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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-

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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 <u>AABA's</u> <u>Facebook Page</u>.

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

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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 Relie
 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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FREE LEGAL TRAINING & 1.5 CLE CREDITS ON DISASTER RELIEF FOR PRO BONO ATTORNEYS WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 11 5:30 - 7:00 P.M. SOUTH TEXAS COLLEGE OF LAW EMILIE SLOHM CONFERENCE ROOM COMPLIMENTARY FOOD & DRINKS

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When: Thursday, October 12th, 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM **Where**: Kiran's Restaurant (2925 Richmond Ave)

Cost: FREE

Donation: All attendees are encouraged to bring a cash

donation (suggested amount \$20), which will be

donated to Greater Houston Community Foundation's Hurricane Harvey Relief Fund.

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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.

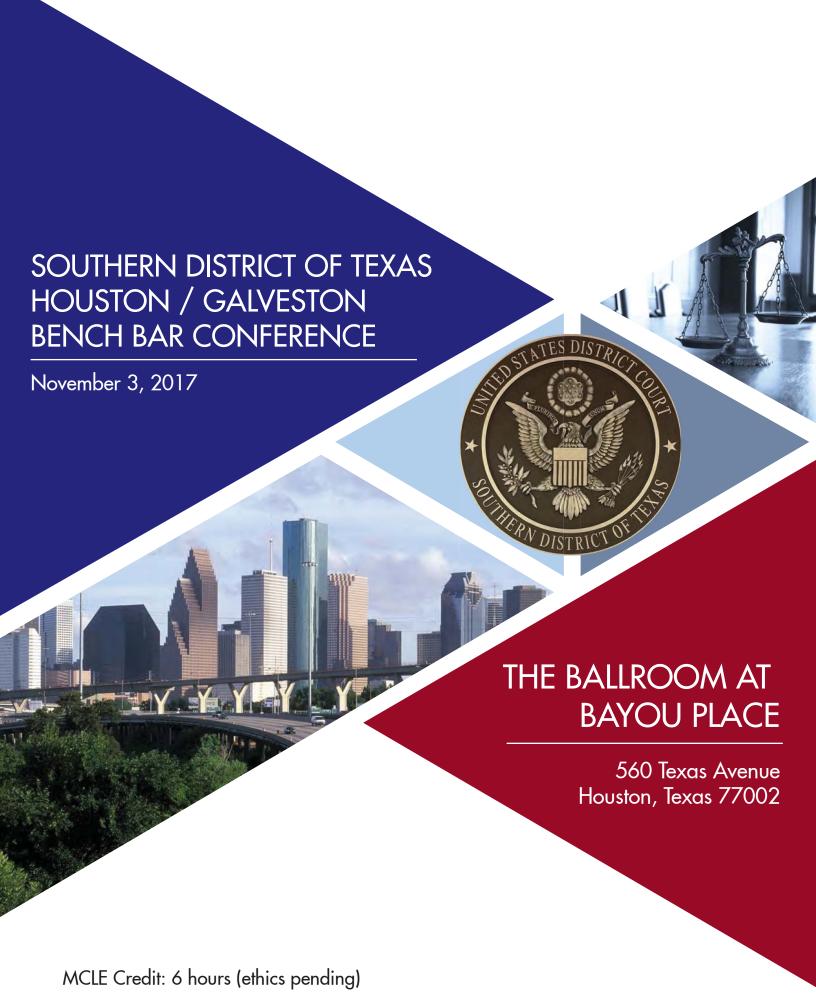
<u>Please note</u> : To apply for the AABA Gr	rant, submit a completed form by <i>Tue</i>	esday, October 10, 2017.	
Name	Employer		
Home/Business Address			
Phone # E-n			
State Bar Number	Years of Legal Ex	Years of Legal Experience	
Law School (include Graduation Date)_			
Check current practice setting:	□ 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

The AABA reserves the right to withdraw the Grant award if the Recipient is not admitted into Project Blueprint.



7:30am - 8:30am Breakfast

8:30am - 8:45am Welcome and The State of the District

Chief District Judge Lee H. Rosenthal

8:45am - 9:45am Plenary Session

What Trial Lawyers Really Really Need to Know, NOW: Recent and Anticipated Must-Reads from the Supreme Court and the Fifth Circuit

Panel: Kathleen Sullivan, Quinn Emanuel

Kathryn Kase, Fmr. Dir. of Texas Defender

Services

Stephen Vladeck, Univ. of Texas School of

Law and CNN commentator Erin Busby, Univ. of Texas School of Law

Moderator: District Judge Keith Ellison

9:45-10:00am Break and Refreshments

10:00-10:45am Civil and Criminal Practice Breakout I

Civil — Motions Practice in the Houston and Galveston Divisions: What's New, and What Can Be Improved?

Panel: Chief Judge Lee H. Rosenthal

Joseph Ahmad, AZA

Charles Walker, Norton Rose Fulbright Taft Foley, The Foley Law Firm

Moderator: District Judge George C. Hanks, Jr.

Criminal — When Technology Meets Crime: Cybercrime, E-Discovery, and Following the Money

Panel: Nathan Judish, Senior Counsel, Computer Crime

and Intellectual Property, US DOJ

Michael Chu, AUSA

Colin Fieman, Ass't, Fed. Public Defender

Moderator: Magistrate Judge Nancy K. Johnson

10:45-11:45am Civil and Criminal Practice Breakout II

Civil — You've Won the Battle; Don't Lose the War: Avoiding Malpractice by Preserving Error and Protecting the Record

Panel: Lynne Liberato, Haynes & Boone

Justin Waggoner, Smyser, Kaplan & Veselka

Aaron Streett, Baker Botts Jeff Oldham, Bracewell

Moderator: Judge Carolyn King, U.S. Court of Appeals

for the Fifth Circuit

Criminal — Under the Bus: Ethical Considerations in Corporate/White Collar Cases; Representing Corporations and Individuals: How to Avoid Malpractice and Disqualification

Panel: Tim Johnson, Locke Lord

Belinda Beek, AUSA

Dianne Ralston, General Counsel Technip/FMC

Moderator: Jeff Vaden, Bracewell

David Gerger, Quinn Emanuel

11:45-12:30pm Lunch

12:30-1:15pm Civil and Criminal Practice Breakout III

Civil — Our Thriving Remand and Transfer Dockets: Handling Related and Overlapping Cases Simultaneously Pending in State and Federal, or Different Federal, Courts.

Panel: Tommy Fibich, Fibich Leebron Copeland

& Briggs

Amy Halevy, Bracewell

Layne Kruse, Norton Rose Fulbright Rhonda Wills, Wills Law Firm

Moderator: District Judge Gray H. Miller

Criminal — The Notorious Criminal Case: Handling the Media, the Jury, and the Judge

Panel: Rusty Hardin, Rusty Hardin & Assoc.

Steve Mellin, AUSA

Shaun Clarke, Smyser Kaplan & Veselka

Moderator: Senior District Judge David Hittner

1:15pm - 1:30pm Break and Refreshments

1:30pm - 2:30pm Plenary Session

It's Not Your Parents' Courtroom: How to Try a Case to Today's Judge or Jury

Panel: Mark Lanier, The Lanier Law Firm

Rusty Hardin, Rusty Hardin & Assoc. Steve Susman, Susman Godfrey Kathy Patrick, Gibbs & Bruns

Moderator: District Judge Vanessa Gilmore

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

4:00pm

Continuing the Conversation: A Wine and Cheese Reception

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



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

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.

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