

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.

AABA OF HOUSTON WINS FIRST EVER NAPABA AFFILIATE OF THE YEAR AWARD!

This year, the Asian American Bar Association of Houston was selected, out of a highly competitive slate of candidate organizations, as the first ever NAPABA Affiliate of the Year! This prestigious inaugural award was presented to the AABA on Friday, November 16th at the National Asian Pacific American Bar Association's 19th Annual Convention in Las Vegas, and honors the AABA for "outstanding best practices and accomplishments in the local community." Houstonian attendance at the national convention was high, with around 30 members turning out to take part in the convention and to support the AABA.



AABA President Emily Kuo accepts the NAPABA
Affiliate of the Year Award from Alex Chae



Andrews Kurth attorneys Alison Chen, Elizabeth Campbell,
Joseph Chao, Gogi Malik, and Jong Kim



Andrea Tran, Joseph and Glenna Yao, and Jenny Phan



Guests enjoy BBQ and beer at the Houston reception

On Saturday afternoon, November 17th, in Addison's Lounge at the JW Marriott Las Vegas, the AABA hosted an informal reception to celebrate the award and to mix and mingle with NAPABA friends from around the country. Over 75 reception guests enjoyed complimentary beverages, barbeque, and Tex Mex appetizers, generously sponsored by Houston firms Andrews Kurth LLP, Baker Botts L.L.P., and Fulbright & Jaworski L.L.P., as well as by Waste Management. Thanks to all who attended the NAPABA Convention, and congratulations to all of the members of the AABA on this outstanding achievement!

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AABA Holiday Party • December 8, 2007

Please join us as we celebrate the end of another successful year for the AABA! Come visit with old friends, make new ones, and enjoy food, drink, and holiday fun. Attendees will also have the opportunity to meet the candidates for the upcoming 2008 AABA elections.

This event is free and open only to AABA members and their significant others and families. This season, the AABA is also participating in the Houston Young Lawyers Association's *Adopt-an-Angel* program, "adopting" a class of third graders at Woodson Elementary School. Details of the party and *Adopt-an-Angel* wish lists have been sent by evite; if you are a member and did not receive the invitation, please contact Emily Kuo at etkuo@yahoo.com or 713.745.9692. Thank you for a great year, and we look forward to seeing you soon!



AABA 2008 OFFICER AND DIRECTOR ELECTIONS

Nominations for the AABA's 2008 Officers and 2008-2009 Elected Director closed on November 30, 2007. Ballots will be distributed to all attorney members on December 3, 2007, and must be returned to AABA President Emily Kuo **no later than 5:00 p.m. CST, Monday, December 10, 2007**. The candidates for the available offices and director position are named below:

PRESIDENT-ELECT: Warren Huang, *Fulbright & Jaworski L.L.P.*

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ELECTED DIRECTOR: Daniel David Hu, *U.S. Department of Justice*

Additional information on each candidate will accompany the ballots. We strongly encourage all AABA members to vote, because, like all organizations, the AABA's success depends upon your participation! If you are not running for an office or board position, we invite you to consider involvement in one of the AABA's six Standing Committees (listed on the next page). Any questions regarding the elections or any of the offices or committees may be directed to Emily Kuo at etkuo@yahoo.com or 713.745.9692.

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AABA Community Service Update **VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

Hurricane Rita Clinic in Port Arthur, Texas **Saturday, December 8, 2007**

Earlier this year in April, the AABA participated in a legal clinic in Port Arthur, Texas to benefit Vietnamese-American survivors of Hurricane Rita. There was a terrific turnout, thanks to the commitment and dedication of our members. Lone Star Legal Aid, one of the organizers of that event, would like to hold another such clinic in Port Arthur before the end of the year to take advantage of government funds allocated for such victims that have not yet been spent. Accordingly, Lone Star Legal Aid has asked the AABA to provide: (1) attorneys who can offer immigration assistance and prepare simple wills (speaking Vietnamese is helpful, but not essential); and/or (2) attorneys who speak Vietnamese who are willing to translate for the attorneys who will be staffing the clinic. Please contact AABA Vice President of Community Relations Warren Huang at whuang@fulbright.com or 713.651.3633 if you can help.

