchant, Houston Dairymaids, and to those who organized the women's retreat.



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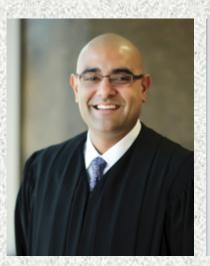


# MEMBER NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS



Daniel David Hu, former AABA President, has been appointed NAPABA alternate Southwest Regional Governor.







A warm congratulations to Gordon Quan, Judge Sandill, and Quan Vu for being honored by the *Texas Lawyer* as one of 20 Extraordinary Minorities in Texas Law.

## Meet an AABA Member



Name: Cathleen Chang Firm: Andrews Kurth Practice Area: Public Finance

- 1. If I weren't an attorney, I would be . . . an elementary school teacher
- 2. The oddest food I have ever eaten has been . . . duck tongue
- 3. In my spare time, I enjoy . . . trying out new recipes.
- 4. If my life were a movie, it would be called . . . Making It Up As I go
- 5. In my opinion, the best restaurant/bar in Houston is . . . difficult to pick. There are so many places that opened up recently that I still need to check out!
- 6. In my opinion, the most underrated restaurant/bar in Houston is . . . Teppay
- 7. The coolest store in Houston is . . . Target. I always come out of the store with five things I do not need.
- 8. The sports team(s) I root for is/are . . . the team with the most points at the moment.
- 9. My favorite decade for music is the <u>90</u>'s, and my favorite song is . . . "Truly Madly Deeply" by Savage Garden.
- 10. My favorite quote is . . . "Clear eyes, full hearts, can't lose" Friday Night Lights
- 11. I recommend reading . . . Bel Canto by Ann Patchett.
- 12. Most AABA members probably don't know that I . . . spent a year in Taiwan after undergrad to get involved with the 2012 Taiwanese presidential election.

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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 ABA welcomes the following new members!

Cathleen Chang
Ebad Khan
Atticus Lee
Ming Lei
Hsin Lin

Priya Prasad Rachany Son Mai Tran Joseph Tung



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#### Asian American Bar Association of Houston 2015 Membership Application/Renewal

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\$25 Public Interest Attorney	
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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 2015 AABA Directory?	
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:	
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Make checks payable to <b>AABA</b> and submit application and fee to:	

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Send any inquiries concerning AABA membership to membership@aabahouston.com.

 $<sup>*</sup>Transitional\ attorneys\ refer\ to\ those\ attorneys\ currently\ not\ employed.$ 



The AABA is now receiving nominations for its 2016 Officers and the 2016-2017 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
Treasurer
Secretary
2016-2017 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 Clinton Yu by 5:00 PM on Friday, December 4, 2015 via e-mail at <a href="mailto:cyu@givensjohnston.com">cyu@givensjohnston.com</a> or via fax at 713-932-1542.

Voting will begin on Monday, December 7, 2015, and will end at 5:00 PM on Friday, December 11, 2015.

Feel free to contact Clinton Yu at <a href="mailto:cyu@givensjohnston.com">cyu@givensjohnston.com</a> 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 organization and legal community.



### 11th Annual Corporate Counsel Dinner

### **Featuring Keynote Speaker:**

#### **Elizabeth Matthews**

Vice President, General Counsel and Corporate Secretary

Total Petrochemicals & Refining USA, Inc.

#### **DATE:**

Wednesday, November 18, 2015

#### TIME:

Reception 6:00 PM

Dinner and Program 7:00 PM

#### **PLACE:**

Chama Gaucha 5865 Westheimer Rd. Houston, TX 77057

#### **TICKETS:**

In-House Counsel: One complimentary ticket AABA Members, Guests, and Others: \$100 per ticket

Please RSVP and purchase tickets by **November 13, 2015.** 

In-house counsel, please RSVP with Corporate Counsel Committee Co-Chair, Sandy Huynh, at <a href="mailto:Sandy-Huynh@mcmcg.com">Sandy Huynh@mcmcg.com</a>.

Everyone else, please RSVP and purchase tickets online at <a href="www.aabahouston.com">www.aabahouston.com</a>.

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

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## Houston Bar Association's MOILP Summer Internship Program



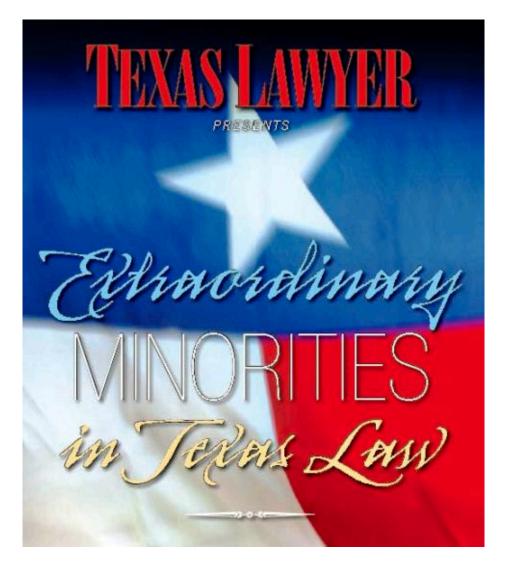
### Support the HBA and local law schools by hiring a 1L student this summer!

The HBA's Minority Opportunities in the Legal Profession Committee seeks to create new employment and mentoring opportunities for 1L minority law students from three Houston-area law schools.

Prospective employers are requested to confirm participation by November 13, 2015.

Click here for employer packet and participation form.

For more information, please contact MOILP Committee Co-chairs, <a href="Chevazz">Chevazz</a>
Brown and Farrah Martinez.



On November 18, 2015, *Texas Lawyer* will honor 20 incredible lawyers who have made an impact in the Lone Star State at the Extraordinary Minorities in Texas Law awards luncheon.

### The AABA Congratulates

Gordon Quan – Managing Partner and Co-Founder of Quan Law Group Ravi K. Sandill – Judge, 127<sup>th</sup> District Court Quan Vu – Partner, Gardere Wynne Sewell & Price

For their accomplishments and dedication to the State of Texas