

**WILLS CLINIC EVENT**

On June 11, 2016, members of the AABA, along with Houston Volunteer Lawyers, Law Office of Peter Bennett, and VN Teamwork, volunteered their time by providing pro bono legal assistance in wills and estates matters to the Houston community.

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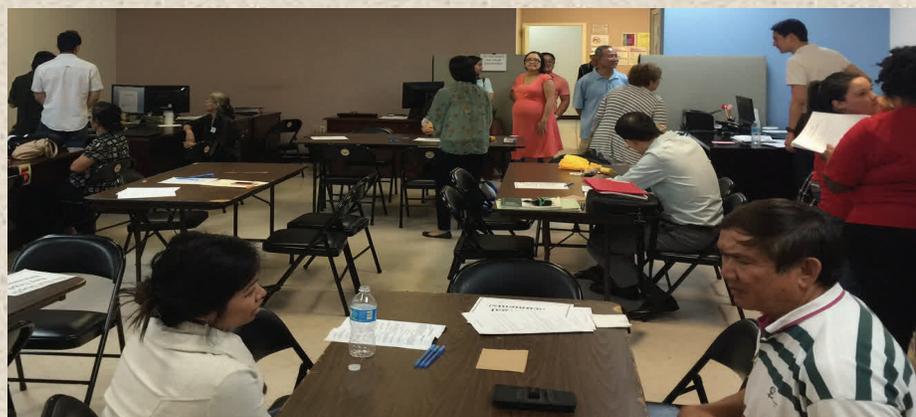
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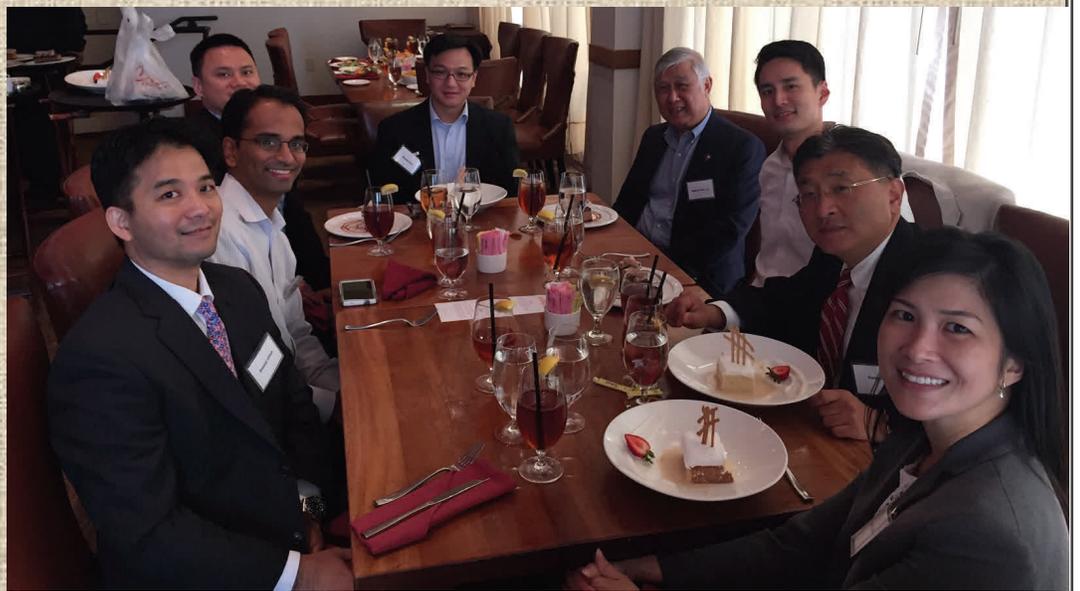
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## ALUMNI LEADERS SPRING LUNCHEON

On June 24, 2016, alumni leaders of the AABA of Houston gathered together for the Spring Luncheon, which was held at Americas restaurant.