Houston Bar Foundation's "Day of Giving" **Saturday, January 12, 2008**

The Houston Bar Foundation, the charitable arm of the Houston Bar Association, is commemorating 25 years of service to the Houston community and legal profession with a "Day of Giving" on Saturday, January 12th. Legal advice clinics will be open to the public in ten different locations throughout the Houston area from 9:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Hundreds of volunteers will staff the clinics with attorneys and support staff.

The Foundation is still in need of bilingual speakers, interpreters, family law attorneys, immigration attorneys, and other volunteers. If you would like to participate, please contact Warren Huang. This is the first time the legal community has undertaken a project of this magnitude, and we hope, in collaboration with the HBF, to make a difference by assisting hundreds of people on a single day throughout our city!

Law of the Land **Vietnamese Translation Assistance Needed**

The Low Income Texans Committee of the Texas Young Lawyers Association needs assistance translating its pamphlet, *Law of the Land: The Texas Roadmap to Understanding Your Legal Rights and Responsibilities*, into Vietnamese. This publication was prepared in 2003 to inform U.S. immigrants about their legal rights and responsibilities under Texas and federal law. Many individuals are often unaware and, consequently, encounter financial hardships in efforts to resolve or defend against legal matters that could have easily been avoided. Moreover, new immigration and naturalization laws and policies enacted after September 11th may significantly impact the manner in which immigrants are treated in the United States. The AABA wants to help TYLA make the information in this brochure as widely available as possible. If you are able to assist with the Vietnamese translation or know someone else who can, please contact Warren Huang.

THIRD ANNUAL AABA CORPORATE COUNSEL DINNER

On Thursday evening, November 8th, the AABA hosted its annual Corporate Counsel Dinner at Morton's Steakhouse downtown. Over 60 AABA members and in-house counsel from around Houston gathered for a lively cocktail hour, extravagant three-course meal, and engaging remarks from D.C. Toedt, co-founder of Pactix Corporation; former Vice President, General Counsel, and Secretary of BindView Corporation; and co-author of *GC Rules: Over 350 Things I Wish I'd Known My First Year as General Counsel*. Mr. Toedt shared three of the "rules" from his list and also helped the AABA to award door prizes including a Goode Co. Texas pecan pie, holiday cookbook, and Central Market gift basket.



*Indranil Chowdhury, David Warden, Ping Sun,
Joseph Yao, and Harry Gee, Jr.*



Laura and Andy Gilchrist, and Michael Dai



Kristen Quan Hammill and Laila Hemani



*Back row: Phillip Woo, Jason Luong, and Troy Lee
Front row: Jenny Phan, Lola Lin, Lynn Kramer,
Judge Lynn Bradshaw-Hull, and Jennifer Haluptzok*

Corporate legal representatives from ADV Films, AIG, Air Liquide, CenterPoint Energy, Chevron, Dow, ExxonMobil, Lyondell, M.D. Anderson Cancer Center, National Oilwell Varco, Schlumberger, Shell, WesternGeco, Wolf Family Management, and Univation Technologies, as well as a number of local judges, were in attendance to enjoy the evening's festivities. Many thanks to Dinner Co-Chairs Jason Luong and Cathy Sun for their hard work in arranging the successful program, and thanks also to event underwriter Gardere Wynne Sewell LLP and to in-kind donors Mayer Brown LLP, Smyser Kaplan & Veselka, L.L.P., and Yetter & Warden, LLP for their generous contributions to the event.

LAW STUDENTS v. ATTORNEYS BOWLING NIGHT

For the first AABA Law Students v. Attorneys Bowling Night on Thursday, November 1st, dozens came out to Dave and Buster's at the Marq*E Entertainment Center for friendly competition, great food, networking, and camaraderie. While the attorneys held their own, the students were well represented and ultimately prevailed, as University of Houston Law Center 1L Jared Tong took home the *highly* coveted trophy for highest score.



Going for a strike!



*Joy Al-Jazrawi, Eunice Song,
Chrystal Quebengco, and Sandy Huynh*



*South Texas law students
Samantha Tung and Tony Kuo*



Steve Wu, Lingling Dai, and Jared Tong

The AABA extends its thanks and appreciation to all of the attorneys and law students who attended Bowling Night. Thanks also to AABA Mentorship and Law School Relations Co-Chair Eunice Song for a great job organizing the entire evening, and to Co-Chair Jane Nguyen Vuong for publicizing the event. The attorneys look forward to a rematch in 2008!

