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2018 Mentorship Kick-Off Event

On March 20th, the AABA kicked off this year's Mentorship program at the offices of Vinson & Elkins, LLP. Law students, entry-level attorneys and experienced practitioners heard from a panel of experts who provided insight on the importance of networking. After the panel, participants were able to practice these tips and exchange information through meaningful networking.

A huge thank you to our panelists: Quan Vu (Gardere); Nazleen Viwani (South Texas College of Law); Nikki Smith (Thurgood Marshall School of Law); Tiffany Tucker (University of Houston) and our wonderful moderator Grace Ho (Vinson & Elkins). We appreciate your participation.

We also want to thank our Law School and Mentorship Committee Co-Chairs: Daniel Lee, Nicole Su and Sarah Tejada for organizing the event. Please be on the lookout for follow-up communications and information on our upcoming mentorship events from our committee co-chairs.



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2018 Hurricane Harvey Legal Clinics

On March 24th, members of the AABA sponsored a joint Hurricane Harvey legal clinic with the Alliance and South Texas College of Law. Together, the organizations provided legal assistance to approximately 20 families, working on FEMA appeal letters, landlord/tenant disputes and general consultations. The clinic marks the first in a series that the AABA, the Alliance, and STCL will hold throughout the year as new legal issues and needs arise in the post-Harvey recovery process.

We look forward to working with the Alliance and STCL for future clinics and call on AABA members to sign up for one of the following clinic dates:

April 14

June 9

August 11

October 13

December 8

Please see our flyer below for more details.



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Renew your membership . . .

Reminder: Renew your membership or Join the AABA! Membership is now automated and can be completed by visiting our website at www.aabahouston.com under the Memberships tab.

You may also complete and email a physical membership form to our Vice President of Membership - Minnie Tsai at minnie.tsai@gmail.com.

And expand your network!

Another benefit of your 2018 membership in the AABA is a free affiliate membership to the National Asian Pacific American Bar Association (NAPABA), valid through December 31, 2018. As an affiliate member, you are eligible to vote and serve as a member of NAPABA's Board of Governors and NAPABA Committees and may take advantage of all the other benefits to which NAPABA's individual members are entitled.

If your 2018 AABA membership dues are up to date, you may join or renew your NAPABA membership online, at <http://www.napaba.org/general/login.asp>.

Email Minnie Tsai at minnie.tsai@gmail.com to obtain the 2018 NAPABA membership code.

2018 Annual Wills Clinic: Volunteers Needed!

Please join the AABA and Houston Volunteer Lawyers for our annual Wills Clinic. Pre-clinic training will be provided by Peter Bennett of HVL and will be hosted at the offices of Orrick at 609 Main Street, Suite 4000, Houston, Texas 77002 on April 25, 2018.

The clinic itself will take place on June 16th (with additional details to follow). Register online by visiting the "Events" tab of www.aabahouston.com, or RSVP to our Community & Pro Bono Committee Chair, Cathleen Chang, at cchang@orrick.com. Please see attached flyer for additional details.

Job Openings

• Wilson Elser Moskowitz Edelman & Dicker LLP

Wilson Elser's Dallas office is currently seeking an Associate Attorney to join the Medical Malpractice Defense & Health Care group. The firm offers an opportunity for attorneys with defense litigation and some long term care experience to join a dynamic team focused on medical malpractice defense.

Those interested should apply online or send credentials to AttorneyRecruiting@wilsonelser.com with the subject line "Dallas Medical Malpractice & Long Term Care Associate Attorney."

Upcoming Events

- STCL APALSA's Second Annual Crawfish Boil Fundraiser
 - April 8, 2018 at 2 p.m. at Axelrad on 1517 Alabama Street, Houston, TX 77004
 - RSVP at apalsa.stcl@gmail.com, or see the attached flyer for more information.
- AABA and Community Partner Happy Hour
 - April 10, 2018 at 6–7:30 p.m. at La Grange on 2516 Ralph Street, Houston, TX 77006
 - Join us and our community partners to network with local leaders and organizers in the Houston Asian-American community, lawyers and non-lawyers alike!
 - Register online under the “Events” tab of www.aabahouston.com, or RSVP with Mary Cheng or Tina Huynh at mary.marycheng145@gmail.com or tina.huynh@duffandphelps.com. Please see attached flyer for more information.
- AABA Corporate Counsel Panel (CLE)
 - May 3, 2018 from 11:30 a.m.—1 p.m. at La Table on 1800 Post Oak Boulevard, Suite 6110, Houston, TX 77056.
 - Join the AABA for a CLE luncheon on cultivating business relationships between in-house and outside counsel.
 - Register online under the “Events” tab of www.aabahouston.com, or RSVP with Emily Lee at emilylee024@gmail.com. Please see attached flyer for more information
- Solo and Small Firm Panel Discussion
 - May 15, 2018 from 11:30 a.m.—1 p.m. at Brookhollow Central III, Basement Auditorium, 2950 North Loop West Houston, Texas 77092
 - Join the AABA for a panel discussion on the challenges of managing a small or solo law firm, such as client development and billing. Lunch will be provided.
 - Register online under the “Events” tab of www.aabahouston.com, or RSVP with Lily Leal at lily@LilyLealLaw.com. Please see attached flyer for more information.
- Hurricane Harvey Relief Clinic Series (Ongoing)
 - Please mark your calendars for April 14, June 9, August 11, October 13, and December 8, as the AABA continues its clinics to assist victims of Hurricane Harvey throughout Houston.
 - Register online under the “Events” tab of www.aabahouston.com, or RSVP with Sang Shin at sshin@fosterglobal.com. Please see attached flyer for more information.

