AABA Annual Gala & Silent Auction

The AABA held its annual Gala & Silent Auction on Friday, September 15. Thank you to all of the guests, sponsors, judges, and elected officials who attended the memorable event. The evening kicked off with an impressive performance by the Rylander Elementary Hula Hoop team, which featured a knee-slapping audience participation session where several audience members feebly attempted to replicate a few of the easier hula hoop moves performed by the Rylander students.

The AABA and Asian American Bar Foundation then announced a special donation of $20,000 to the Empowering Communities Initiative and Lone Star Legal Aid, respectively, for their efforts in providing Hurricane Harvey disaster assistance.

After the Silent Auction closed with a flurry of bidding on the 80 available items and packages, Professor Frank H. Wu of the UC Hastings College of the Law delivered a keynote speech that was simultaneously captivating and motivating, urging Asian-Americans to exercise their responsibilities to speak out and stand up for their own identities. Read more here about what Professor Wu had to say afterwards about the AABA and the City of Houston: [http://www.huffingtonpost.com/entry/houston-after-harvey-is-america-in-the-future_us_59bca78ee4b06b71800c3986](http://www.huffingtonpost.com/entry/houston-after-harvey-is-america-in-the-future_us_59bca78ee4b06b71800c3986).
Finally, the AABA awarded the Impact Award to founding members Kenneth Eng, The Honorable Timothy Seo, and William Sim. Each shared nostalgic stories highlighting the challenges they faced as Asian-American attorneys in Houston at a time when such a thing was a rarity.

Congratulations to all of the AABF’s grant and scholarship recipients and AABA Impact Award recipients, and many thanks to gala co-chairs Ray Chung, Michele Nguyen, Minnie Tsai, and Amelia Xu, Silent Auction chair Jennifer Fung, emcee Lily Jang, our Silent Auction donors, and the many volunteers who made the event possible!

Gala photos are available on the AABA website or on the AABA’s Facebook Page.

Available Silent Auction Items—Shop at Home!

The following silent auction items from our Silent Auction are still available! Email Silent Auction Chair Jennifer Fung at jennfung@gmail.com if you would like to purchase any of these items. First come, first serve. All proceeds benefit the Asian American Bar Foundation.

- Reserved Table for Four at Howl at the Moon, Houston’s premiere dueling piano bar. Valued at $115. **Price: $35.**
- One Friday or Saturday Night Stay at DoubleTree Houston Downtown. Includes Breakfast for two at Trofi and Valet Parking. Valued at $270. **Price: $100.**
- Wine Flight for 4 at Water 2 Wine Houston Winery. Valued at $60. **Price: $20.**
- 20” Family Portrait on Canvas by Bradford Portraits, including a 1 Night Stay at Eau Hotel & Resort in Palm Beach, FL or the Ritz-Carlton Westchester, NY. Valued at $5,500. **Price: $300.**
- One Portrait Session and One 8 x 10 Imperial Portrait from Gittings Portraiture. Valued at $635. **Price: $250.**
AABA Upcoming Events

- **Volunteering at the Houston Food Bank**
  Saturday, October 7, 8:00 AM – 12:00 PM
  Houston Food Bank, 535 Portwall St., Houston, TX 77029

- **Harvey Relief Legal Training for Pro Bono Attorneys**
  Wednesday, October 11, 5:30 – 7:00 PM
  South Texas College of Law, Emilie Slohm Conference Room
  See attached flyer for more details.

- **AABA Happy Hour for Hurricane Harvey Relief**
  Thursday, October 12, 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM
  Kiran’s Restaurant, 2825 Richmond Ave.
  See attached flyer for more details.

- **13th Annual AABA Corporate Counsel Dinner**
  Thursday, November 16, 6:30 PM
  Artisan’s Restaurant, 3201 Louisiana St.

Publication Opportunity!

The American Bar Association’s Diverse Authors Subcommittee for the Real Property, Trust, and Estate Law section is seeking article submissions for the ABA’s *Probate & Property* magazine, *Real Property, Trust and Estate Law Journal*, and other legal texts. Submissions are typically 10 to 12 double-spaced pages and can cover any topic touching on property, real estate, trusts, and estates. For more information, contact Professor Shelby Green at sgreen@law.pace.edu.