Fall CLE Breakfast Recap

Runaway Jury: Practice Tips on Picking the Right Jury for Your Client

On Wednesday, November 14, 2007, the AABA presented a morning CLE in the Vinson & Elkins L.L.P. Courtroom entitled "Runaway Jury: Practice Tips on Picking the Right Jury for Your Client." AABA members were given an in-depth view of the jury selection process from various viewpoints provided by speakers Stephen Boutros of the plaintiff's bar; David Warden of Yetter & Warden, LLP and the defense bar; Hon. John Coselli of the 125th Civil District Court of Harris County; and jury consultant Alison Wong of DecisionQuest. Mr. Boutros supplied practical advice on how quickly to assess whether potential jurors will be unfavorable to your client's position, while Ms. Wong and Mr. Warden discussed the role of jury consultants and how lawyers can use them strategically to test a case's strengths and weaknesses. Judge Coselli provided a view from the bench based on his years of experience as a state district judge. Other important practice tips discussed by the panel included how to broach sensitive topics and how to elicit hidden biases from potential jurors. Special thanks to the speakers for contributing their time so early in the morning to this interesting and informative program; to Vinson & Elkins for providing facilities and refreshments for the event; and to AABA Vice President of Programs Lynn Chuang Kramer, Judy Liu, and V&E attorney Sherry Scott for their assistance in organizing the morning's activities.

OPPORTUNITY

TCEQ Attorney Position

The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) is seeking a generalist attorney to represent the Executive Director in legal matters involving personnel and human resources issues, ethics policies, and contracts and procurement matters for the Commission. This position is based in Austin, Texas, and will:

- provide legal advice, opinions, training, and representation to Human Resources and agency management and staff regarding employment and HR related issues;
- keep abreast of current employment law and case law developments;
- investigate internal complaints of employment discrimination;
- prepare legal documents in preparation for litigation and/or in response to charges/complaints;
- provide litigation support for the Office of the Attorney General;
- provide legal support, guidance, and assistance to agency staff regarding contract matters;
- assist with preparing contract documents and related materials; and
- assist staff with meeting contract-related funding and other relevant deadlines.

Candidates must be admitted to the State Bar of Texas and may be expected to travel 5% of the time. Males born on or after January 1, 1960, will be required to present proof of Selective Service registration on the first day of employment or proof of exemption from Selective Service registration. Please submit a standard State of Texas application to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, Human Resources & Staff Development (HRSD) office.

For more information, visit www.tceq.state.tx.us or call 512.239.0102.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Visit with Judge Bradshaw-Hull and Delegation of Chinese Professionals ~ December 4, 2007

The University of Houston Center for Public Policy coordinates various executive training programs for professionals from China (see www.uh.edu/cpp/study.htm). The next group, comprised of 14 officials from the China Department of Commerce, Legal Division, will be visiting Houston to study the U.S. court system and international trade laws. The group will be observing a jury trial from 3:00 - 4:00 p.m. in the 80th Civil District Court, located at 201 Caroline, 9th Floor. At 4:00 p.m., the Chinese professionals will meet personally with Judge Lynn Bradshaw-Hull of the 80th District Court. Judge Bradshaw-Hull has graciously extended an invitation to any AABA members or friends who may be at the courthouse on Tuesday afternoon or who might find it convenient to visit and enhance the professional exchange.

Asian/Pacific American Heritage Association Membership Mixer ~ December 4, 2007

The Asian/Pacific American Heritage Association (APAHA) cordially invites you to its Holiday Membership Mixer, which will be held from 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. at Osaka Restaurant, 515 Westheimer. Join APAHA in welcoming the new Consul General of Japan in Houston, Mr. Tsutomu Osawa. Admission is \$15 for APAHA members and \$25 for non-members. Please RSVP to Executive Director Jerome Vielman at jerome@apaha.org or 713.784.1112, or RSVP on-line at www.apahamixer.eventbrite.com.

