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The Asian American Bar Association (AABA) of Houston is a voluntary organization of lawyers of Asian heritage or who have Asian American interests dedicated to promoting diversity within the legal profession and Houston community.

2006 AABA GALA & SILENT AUCTION SEPTEMBER 29, 2006 INTERCONTINENTAL HOUSTON HOTEL



Gala Co-Chair Judy Liu, Secretary Warren Huang, Keynote Speaker Cathy Lamboley - Senior Vice-President, General Counsel, and Corporate Secretary of Shell Oil Company, President Andrea Tran, 2006 Impact Award Recipient Gordon Quan, Corporate Counsel Co-Chair Jennifer Phan, President-Elect Emily Kuo, and Gala Co-Chair Jason Luong.

On September 29, 2006, the AABA hosted its annual Gala and Silent Auction at the InterContinental Houston Hotel. The event was a smashing success, with almost 400 guests attending to hear the keynote speech by Catherine Lamboley, Senior Vice-President, General Counsel, and Corporate Secretary of Shell Oil Company, and to honor Gordon Quan, this year's recipient of the AABA Impact Award. The AABA extends its appreciation to not only the event's underwriters, sponsors, and guests but also the (enthusiastic) silent auction bidders, whose collective bids raised over \$5,000 for the Asian American Bar Foundation in support of its charitable mission. Finally, the AABA would like to give very special thanks to the Co-Chairs of the Gala and Silent Auction Committee, Jason Luong and Judy Liu, as well as the members of that committee, for their tireless dedication in organizing an event that certainly raises the bar for all future Galas!



Phillip Woo, Chief Patent Counsel – Univation, Richard F. Phillips, Chief Patent Counsel – ExxonMobil Chemical Co. and Andrea Tran



Jenny Phan, Glenna Yao and Andrea Tran



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Karen and Robert Kwok, Amada Longoria and Wilson Chu



Emily Kuo, Viet Hoang, Editor – Yellow Magazine, Andrea Tran and Mistress of Ceremonies Jan Jeffcoat – Fox 26 News



Henry N. Garrana, Chief IP Counsel – Dell, Board Member Lola Lin, Andrea Tran and Chad Anson



David Kim & Leah Barton bidding at the Silent Auction





Law students from South Texas College of Law, Thurgood Marshall School of Law and the University of Houston Law Center



Andrew Willis, Peter Nguyen, Leslie Tolliver and VP of Fundraising Emily Nguyen



Our guests



Andrea Tran thanks the attendees, underwriters and sponsors



Judy Liu presents an award to Cathy Lamboley following her keynote speech



Jason Luong presents the Second Annual AABA Impact Award to Gordon Quan

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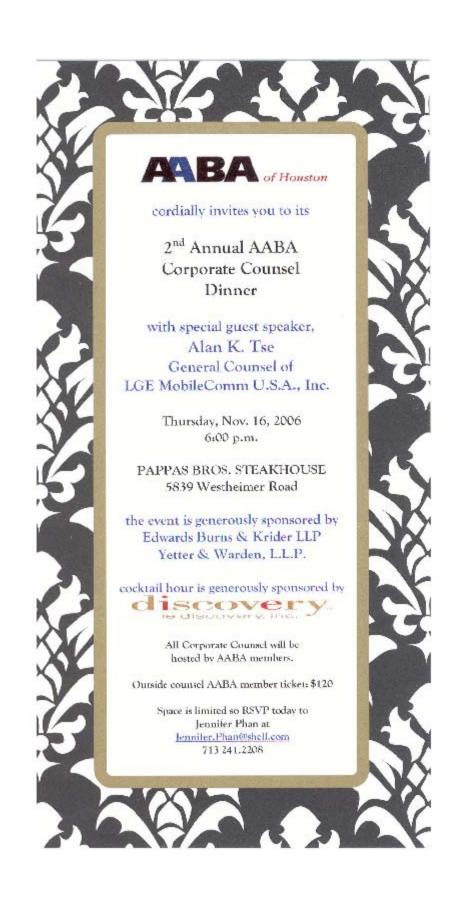
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OTHER UPCOMING AABA EVENTS



AABA Mentor Appreciation Luncheon

Saturday, October 14, 2006 12:30 p.m. Vietopia Restaurant 5176 Buffalo Speedway

Complimentary Luncheon for AABA Mentors & Mentees

This event is supported by a grant from the Minority Corporate Counsel Association (MCCA)

Please RSVP with Jane Nguyen Vuong at inguyen@njclaw.com or 713.780.4982.







NATIONAL ASIAN PACIFIC AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION

18th Annual NAPABA Convention

Jointly with the National Asian Pacific American Law Student Association $Philadelphia\ 2006$

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18TH ANNUAL NAPABA CONVENTION

NOVEMBER 9-12 PHILADELPHIA

Questions? Call the NAPABA Office at 202-775-9555.



Convention registration includes admission to all CLE panels, breakfast and lunch events, Welcome Reception, Trailblazers Reception, Karaoke Night and Installation Banquet.

Early Bird Registration Fees:

Attorney Member - \$450 Attorney Non-member - \$550 Judges/Public Interest/Small Firm Member (<10) - \$280 Judges/Public Interest/Small Firm Non-Member (<10) - \$380 Student Member - \$100 Student Non-member - \$200

After the early bird deadline, rates will increase by \$100.

Don't miss out of these great opportunities

TOP 10 REASONS TO ATTEND THE NAPABA CONVENTION:

- 1) With over 1,000 attendees expected, this promises to be the largest convention yet!
- 2) Network! Network! Network!
- 3) With 28 top-notch panels being offered, it's easy to earn all your CLE and Ethics credits for the year!
- 4) Attend the first-ever event honoring APA Fortune 1000 General Counsels at the NAPABA Partners/In-House Counsel dinner!

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COMMUNITY NEWS

October 20, 2006:

Chamber The Asian of Commerce of Houston will be holdina its Annual Golf Tournament at Bear Creek Golf World, the Masters Course, 16001 Clav Road. Houston. Texas 77084. Registration begins at 12:30 p.m., with a shotgun start at 1:30 p.m. For more information, contact Lee Walthall at 713.654-9100 ext. 106 lee@schroederwalthall.com. the Asian Chamber or Commerce at 713.782-7222.

October 22, 2006:

Houston's 27th Annual Asian American Festival will be held at Park Hermann and Miller Outdoor Theater from 11:00 a.m. until 8:30 p.m. Admission is free. For more information, visit www.asianfestivalhouston.com contact Glenda Joe aioe@houston.rr.com or 713.861.8270.

October 27, 2006:

The University of Houston Asian Alumni Association will hostina its 5th Annual Scholarship Dinner Program at Ocean Palace Restaurant from 6:30 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. Alumni and friends are welcome. Please RSVP with Robin Mitchell at rrmitchell@central.uh.edu or 713.743.0828.

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November 3, 2006: Kenneth Liao, the Director General of the Taipei Economic

and Cultural Office will be speaking at Thurgood Marshall

School of Law.

If you would like to publicize community news, job opportunities, or personal SIDEBAR news, please contact Warren Huang at whuang@fulbright.com.

NEW AND RENEWING MEMBERS

The AABA would like to welcome the following new and renewing members!

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□ \$75	Attorney with 8+ years in practice	
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