

DECEMBER 2016 NEWSLETTER

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AABA & AABF *Holiday Party & Toy Drive*

On December 10, 2016, the AABA hosted its annual Holiday Party at The Grove restaurant with the generous sponsorship of the AABF. In partnership with Boat People SOS, gifts were collected at the event for children from families in need. Overall, we were able to provide gifts for 58 children out of the 161 children sponsored by Boat People SOS. The organization thanks our members for their support.



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Message from 2016 AABA President



Thank you all for making 2016 a truly wonderful year for the AABA. It has been a pleasure to have had the opportunity to serve you and this great organization in 2016. I have been very fortunate to have worked with so many great individuals, including our Officers, Co-chairs, Board of Directors and AABF Trustees, who have all worked tirelessly to help make this a very memorable year. Thank you to each of you for your support, dedication and time spent serving the AABA!

Sincerely,
Chris Lee

Message from 2017 AABA President



Happy New Year to all members and friends of the AABA! It is my privilege to serve the organization as President for the upcoming year. Our leadership team is already working to put on a terrific slate of programs and events for you this year. I hope to see everyone soon. Let's make 2017 a year to remember!

Sincerely,
Albert Liou

Congratulations Elected Officers & Director

President – Albert Liou

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**Vice President of Membership – Janet
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2017 Kickoff Meeting & Dinner

Come enjoy an evening of food, drink, and excellent company with fellow new and returning members of the AABA, at the Annual Members Meeting & Kickoff Dinner.

When: Thursday, January 26, 2017, 6:00-9:00 p.m.

Where: Ginger & Fork Restaurant, 4705 Inker St., Houston TX 77007

Cost: \$15 for members, \$30 for non-members. Renew your membership online at www.aabahouston.com today! New member dues and membership renewals will also be accepted at the door.

Please RSVP at www.aabahouston.com no later than Tuesday, January 24, 2017.

Lunar New Year Dim Sum Celebration

Celebrate the Year of the Rooster with your fellow AABA members, families, and friends by enjoying some dim sum!

When: Saturday, February 4 from 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Where: Fung's Kitchen, 7320 Southwest Fwy #115, Houston, TX 77074

Cost: \$10 for members and members' spouses/significant others; \$5 for children; \$15 for non-members.

Please RSVP at www.aabahouston.com.



APALSA'S LUNAR NEW YEAR CELEBRATION

LOCATED AT:

SOUTH TEXAS COLLEGE OF LAW HOUSTON – ATRIUM
1303 SAN JACINTO
HOUSTON, TX 77002

WHEN:

6:00 PM TO 9:00 PM
TUESDAY, JANUARY 24TH

APALSA IS EXCITED TO PRESENT THE LUNAR NEW YEAR FESTIVAL 2017, YEAR OF THE ROOSTER! WE WOULD LIKE TO CORDIALLY INVITE YOU TO JOIN US TO FOR TRADITIONAL ASIAN DISHES, A VARIETY OF CULTURAL ACTIVITIES, PARTICIPATE IN A DRAWING FOR PRIZES, AND WATCH AMAZING PERFORMANCES

*Want to
meet and
learn
from
some of
the best
in the
field?*

*Interested
in helping
law
students
and
young
lawyers?*

Call for Volunteer Mentors *for the* AABA Mentorship Program

The AABA is pleased to offer both our Law Students & New Lawyers Mentorship Program and Experienced Attorney Mentorship program in 2017.

Law Students & New Lawyers Mentorship Program eligibility:

- Mentees: Law students and new attorneys with less than 2 years of experience are eligible to participate as mentees
- Mentors: Attorneys with at least 2 years of experience are eligible to participate as mentors

Experienced Attorney Mentorship Program eligibility:

- Mentees: Attorneys with 2-10 years of experience are eligible to participate as mentees
 - Mentors: Attorneys with 15 or more years of experience are eligible to participate as mentors
- Space is limited. Mentee preference is given to those who have previously participated in our Law Students & New Lawyers Mentorship Program

To apply, please complete and return the attached mentorship program applications before February 17, 2017. A kickoff reception will be held in February/March 2017. For more information, contact Law School & Mentorship Committee Co-Chair Cathleen Chang at Cathleenchang@andrewskurth.com.

Apply for or renew your 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, inclusion in the Attorney Profiles Directory, and free CLE courses offered throughout the year. 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!

*Founded in 1984, the
AABA's membership
reflects all aspects of
Houston's Asian-
Pacific legal
community. Its
mission is to promote
the professional
development of its
members and to serve
the Houston
community at large.*

Law Student and New Attorney Mentor/Mentee Application AABA 2017 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. In order to maximize the benefits of this program, Mentees and Mentors will be matched as closely as possible according to their areas of interest and practice, respectively. *Mentors and Mentees are encouraged to schedule a meeting once every other month and to remain in contact with each other regularly throughout the year.*

Mentor Eligibility: Attorneys with at least 2 years of legal experience are eligible to apply to be a Mentor.