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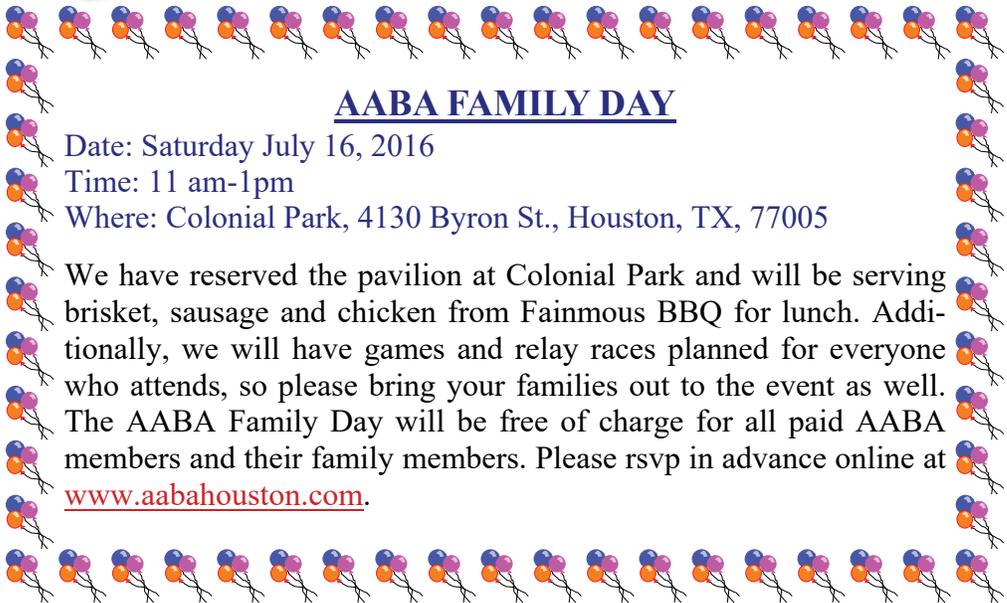
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**UPCOMING AABA EVENTS**



**AABA FAMILY DAY**

**Date:** Saturday July 16, 2016

**Time:** 11 am-1pm

**Where:** Colonial Park, 4130 Byron St., Houston, TX, 77005

We have reserved the pavilion at Colonial Park and will be serving brisket, sausage and chicken from Fainmous BBQ for lunch. Additionally, we will have games and relay races planned for everyone who attends, so please bring your families out to the event as well. The AABA Family Day will be free of charge for all paid AABA members and their family members. Please rsvp in advance online at [www.aabahouston.com](http://www.aabahouston.com).



**Solo & Small Firm Networking Reception** – Will be held on **Thurs., July 21<sup>st</sup> from 6:30 – 8:30pm** at **Brio Tuscan Grille**, located in City Centre at 12808 Queensbury Ln #100, Houston, TX 77024. Join us for a casual evening of networking activities including small group discussions and speed networking. Food and drinks will be provided, and all practitioners are welcome to attend. The Networking Reception will also be free of charge for all paid AABA members. Please rsvp in advance online at [www.aabahouston.com](http://www.aabahouston.com).

**OTHER COMMUNITY EVENTS**



**Bagels with Judges:** Friday July 22, 2016 from 7:30 – 9am at South Texas College of Law, Joe Green Auditorium Foyer. Register at [www.cwerenlaw.com](http://www.cwerenlaw.com) or [www.tjba.org](http://www.tjba.org). See attached flyer for more information.



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## IMPORTANT REMINDER!!

Please see below for important information regarding several Scholarships and Grants being offered by our affiliate, the Asian American Bar Foundation of Houston (AABF). Additional information about each of these Scholarships and Grants is available online at: <http://www.aabfhouston.org/>. Copies of the applications are attached above, and are also available for download on the AABF website.



Please take a look, and if you or anyone you know (or any organization you are involved in) is qualified to apply, please do so as soon as possible:

- **AABF Pro Bono Scholarship (Fall 2016)** - The AABF seeks to award one \$4,000 scholarship to an individual who will further their legal education and training while primarily being exposed to the pro bono programs and legal practice at Houston Volunteer Lawyers, which generally educate and serve Asian American lawyers in communities in the greater Houston and surrounding areas. The deadline for applications is July 22, 2016.
- **2016 AABF Herbert Gee Memorial Scholarship** - In light of the passing of Judge Herbert Gee (who was a founding member of the AABA and a past president), we honor his memory by awarding a scholarship in his name. This is the sixth year of the Scholarship and will be in the amount of \$3,000, to be used towards tuition and/or academic expenses. The deadline for applications is August 5, 2016.
- **2016 APALSA Grants** – These grants are in the amount of \$1,000 each, and are specifically targeted to local law schools to the extent they apply and have financial needs. The deadline for applications is August 31, 2016.
- **2016 AABF Community Organization Grants** – There will be two grants in the amount of \$5,000 each targeted towards 501(c)(3) organizations whose purpose is consistent with the AABF purpose. The deadline for applications is August 5, 2016.