VACC Sam Houston Boat Tour & Networking Luncheon ~ December 6, 2007

The Vietnamese American Chamber of Commerce of Houston (VACC) would like to invite you to join them on Thursday, December 6th from 11:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. for an unforgettable waterborne tour, aboard the M/V SAM HOUSTON, of one of the busiest ports in the world. Embarking from the Port of Houston's Sam Houston Pavilion, enjoy passing views of international cargo vessels and operations at the port's Turning Basin Terminal. End your year with this spectacular sightseeing experience and unique networking opportunity. This event is free; all you have to do is sign up to become a VACC member (\$50 individual and \$100 annual corporate memberships). Seating is limited, and guests should plan to arrive at 11:30 a.m. at the Visitors Pavilion located at 7300 Clinton Drive, Gate 8. Please visit www.portofhouston.com/samhou/samhou.html, or contact Danny Nguyen at DannyNguyen@DNCommercial.net or 713.572.4657, for more information.

The Future of Burma: Crisis and Choice in Myanmar ~ December 6, 2007

On September 21st, nearly 1,000 Burmese monks in red robes were joined by thousands of marchers, walking together in the largest anti-government demonstration in recent memory. Are these protests by unarmed young monks the beginning of the end for the aging military leaders in Myanmar? After 40 years of military rule, Burma's per capita income is about one-fifth that of its neighbor Thailand, child malnutrition is widespread, and economic and political frustration is high. David Steinberg, distinguished professor of Asian studies at Georgetown University and former director at the Department of State for Philippines, Thailand, and Burma affairs, is the author of thirteen books and monographs including *Turmoil in Burma: Contested Legitimacies in Myanmar* (2006) and *Burma: The State of Myanmar* (2001). He has just returned from the region and will discuss the social and political climate in the country today and possible options for United States policy. This event will be held in the Ballroom of the Junior League, 1811 Briar Oaks Lane; registration begins at 6:00 p.m., and the program will take place from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. The event is free for members of the Houston World Affairs Council and \$20 for non-members. Please visit www.houstonworldaffairs.org/0/88837/0/1170/?modpage=EventDetails&fid=1&ec=109 for more information and to register.

Houston Minority Business Council Winter Networking Connection ~ December 6, 2007

Your mission is to make plans now to attend the HMBC Winter Networking Connection – '007 *Mission Accomplished* – to close out an extraordinarily successful year. Prepare to have a good time at this posh affair filled with intrigue, good dance music, delicious hors d'oeuvres, libations, and many astonishing surprises. Join us and end the year with a bang! Everyone should dress to thrill. Gentlemen, black tie optional is in order. Ladies, high fashion will add magic. Get ready to accept the mission wholeheartedly. Who knows – Agent 007 may just greet you at the door. This event will be held from 6:00 - 10:00 p.m. at the Plaza Club, located on the 49th floor of One Shell Plaza, 910 Louisiana. Free parking will be provided in the building garage.

Meet Jean Pfaelzer, Author of *DRIVEN OUT: The Forgotten War Against Chinese Americans* ~ December 7, 2007

Please join the Chinese Professional Club of Houston, the Rice University Chinese Alumni Association, the UH Asian Alumni Association, the Asian Chamber of Commerce, the Houston Taipei Society, and OCA in welcoming Jean Pfaelzer, noted author of *DRIVEN OUT: The Forgotten War Against Chinese Americans*. *DRIVEN OUT* is a comprehensive, meticulously researched, and very readable recounting of systematic efforts to purge all Chinese immigrants from the country from the mid-19th into the early 20th centuries. This gripping

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narrative is a valuable addition to our understanding of the making of modern America. Ms. Pfaelzer will speak in Sewell Hall (across from the Faculty Club), Lecture Theatre 301, at Rice University. Refreshments and hors d'oeuvres will be provided at 6:30 p.m., followed by remarks by the author at 7:00 p.m., light snacks, and a book signing. This lecture is free to the public, and books will be available for purchase. Complimentary parking will be provided courtesy of the Rice University Office of Alumni Affairs & University Events. For more information, please contact pingwen1189@hotmail.com or PPsun@aol.com, and RSVP on-line at <https://online.alumni.rice.edu/EventsNew/EventView.asp?ID=673>.

Indo-American Chamber of Commerce Small Business Seminar ~ December 10, 2007

The Indo-American Chamber of Commerce of Greater Houston and Washington Mutual Bank of Bellaire present a small business seminar entitled "Treasury Management for Small & Medium Businesses – How Do I Keep My Cash Flow Moving in the Era of Tight Credit." The seminar will take place from 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. at Mayuri Indian Restaurant, 5857 Westheimer, and is free of charge. Ajit Thakur, CPA, is the featured speaker, along with representatives from WAMU who will be on hand for an interactive question and answer session. Attire is business. Please RSVP to iaccgh01@aol.com by December 6, 2007.