Meet Our State and National Affiliates

- 2018 NAPABA Southeast Regional Conference
 - April 13, 2018 at 8 AM—5:30 PM at International Buckhead Atlanta
 - Please see the attached flyer for more information.
 - **Remember:** If you are a current member of the AABA, your membership to NAPABA will be free! Contact our Vice President of Membership, Minnie Tsai, at minnie.tsai@gmail.com to obtain the 2018 NAPABA pass code.
- 23rd Annual Conference for the Asian Pacific Interest Section of the State Bar of Texas
 - April 26-27, 2018 at the Hilton Downtown, Austin, Texas
 - Visit www.TexasAPIS.org for more information.
- 2018 NAPABA Lobby Day
 - On May 7-8, 2018, join NAPABA members from across the country in educating congressmen on issues effecting the Asian and Asian-American communities.
 - Visit www.napaba.org/page/lobbyday for more information, or contact Oriene Shin at oshin@napaba.org.

Exciting Changes in 2018

To build upon the AABA's current network and community, the organization has several exciting changes for the 2018 bar year:

- The creation of a Community Service & Pro Bono Committee which will, with the assistance of our VP of Community Relations, broaden the organization's reach inside and outside the legal field. The committee will also work closely with the AABF to identify and serve new communities and needs.
- The creation of an Outreach Committee which will, with the assistance of our Secretary, reconnect with our past members to harness the full breadth of knowledge, experience, and history of the Asian-American legal community.
- The renovation of the AABA's website and membership portal which will allow members to track their individual membership expiration dates, update their contact information, and RSVP for events.

The AABA sends special thanks to our 2017-2018 underwriters:

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1517 Alabama St.
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SUNDAY

April 8, 2018 Boiling
starts at 2:00 PM

Bring your friends and family (non-students included) for all you can eat crawfish!

All proceeds will be donated to Abandoned Little Angels (ALA). ALA provides financial support for schools, religious orphanages and children care centers throughout North, Central, and South Vietnam every year.

Our vendors this year are
Let's Pho Vietnamese Kitchen, 1701 Fairway Dr., Alvin, TX, (832) 744-9709 &
Cajun Craven, 12031 Beamer Road, Houston, Texas, (281) 922-7588

Please RSVP with an APALSA officer at apalsa.stcl@gmail.com. We will also be in the Atrium
Monday April 2nd – Thursday April 5th selling tickets!

Pre-order tickets - \$20
Tickets @ the door - \$25

AABA Spring Networking Mixer

Tuesday, April 10th, 2018 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm

La Grange ([2517 Ralph St., Houston, TX 77096](#))



This year, AABA's
for the Asian-
Community." We

our existing community relationships and strengthening them by
holding more events with our community partners. This mixer is
such an opportunity to foster partnerships and to explore ways to
engage with the Asian American Community.

theme is "A Voice
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Please RSVP through our website: www.aabahouston.com under
the "Events" tab or reach out to Mary Cheng at
mary.marycheng145@gmail.com; or Tina Huynh at
tina.huynh@duffandphelps.com.

This Event is Sponsored by the Following Firms:

- **Law Office of David Nguyen, PC**

Attorney David Nguyen graduated from the Thurgood Marshall School of Law in Houston, Texas. Attorney Nguyen has previously worked as an attorney at nonprofit organizations, private law firms, and multi-million dollar corporations. He currently maintains two Houston offices which focus on immigration, family, and wills and estate matters. Attorney Nguyen has received multiple Avvo recognition distinctions, including the Avvo Clients' Choice Award for 2016 and 2017. Attorney Nguyen is very active in Houston community affairs. He has volunteered for the State Bar of Texas, the Houston Volunteer Lawyers Program (HVLP), and the Boat People SOS, Inc. (BPSOS).