The AABA welcomes the following new and renewing members in August & September:

- Jeannie Andresen
  - Caroline Cho
  - Mitch Gibbons
  - Stephanie Ng
  - Kareem Ratani
  - Yen Vuong
  - Christine Weems

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.
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AABA Project Blueprint Grant Application

The AABA is seeking to promote Asian-American leadership in the Houston community by awarding a $500 grant to an attorney (“Recipient”) to attend the United Way of Greater Houston’s Project Blueprint program and who is committed to joining the board of one or more nonprofit or public sector organizations in the Houston area.

Project Blueprint is a ten (10) week United Way program running from March to May 2018, designed to prepare diverse leadership candidates to take on impactful leadership roles in nonprofit and public sector boards and committees upon completion of the program. The tuition for Project Blueprint is $650.00, and the AABA Grant is designed to offset most of the cost. As a representative of the AABA, the Recipient will be expected to use his or her best efforts to attend the full ten (10) week Project Blueprint program, and thereafter actively seek opportunities to join at least one nonprofit board or public sector committee in the Houston area.

The Recipient will receive a $500.00 award from the AABA, paid directly to the Project Blueprint program. The Recipient will be responsible for completing the online application for Project Blueprint (available on the United Way website at https://www.unitedwayhouston.org/nonprofit-connection/leadership-development), and paying the balance of the Project Blueprint program fee.¹

Application for the Grant is open to all AABA members in good standing. Consideration will be given for past service to the AABA, AABF and non-profits servicing the Asian and Asian American community.

Please note: To apply for the AABA Grant, submit a completed form by Tuesday, October 10, 2017.

Name ___________________________ Employer ___________________________

Home/Business Address ________________________________________________

Phone # _______________________ E-mail ________________________________

State Bar Number ________________ Years of Legal Experience ___________

Law School (include Graduation Date)____________________________________

Check current practice setting: □ Large/mid-size firm □ Solo/Small Firm

□ In-House Counsel □ Government/Public Interest

List Current Practice Areas:___________________________________________

Please attach (1) your resume and (2) a narrative describing any prior service to the AABA, AABF, or other nonprofit organization, and your motivation for attending Project Blueprint. You may also include any relevant information the committee should know.

Please mail or e-mail your completed form and the materials above to:

Albert Liou
Jones Day
717 Texas, Suite 3300
Houston, TX 77002
E-mail: aliou@jonesday.com

¹ The AABA reserves the right to withdraw the Grant award if the Recipient is not admitted into Project Blueprint.
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THERE WILL BE NO ONSITE REGISTRATION ON THE DAY OF THE CONFERENCE.
Response requested by October 26, 2017.
Attorneys must be admitted to practice before the Southern District of Texas or have a pending application to practice.

FEE INFORMATION

$50  Private practitioners
$25  Attorneys at government agencies, non-profits, or private practitioners at law firms with 4 or fewer attorneys

No checks accepted. Please contact Nathan Ochsner at Nathan_Ochsner@txs.uscourts.gov to request a registration fee waiver.

Register Online at: https://apps.hba.org/form.aspx/sdtx_bench_bar_conference

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Judge Guillermo R. Garcia
Judge Diana Song Quiroga
Judge Jason B. Libby
Judge Ignacio Torteya, Ill
Judge Dena Hanovice Palermo

2:30pm - 4:00pm  Plenary Session / Judges’ Panel

Can We Be Better? It’s a Two-Way Street

Panel:
District Judges of the Houston and Galveston Divisions
Magistrate Judge Steve Wm. Smith
Chief Bankruptcy Judge David R. Jones
Alistair Dawson, Beck Redden, and Pres., HBA
Derek Hollingsworth, Rusty Hardin & Assoc., and Pres.-Elect, FBA

Moderators: Senior District Judge Nancy F. Atlas
David Beck, Beck Redden

4:00pm  Continuing the Conversation: A Wine and Cheese Reception
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Would you like to receive the AABA Newsletter by E-Mail?  □ Yes  □ No

Would 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:

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