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AABA WOMEN’S AND MEN’S RETREATS

On Saturday, October 22, 2016, the AABA hosted its annual Women’s and Men’s Retreats. The Women’s Retreat was held at Top Golf and the Men’s Retreat was held at the Memorial Shooting Center where Philip Lau of Locke Lord LLP presented a CLE course on “Oil & Gas Law for non-Oil & Gas Attorneys.”
2016 COMMITTEE CHAIRS

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2016 NAPABA CONVENTION

AABA Members enjoyed a weekend of networking and presentations at the NAPABA Convention held in San Diego on November 3-6, 2016.
UPCOMING AABA EVENTS

Naturalization Clinic with Boat People SOS on Sat., Nov. 12th from 9am – 12pm. We are looking for 8 – 12 volunteers from the AABA to assist with Boat People SOS’ upcoming Free Citizenship Workshop. A training for the AABA’s volunteers is scheduled from 9am – 10am, and the workshop will be from 10am – 12pm at the BPSOS Office located at 11360 Bellaire Blvd., Suite 910, Houston, TX 77072. Breakfast will be provided at the event. This is a wonderful community service opportunity for anyone who may be interested in volunteering to help our local community. Additional details about the Clinic are listed on the attached flyer. Please RSVP online at www.aabahouston.com.

Corporate Counsel Dinner: This year’s Corporate Counsel Dinner will be held on Wed., Nov. 16th at Masraff’s, and will feature Dana O’Brien, Senior Vice President and General Counsel of CenterPoint Energy. The event will start with a reception at 6:30pm, followed by the dinner and program at 7:30pm. All in-house counsel will receive one complimentary ticket and can RSVP directly with Corporate Counsel Committee Co-Chair, Tom Nguyen, at Tom.Nguyen@pintailoil.com. Tickets for all other AABA members and their guests will be available for purchase online at www.aabahouston.com. Additional details about the Corporate Counsel Dinner are listed on the attached flyer.

TRADE SECRETS & ECONOMIC ESPIONAGE

The AABA co-hosted a free seminar on Trade Secrets & Economic Espionage on Sat., Nov. 5th at Rice University. The seminar featured three speakers, Nelson Dong (Partner, Dorsey & Whitney), Sherry Chen (Federal Hydrologist), and Dr. Xiaoxing Xi (Professor of Physics at Temple University). The seminar discussed legal risks in advancing technology between the United States and China and featured guests who have been accused of and arrested for espionage, only to have all charges subsequently dropped.

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The AABA is accepting membership applications for 2016. 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, 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!

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UPCOMING NON-AABA EVENT

Sister Cities of Houston, Fall Concert on Sat., Nov. 19th from 6:00-7:30pm at MATCH, 3400 Main. Please see attached flyer or contact Judy McE-nany, mcenany@aol.com, Steve Braun, Stephen-brun@hotmail.com, or David Godwin, dgodwin977@aol.com for more information.

Don’t forget to follow AABA of Houston on Twitter
@HoustonAABA and like us on Facebook: Asian American Bar Association of Houston for more information on our events.

Founded in 1984, the AABA’s membership reflects all aspects of Houston’s Asian-Pacific legal community, whose mission is to promote the professional development of its members and to serve the Houston community at large.
12th Annual
Corporate Counsel Dinner

Featuring Keynote Speaker:
Dana O’Brien
Senior Vice President and General Counsel
CenterPoint Energy

DATE:
Wednesday, November 16, 2016

TIME:
Reception
6:30 PM

Dinner and Program
7:30 PM

Location:
Masraff’s
1753 Post Oak Blvd.
Houston, Texas 77056

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

Please RSVP and purchase tickets by November 14, 2016.

In-house counsel, please RSVP with Corporate Counsel Committee Co-Chair, Tom Nguyen at Tom.Nguyen@pintailoil.com.

All other attendees, please RSVP and purchase tickets online at www.aabahouston.com. No tickets will be sold at the door. Space is limited!

The Corporate Counsel Dinner is graciously underwritten by Gardere Wynne Sewell LLP.
JOB ANNOUNCEMENT

Immigration Staff Attorney

Tahirih Justice Center, a non-profit legal services organization, seeks an outgoing and engaging candidate for our Immigration Staff Attorney role. **This position is a one-year grant funded position with the possibility of renewal.**

Based out of our Houston, TX office, this role will provide critical legal counsel to our Central American adult and minor clients seeking asylum and related relief before the Department of Homeland Security, federal immigration courts and Texas state courts. The successful candidate will be well-versed in immigration law and be adept at facilitating trauma-informed legal representation and have a thriving passion for social justice.

The successful candidate is an activist-minded, self-starting professional with excellent oratory and written communication skills. We are seeking a dynamic individual that can seamlessly operate in a fast-paced environment in both strategic and tactical capacities, while maintaining their passion for our mission and supporting internal and external collaboration.

**More about Tahirih Justice Center**
Founded in 1997, Tahirih Justice Center is a national non-profit organization that supports the courage of immigrant women and girls who refuse to be victims of violence by providing holistic legal services and advocacy in courts, Congress, and communities. Through pro bono holistic legal services and public policy advocacy, Tahirih protects women and girls from gender-based human rights abuses such as domestic violence, sexual assault, human trafficking, female genital mutilation, and forced marriage. Tahirih is a Bahá’í-inspired organization and works to create a world where women and girls can live in safety and with dignity. Tahirih has a staff of 53 with offices in Falls Church, VA; Houston, TX; and Baltimore, MD. Tahirih’s operating budget is approximately $5.6 million and growing.