**APPLY NOW**



**Asian American Bar Foundation of Houston, Inc.**  
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AABF Pro Bono Scholarship Fall 2016  
Scholarship Application Guidelines

The Asian American Bar Foundation of Houston, Inc. (the “**AABF**”) seeks to award a scholarship to an individual (the “**Recipient**”) who will further their legal education and training while primarily being exposed to the pro bono programs and legal practice at Houston Volunteer Lawyers (“**HVL**”) which generally “educate and serve Asian American lawyers and communities in the greater Houston and surrounding areas” in accordance with the mission of the AABF. The Recipient’s education and training will be supervised by HVL, mainly under the direction of Tyrone Lin and Alissa Rubin Gomez, in a manner that serves the foregoing primary purpose.

The Recipient is expected to further his/her legal education and training during a ten week period (to occur during the fall semester of 2016) to commence no earlier than August 8, 2016 and to end not later than November 18, 2016 at HVL. The Recipient is expected to devote his/her part-time efforts to further his/her legal education and training at HVL, equivalent to not less than 10 hours per week.

The Recipient will receive a **\$4,000.00** award (payable in two equal installments on dates to be determined). The Recipient shall deliver a report to the AABF summarizing his/her scholarship activities and how the grant was used to further the Recipient’s legal education and training. The award is to be used for the Recipient’s law school tuition and fees, books, supplies, and equipment for law school courses.

The Recipient must be enrolled as a full time law student at an American Bar Association accredited law school. Preference shall first be given to those qualified full time law students enrolled at an ABA accredited law school in the greater Houston area.

All applications must be submitted to the AABF in care of Joyce Kao Soliman at the address below by not later than **July 22, 2016** via U.S. Certified Mail/Return Receipt Requested or via email in PDF format with reply confirmation that the application has been received. If sending your application material via email, you must include “AABF PRO BONO SCHOLARSHIP” in the subject line and please send a follow-up email if you do not receive a reply confirmation within 24 hours.

Each Applicant should submit an application package / curriculum vitae containing the following information to the Scholarship Committee:

1. Name of applicant

2. Contact information (name, address, telephone number, e-mail address)
3. Name of school
4. School address and contact information for registrar's office
5. Degree sought
6. Expected graduation date
7. Copy of transcript, GPA and class rank (if available) or other proof of enrollment at an accredited law school
8. Educational background
9. Course work at current or previous schools relevant to AABF's purposes listed above
10. Employment history (if any)
11. Employment experience relevant to AABF's purposes listed above or demonstrating applicant's commitment to public service
12. Community and volunteer experience relevant to AABF's purposes listed above or demonstrating applicant's commitment to public service
13. Independent research or publications relevant to AABF's purposes listed above or demonstrating applicant's commitment to public service
14. Awards, honors, scholarships received
15. Other activities, hobbies, skills, positions held in any organizations, etc.
16. Any other information that applicant desires to provide to assist in the application process
17. Cover letter stating interest in the scholarship and proposed dates for serving the ten week period at HVL
18. Name and contact information of at least one professional or educational reference of the applicant (please do not provide more than three references)

Scholarship applicants are advised to use these application guidelines as a reference and checklist to ensure that all necessary information is provided with the original application package. The Scholarship Committee may contact applicants if additional information is required, but the Scholarship Committee reserves the right to disqualify application packages from consideration if key information is not included. The Scholarship Committee reserves the right in its discretion to select more than one Recipient, to select only one Recipient, or to decline making the award.

**Application packages must be postmarked no later than July 22, 2016, and mailed via U.S. Certified Mail/Return Receipt Requested to the following address or sent by email in PDF format** with reply confirmation that the application has been received. If sending your application material via email, you must include "AABF PRO BONO SCHOLARSHIP" in the subject line, and please send a follow-up email if you do not receive a reply confirmation within 24 hours.

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[jsoliman@porterhedges.com](mailto:jsoliman@porterhedges.com) and with a copy by email to: [cthan@bickerstaff.com](mailto:cthan@bickerstaff.com)

For additional information, please contact Catherine Than (ph. 713.984.9997) or Joyce Kao Soliman (ph.713-226-6685).