Mentee Eligibility: Law Students and Attorneys out of law school less than 2 years are eligible to be a Mentee.

Check one box: ☐ I am applying as a **Mentor**. ☐ I am applying as a **Mentee**.

Please note: To participate in the Mentorship Program, submit a completed form by **Friday, February 17, 2017.**

Name _____ Employer (for attorneys) _____

Phone # _____ E-mail _____

State Bar Number (for Attorneys) _____ Years of Experience (for Attorneys) _____

Law School (include Graduation Date) _____

Check current practice setting (Mentors): or setting(s) of interest (Mentees):	<input type="checkbox"/> Large/mid-size firm	<input type="checkbox"/> Solo/Small Firm
	<input type="checkbox"/> In-House Counsel	<input type="checkbox"/> Government/Public Interest

Please check prior practice setting(s) (Mentors):

<input type="checkbox"/> Large/mid-size firm	<input type="checkbox"/> Solo/Small Firm
<input type="checkbox"/> In-House Counsel	<input type="checkbox"/> Government/Public Interest

Current Practice Areas (Mentors) or Areas of Interest (Mentees) _____

Your goals and expectations from the Mentorship Program _____

Your hobbies and other interests _____

Please e-mail or mail your completed form to:

Cathleen Chang
Andrews Kurth Kenyon LLP
600 Travis Street, Suite 4200
Houston, Texas 77002
E-mail: cathleenchang@andrewskurth.com
(Please put AABA in the subject line)

Experienced Attorney Mentee/Mentor Application AABA 2017 Mentorship Program

The goal of the Mentorship Program is to assist mid-level attorneys in further developing their legal careers through the sharing of an experienced attorney's wisdom, experiences, and knowledge about the practice of law. *Mentors and Mentees are encouraged to schedule a meeting once every other month and to remain in contact with each other regularly throughout the year.*

Mentor Eligibility: Attorneys with 15 or more years of legal experience are eligible to apply to be a Mentor.

Mentee Eligibility: Attorneys who have been in practice for 2 – 10 years and who have volunteered to mentor law students in the past through the AABA are eligible to be a Mentee.

Check one box: ☐ I am applying as a **Mentor**. ☐ I am applying as a **Mentee**.

Please note: To participate in the Mentorship Program, submit a completed form by **Friday, February 17, 2017.**

Name _____ Employer _____

Phone # _____ E-mail _____

State Bar Number _____ Years of Experience _____

Law School (include Graduation Date) _____

Check current practice setting: ☐ Large/mid-size firm ☐ Solo/Small Firm
 ☐ In-House Counsel ☐ Government/Public Interest

Please check prior practice setting(s) (Mentors):

☐ Large/mid-size firm ☐ Solo/Small Firm
☐ In-House Counsel ☐ Government/Public Interest

List Current Practice Areas: _____

Describe your goals and expectations from the Mentorship Program _____

Your hobbies and other interests _____

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- ☐ \$60 General Member
☐ \$30 Public Interest Attorney
☐ \$30 Government Attorney • Judge
☐ \$30 Solo Practitioner
☐ \$30 First Time New Members
☐ \$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 ☐ NoWould you like your business contact information listed in the 2017 AABA Online 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/Silent Auction ☐ Social ☐ Mentorship/Law School Relations ☐ Community Service/Pro Bono
☐ Solo and Small Firm ☐ Corporate Counsel ☐ Technology/Social Media

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

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ATTN: Membership
P.O. Box 1554
Houston, Texas 77251

Send any inquiries concerning AABA membership to
VP of Membership Janet Brown at Janet.Brown@Cevalogistics.com.

You may also apply and pay online at www.aabahouston.com

Get to Know an AABA Member!



Name: **Minnie Tsai**

Firm/Company: **Quan Law Group PLLC**

Practice Area(s): **Immigration**

Language(s): **Mandarin, Taiwanese (proficient)**

1. If I weren't an attorney, I would be . . . an aspiring/starving writer.
2. In my spare time, I enjoy . . . reading and browsing Pinterest for projects and other DIY type things I realistically have very little chance of actually doing, BUT I remain ever hopeful.
3. In my opinion, the best restaurant/bar in Houston is . . . Kata Robata / Anvil.
4. The oddest food I have ever eaten has been . . . grasshoppers.
5. My favorite TV show is . . . Top Chef.
6. My favorite music artist is . . . Sara Bareilles.
7. I recommend reading . . . Harry Potter (if there is anyone who still hasn't read it by this point).
8. Most AABA members probably don't know that I . . . am addicted to Candy Crush to the point that my husband has stopped trying to talk to me when I'm playing.

**Many Thanks to the AABA's Top
Underwriters of 2016-2017!**

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