**Key Areas of Responsibility**
- Advise, counsel and represent immigrant Central American adults with children in their unique legal matters before Department of Homeland Security, immigration courts, and Texas state courts
- Mentor and train pro bono attorneys
- Coordinate a broad range of legal services to support Central American asylum seekers in removal proceedings before the Houston immigration court.
- Support innovative use of technology to leverage volunteer resources while effectively providing high-quality legal services
- Attend and represent Tahirih in coalition efforts to build a network of legal and social services support for Central American asylum seekers
- Supervise legal fellows and interns
- Contribute to grant proposals, reports and periodic communication pieces

**Minimum Qualifications:**
- Current bar membership in good standing (Texas license preferred but not required)
- Minimum three years of experience working with asylum seekers
- Fluency in Spanish
- Excellent legal analysis, written and oral advocacy and presentation skills
• Responsible, self-initiating, and focused, with proven ability to work independently and also collaboratively in a team-based decision-making environment
• Meticulous organizational habits
• Strong interpersonal skills & cultural competence and cross-cultural communication skills
• Demonstrated commitment to legal services, public interest law, and/or social justice.
• An engaging communicator that can effectively and independently communicate with diverse audiences and network collaboratively among a variety of stakeholder groups
• Must be highly self-motivated and driven
• Must be comfortable in a collaborative, consultative environment
• Must be committed to nonpartisanship

Additional Qualifications:
• Experience working on U-Visa, T-visa, VAWA, and SIJS applications (preferred, not required)
• Experience mentoring attorneys (preferred)
• Experience designing trainings and presenting to professional audiences (preferred)
• Flexibility to meet with key stakeholders outside of standard office hours
• Excellent creative problem solving, strategic thinking, and analytical skills
• Exemplary time management and prioritization skills
• Understanding of the law firm and pro bono culture and previous work experience with recruiting volunteer attorneys a plus.

To learn more about Tahirih Justice Center and our benefits, please visit www.tahirih.org. To apply, please email a cover letter demonstrating how you meet the above qualifications, a resume, and a list of three professional references to:

Human Resources Department
Tahirih Justice Center
6402 Arlington Blvd, Suite 300
Falls Church, VA 22042
recruiting@tahirih.org
Fax: 571-282-6162

Applications will be considered on a rolling basis until the position is filled, with an immediate start date. Applicants are strongly encouraged to apply by Friday, August 26, 2016. Email submissions should include “Houston Staff Attorney” in the subject.

Please note: Candidates must be authorized to work in the United States for any employer. The Tahirih Justice Center is an equal opportunity employer which does not discriminate on the basis of race, national origin, religion, age, color, sex, sexual orientation, disability or veteran’s status, or any other characteristic protected by local, state or federal laws, rules or regulations. Tahirih’s policy applies to all terms and conditions of employment. Men are particularly encouraged to apply.
**FREE CITIZENSHIP WORKSHOP**
Hội Thảo Nhận Quốc Tịch Miễn Phí

- **To assist with the citizenship application.**
  Hướng dẫn đồng hướng về cách nộp đơn thi nhập tịch

- **Register for ESL and Citizenship classes.**
  Ghi danh Lớp học luyện thi quốc tịch & ESL

- **Attorneys will be available.**
  Luật sư của BPSOS sẽ có mặt

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**WHEN: Sat. Nov. 12th, 2016**
10 AM – 12 PM

**WHERE: BPSOS Office**
Địa điểm: 11360 Bellaire Blvd.
Suite 910, Houston, TX 77072

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**IN ORDER TO COMPLETE YOUR APPLICATION PLEASE COME PREPARED.**
Bring the following information (If there is not enough space, please write additional info on a separate sheet)

### LIST OF HOME ADDRESSES.
Where have you lived in the last five years? Begin with where you live now.

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### LIST OF EMPLOYMENT & SCHOOL.
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**Contact:** Jannette Diep ☎️ 281-530-6888
Email: jannette.diep@bpsos.org

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Remembering the Tragedies, Honoring the Victims
Working for A Better Tomorrow

Sister Cities Remembered
- Basrah (terrorism)
- Istanbul (terrorism)
- Nice (terrorism)
- Taipei (earthquake)
- Chiba (earthquake)
- Guayaquil (earthquake)
- Shenzhen (mudslide)

featuring
- Revels Houston
- Ad Deum Dance Company
- Mariachi Luna Llena
- Spring Woods Women's Choir
- Yu-Xin Mei on Pipa

Reception to follow.

For more information,
contact Judy McEnany, mcenany@aol.com,
Steve Braun, stephenbraun@hotmail.com or David Godwin, dgodwin977@aol.com

For tickets: go to https://matchhouston.org/events/sister-cities-houston-fall-concert
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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____________________________

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Fax #________________________ E-Mail________________________

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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 2016 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:

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□ Solo and Small Firm □ Corporate Counsel □ Mentorship/Law School Relations

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