- **Quan Law Group, PLLC (QLG)**

Quan Law Group, PLLC (QLG) is a boutique immigration law firm based in Houston, Texas. Headed by nationally recognized immigration attorney Gordon Quan, the firm of 9 attorneys and 30 staff members has been recognized for the quality of its work especially with difficult cases in which other firms have either had denied or passed on. The firm attributes its success in taking time to fully understand the client's needs and having the attorneys collectively review the facts and the law to develop novel solutions. QLG has experienced and award-winning attorneys with vast knowledge in all areas of immigration law. All of QLG's Founding Partners are Board Certified in Immigration and Nationality Law by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization. Our attorneys have received Top Lawyer, Super Lawyer, Best Lawyers and/or Rising Star designations for their excellence in immigration law.

- **Dinh Law Firm, PC**

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PRESENTED BY:
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ASIAN AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION OF HOUSTON
SOUTH TEXAS COLLEGE OF LAW

Alliance Offices: 6440 Hillcroft St. Houston, TX on
Saturday, April 14, 2018 from 10 AM – 12PM

Residents and businesses affected by Hurricane Harvey and flooding may speak to attorney volunteers regarding FEMA appeals and other various legal matters.

This Clinic is part of an ongoing series of clinics. Other dates in 2018:
June 9, August 11, October 13 and December 8.

Please RSVP directly through the AABA website at: www.aabahouston.com under the “Events” tab or reach out to Sang Shin at sshin@fosterglobal.com

Wills Clinic Attorney Volunteer Training

The AABA, Houston Volunteer Lawyers (HVL) and VN TeamWork (VNTW) will be hosting a Wills Clinic on Saturday, June 16, 2018, in which pro bono attorneys will prepare wills and associated legal documents for underprivileged members of the Houston Asian American Community. All AABA members and other attorneys who wish to participate as attorney volunteers must register in advance and participate in the Wills Clinic Volunteer Training (more information below). Attorney volunteers should register and RSVP for the Clinic and Training through our website: www.aabahouston.com under the “Events” tab or by emailing Cathleen Chang (cchang@orrick.com) before Friday, April 19. Attorneys (who cannot attend training) and law students may also volunteer as translators (Vietnamese), witnesses or notaries.

Attorney Volunteer Training for Wills Clinic

Wednesday, April 25, 2018

11:45 am - 1:00 pm

Orrick

609 Main Street, 40th Floor, Houston TX 77002

Attendees will receive 1.25 participatory hours (0.25 hours ethics) of CLE credit, pending approval.

Wills Clinic

Saturday, June 16, 2018

9:00 am – 11:00 am // 11:00 am – 1:00 pm

VN Teamwork

11210 Bellaire Blvd #118,
Houston, TX 77072

We also need volunteers to help serve as translators (Vietnamese), witnesses and notaries.

Challenges/Solutions: Solos and Small Firms

AABA OF HOUSTON 2018 | PANEL DISCUSSION

Please join us for a lunch panel discussion on challenges such as client development, billing & firm administration - and how our panelists have addressed these issues. Lunch will be provided.

Panelists

John Nechman, *Katine & Nechman L.L.P.*
Reza Chawla, *The Chawla Law Firm, PLLC*
Susan Tran, *Corral Tran Singh, LLP*

Brookhollow Central III
Basement Auditorium
2950 North Loop West
Houston, Texas 77092

Tuesday, May 15, 2018
12:00-1:00 PM
Registration 11:30 AM
Parking will be validated

RSVP TO LILY@LILYLEALLAW.COM

MANAGING A SUCCESSFUL IN-HOUSE PRACTICE



Panelists:

- **Mark Easterly** – Vice President of Legal Services at Houston Methodist
- **Seema Puri-Patel** – Vice President, Legal Counsel at Zions Bancorporation
- **Marissa Yu** – Lead Counsel at The Dow Chemical Company
- **Warren Huang** – Partner at Norton Rose Fulbright (moderator)

Thursday, May 3, 2018; 11:30 AM – 1:00 PM *(30 minutes of networking)*

La Table Houston

1800 Post Oak Blvd, Suite 6110, Houston, Texas 77056

Earn up to 1 hour of MCLE credit, including .25 hours of ethics

In-House AABA Members -- \$20

Outside Counsel AABA Members - \$25

In-House Non AABA Members - \$40

Outside Counsel Non AABA Members - \$45

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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Asian Legal Advice Clinics:

3rd Wednesday of every month starting at 1:30 P.M.
Chinese Community Center, 9800 Town Park Dr., Houston, TX 77036
Chinese (Mandarin & Cantonese) speakers needed

2nd Thursday of every month starting at 1:30 P.M.
VN Teamwork, 11210 Bellaire Blvd., Suite 118, Houston, TX 77072
Vietnamese speakers needed

Volunteer attorneys will sit with applicants to assess their legal issue, provide counsel and advice, and take notes. HVL staff will be available to mentor.

To register, email brittany.krohn@hvlp.org

- ☐ \$60 General Member
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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 ☐ Technology/Social Media

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