## Asian American Bar Foundation of Houston, Inc.

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### APALSA Grant Grant Application Guidelines 2016

The Asian American Bar Foundation of Houston, Inc. seeks to award 1-3 grants to Asian Pacific American Law Student Association groups of accredited law schools located in the greater Houston metropolitan area.

The 2016 APALSA Grant is a one-time grant, for the Fall 2016/Spring 2017 academic year in the amount of up to \$1,000 depending on need. Grants will be given to 1-3 APALSAs selected by the AABF taking into account the financial need of the specific APALSA group and the nature of the activities or programs for which support is being requested, which programs have to be consistent with the AABF's goals of (1) expanding the scope of legal services available to the Asian American community; (2) increasing the number of Asian Americans working as lawyers or in legal services; (3) educating members of the Asian American community of their civil and legal rights; (4) stimulating legal discourse by and/or about Asian Americans, the Asian American cultures and Asian American communities; or (5) otherwise promoting the interests of Asian Americans. The foregoing criteria may be weighed in any order as determined by the AABF. Applicant APALSA groups should submit application packages containing the following information to the Scholarship/Grant Committee:

1. Name of applicant APALSA organization
2. Contact information (name, address, telephone number, e-mail address)
3. Name of school
4. School address and contact information for registrar's office
5. Information about APALSA, including estimated size and types of programs
6. Projected budget for Fall 2016/Spring 2017 Academic Year, including projected expenses and sources of income
7. Budget from previous Fall 2015/Spring 2016 Academic Year
8. Description (including estimated cost) of programs or activities for which support is being requested (with emphasis on how they satisfy some or all of the foregoing criteria). Please keep in mind that the AABF cannot fund programs or activities that are not in keeping with its mission; therefore, program and activity descriptions should be detailed enough for the AABF to discern whether it is within the AABF's mission or guidelines.



9. Any other information that applicant desires to provide to assist in the application process
10. Cover letter stating how a grant to the applicant will achieve AABF's purposes listed above

The grant recipient will receive a one-time grant of up to \$1,000. The grant recipient is required to submit a final report regarding the programs or activities for which the grant is awarded no later than thirty (30) days after the last of such programs or activities is held or explaining how the grant funds were used and the results of the program or event. Failure to provide the report may jeopardize future grants to the recipient organization.

Grant applicants are advised to use these application guidelines as a reference and checklist to ensure that all necessary information is provided with the original application package. The AABF Scholarship/Grant Committee may contact applicants if additional information is required, but the Scholarship/Grant Committee reserves the right to disqualify application packages from consideration if key information is not included. The AABF reserves the right to subdivide the grants or increase the number of grants in its sole discretion.

Application packages must be postmarked no later than August 31, 2016, and mailed to the following address:

Asian American Bar Foundation of Houston, Inc.  
Attn: Scholarship/Grant Committee  
P.O. Box 1351  
Houston, Texas 77252

Grant applications may also be submitted via electronic mail to Dat Tran at [dtran@aglresources.com](mailto:dtran@aglresources.com).



## Asian American Bar Foundation of Houston, Inc.

P.O. Box 1351  
Houston, Texas 77252

### Community Organization Grant Community Organization Grant Guidelines 2016

The Asian American Bar Foundation of Houston, Inc. seeks to award up to 2 community organization grants to Texas-based charitable non-profit 501(c)(3) organizations whose pursuits will impact the Greater Houston Metropolitan Area by (1) expanding the scope of legal services available to the Asian American community; (2) increasing the number of Asian Americans working as lawyers or in legal services; (3) educating members of the Asian American community of their civil and legal rights; (4) stimulating legal discourse by and/or about Asian Americans, the Asian American cultures and Asian American communities; or (5) otherwise promoting the interests of Asian Americans.

The 2015 AABF Community Organization Grant is a grant of up to \$5,000 to a charitable non-profit 501(c)(3) organization that fulfills the aims described in the preceding paragraph. The foregoing criteria may be weighed in any order as determined by the AABF. Applicant organizations must be charitable non-profit 501(c)(3) organizations incorporated or formed under the laws of the State of Texas and/or otherwise demonstrate a substantial connection to the greater Houston metropolitan area. Applicant organizations should submit application packages containing the following information to the Scholarship/Grant Committee:

1. Name of applicant organization
2. Contact information (name, address, telephone number, e-mail address) of applicant organization and representative of applicant organization
3. Proof of 501(c)(3) status of the organization
4. Copy of the mission statement (or, if no official mission statement exists, a statement of the primary purpose) of the applicant organization and information and materials about the applicant organization sufficient for the Scholarship/Grant Committee to understand the purpose of and activities conducted by the applicant organization
5. Information regarding a few recent events held by the applicant organization, if any
6. Description of and information relating to the program or event for which the grant funds are to be applied (the more detail, the better). Please keep in mind that the AABF cannot fund programs or activities that are not in keeping with its mission; therefore, program and activity descriptions should be detailed enough for the AABF to discern whether it is within the AABF's mission or guidelines.



