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Entrepreneur & Law Event



Aspiring entrepreneurs inside and outside the AABA attended a panel discussion on December 12 on the path from law to entrepreneurship. After a networking reception, former attorneys Youngro Lee (co-founder, NextSeed) and Thomas Nguyen (co-founder, Peli Peli), as well as Devin Licata (co-owner, TPG Real Estate) shared their experiences in how each started and achieved success in their respective businesses. Thanks to VP of Programs Tom Nguyen and President-Elect Sang Shin for organizing this unique event, and to Tom Nguyen for moderating the discussion.

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AABA Holiday Luncheon

On December 9, members of the AABA and their families closed out the year with our annual Holiday Luncheon and Toy and Coat Drive with the AABF and Boat People SOS. The holiday party was held at Yard House at City Centre, where attendees enjoyed a casual lunch and great company. In all, attendees donated new toys and new winter coats for over 40 boys and girls (estimated value of \$1,600). Thank you to our 2017 social committee chairs Stephanie Chi, Tina Huynh, Tony Shih, and Minnie Tsai for organizing the luncheon.



**The AABA welcomes the
following
new and renewing
members in
November & December:**

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2017 Year in Review

The AABA celebrated another successful year. Many thanks to our wonderful officers, committee chairs, and directors for making all of our events and programs possible. We couldn't have done it without you!

Among the year's many highlights:

- Continuing another year of the AABA's mentorship programs for law students and mid-level attorneys, respectively, featuring a career panel discussion featuring Michael Chu, Helene Dang, and Yvonne Ho; law school interview workshop; and Escape the Room social event
- Happy hour and dinner socials at Axelrad Beer Garden, Kitchen 713, Peli Peli, and Kiran's, including a Hurricane Harvey fundraiser happy hour which raised close to \$1,000 for hurricane victims
- A panel discussion in April featuring Danielle Bartz, Claudia Gee Vassar, Rebecca Jasso, and Mark Lee to urge the increase in Asian-American presence on non-profit and public sector boards
- Awarding the AABA's Project Blueprint Grant to grant winner Amelia Xu for her participation in the United Way of Greater Houston's 2018 Project Blueprint program
- Holding a Town Hall discussion for current leaders and past leaders of the AABA to discuss current challenges faced by Asian-American attorneys and sharing ideas for the future of the AABA
- Networking socials and a panel discussion for solo and small firm attorneys featuring panelists Trang Nguyen, David Quan, and Bill Ramey
- Preparing wills and estate planning documents for 29 pro bono clients in Houston's Asian-American community
- Staffing a Houston Volunteer Lawyers Saturday Clinic together with Houston Lawyers Association
- Joining the Houston Diverse Bar Coalition, a coalition of bar associations focused on advancing diversity in the Houston legal community
- Annual AABA Gala and Silent Auction at the Royal Sonesta Houston, featuring keynote speaker Frank H. Wu, and impact award winners Kenneth Eng, Timothy Seo, and William Sim
- Organizing and co-hosting a Hurricane Harvey FEMA appeals training with the State Bar of Texas, Asian Pacific Interest Section
- Annual AABA Corporate Counsel Dinner at Artisan's Restaurant, featuring keynote speaker Lance Lightfoot

**Keep an eye out in January for an email announcement of
Upcoming 2018 Events!**

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