7. Any other information that applicant organization desires to provide to assist in the application process
8. Cover letter stating how a community organization grant will help the applicant organization to achieve AABF's purposes listed above and serve the public interest

The grant recipient will receive an award of up to \$5,000 and a ticket for one of its representatives to attend the Asian American Bar Association of Houston's annual gala, to be held September 16, 2016 (date may change), where the grant will be presented. The grant recipient is required to submit a final report no later than thirty (30) days after completion of the program or event that is supported by the grant funds explaining how the grant funds were used and the results of the program or event. Failure to provide the report may jeopardize future grants to the recipient organization.

Applicant organizations are advised to use these application guidelines as a reference and checklist to ensure that all necessary information is provided with the original application package. The AABF Scholarship/Grant Committee may contact applicants if additional information is required, but the Scholarship/Grant Committee reserves the right to disqualify application packages from consideration if key information is not included. The AABF reserves the right to subdivide the grants or increase the number of grants in its sole discretion.

Application packages must be postmarked no later than August 5, 2016, and mailed to the following address:

Asian American Bar Foundation of Houston, Inc.  
Attn: Scholarship/Grant Committee  
P.O. Box 1351  
Houston, Texas 77252

Grant applications may also be submitted via email to Dat Tran at [dtran@aglresources.com](mailto:dtran@aglresources.com) before August 5, 2016.



**Asian American Bar Foundation of Houston, Inc.**  
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2016 AABF Honorable Herbert W. Gee Memorial Scholarship  
Application Guidelines  
2016

The Asian American Bar Foundation of Houston, Inc. seeks to award a \$3,000 scholarship in honor of the late Judge Herbert W. Gee, who was Associate Presiding Judge for the City of Houston Municipal Courts, a founding member and Past President of the Asian American Bar Association, and a recipient of the 2010 AABA Impact Award. The 2016 AABF Honorable Herbert W. Gee Memorial Scholarship will be awarded to an individual applicant who best embodies the spirit of the late Judge Gee who (1) was dedicated to serving the public, (2) supported the Asian American community in the greater Houston area, and (3) exemplified intelligence, generosity and leadership in his everyday life. The foregoing criteria may be weighed in any order as determined by the AABF.

To be eligible, an applicant must be (1) a member of the AABA, (2) enrolled in an ABA-accredited law school in Texas, and (3) intend to reside and seek employment in the greater Houston metropolitan area after graduation. Applicants should submit application packages containing the following information to the Scholarship/Grant Committee, where applicable:

1. Name of applicant
2. Contact information (name, address, telephone number, e-mail address)
3. Name of school
4. School address and contact information for registrar's office
5. Degree sought
6. Expected graduation date
7. Copy of transcript, GPA and class rank (if available) or other proof of enrollment at an ABA-accredited law school in Texas
8. Educational background
9. Course work, clinics or other relevant extracurricular activities at current or previous schools relevant to AABF's purposes listed above
10. Employment history (if any)
11. Employment experience relevant to the criteria listed above
12. Community and volunteer experience relevant to criteria listed above
13. Involvement with Asian American community relevant to criteria listed above



14. Leadership experience relevant to criteria listed above
15. Independent research or publications relevant to criteria listed above
16. Awards, honors, scholarships received
17. Other activities, hobbies, skills, positions held in any organizations, etc.
18. Any other information that applicant desires to provide to assist in the application process
19. Cover letter stating how the applicant demonstrates or embodies the criteria set forth above

The scholarship recipient will receive a \$3,000 scholarship to help cover tuition and academic expenses and 1 ticket to the Asian American Bar Association of Houston's annual gala, to be held September 16, 2016 (date may change), where the scholarship will be presented. The scholarship recipient is required to submit a final report at the following year updating the AABF on the status of the recipient's studies and activities and how the scholarship has helped the recipient.

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7:30 am to 9:00 am

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