Asian Chamber of Commerce Monthly Luncheon ~ December 13, 2007

The Asian Chamber of Commerce cordially invites you to its December monthly luncheon, which will be held from 11:30 a.m. - 1:15 p.m. in the third floor Plaza Ballroom of the Westin Galleria Hotel, 5060 West Alabama. The new officers and board of directors of the Asian Chamber of Commerce will be installed by the Honorable Theresa Chang, District Clerk of Harris County; and Mayor Bill White will deliver the keynote address. In addition, each attendee will receive a gift, and 2007-2008 ACC membership directories will be distributed at the luncheon. Admission is \$30 for ACC members, \$35 for non-members, and \$40 for walk-ins, and sponsor tables of eight are also available for \$1,000. Reservations may be made on-line at www.asianchamber-hou.org or by calling the Chamber office at 713.782.7222.

Japan America Society of Houston Holiday Luncheon ~ December 17, 2007

Save the date for JASH's annual ladies' holiday luncheon, which will take place at the Omni Houston Hotel located at Four Riverway. JASH's popular silent auction will be held again this year, so be prepared to shop for some wonderful treasures. For more information on the luncheon, or if you would like to showcase your business by donating an item for the auction, contact Peggy Schmitt at jash@jashouston.org or 713.963.0121.

Asian Chamber of Commerce Breakfast Mixer ~ December 18, 2007

The Asian Chamber of Commerce's next breakfast mixer will be held from 7:30 - 9:00 a.m. at the Hilton Garden Inn, located at 6855 West Sam Houston Parkway South. Bring lots of business cards to share! The cost is \$10 per person, and reservations may be made on-line at www.asianchamber-hou.org or by calling the Chamber office at 713.782.7222.



special offer for aaba members and friends

East West, the premier national lifestyle magazine for Asian Americans, is offering members and friends of the Asian American Bar Association of Houston **30% off** the normal subscription prices for 1-year, 2-year, and lifetime subscriptions.

East West covers food, fashion, celebrity, careers, social issues, and more, and will celebrate its fifth anniversary in 2008. This bi-monthly publication highlights the triumphs of pan-Asian American culture and spotlights the challenges still facing the community, educating both Asian Americans as well as all Americans.

Find out more and subscribe at www.eastwestmagazine.com, and use the code **aaba2007** at checkout to receive the discount. The discount code will be valid until December 31, 2007.

SIDEBAR:

AABA MEMBERS HONORED AT NAPABA ANNUAL CONVENTION NEW PARTNER IN THE AABA RANKS

Last month, at the National Asian Pacific American Bar Association's (NAPABA) Annual Convention in Las Vegas, Emily Kuo and Patricia Lin were honored as two of NAPABA's eighteen "Best Lawyers Under 40" for 2007.

On Saturday evening, November 17, 2007, at the NAPABA Annual Convention's Installation Banquet, Alex Chae and Emily Kuo were sworn in as new officers of the 2007-2008 NAPABA Board of Governors. Alex is incoming NAPABA Vice President for Communications, and Emily is incoming NAPABA Vice President for Membership. The AABA is proud to be well represented on the national board of NAPABA and thanks Alex and Emily for their service to both organizations!

AABA 2007 Gala Co-Chair Joyce Kao Soliman was recently named Partner in the Corporate Finance practice of the law firm of Porter & Hedges, L.L.P., effective January 1, 2008.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Get to Know an AABA Member!



transplanted Houstonian

Michael Chu

***Assistant United States Attorney,
District of Nevada (Las Vegas)***

If I weren't an attorney, I would be... a starving photographer. I recently bought my first dSLR so I can take higher quality bad pictures.

My favorite vacation is... hiking up the Narrows in Zion National Park. The canyon walls keep you cool as you hike up the river. Beautiful.

The best dessert in the world is... a chocolate chip cookie. Or three.

In my iPod, you will find... *Banker to the Poor*, the autobiography (audio book) of Muhammad Yunus, father of micro-finance. The poor get loans, a credit history, and a way to pull themselves up; investors get lower transaction costs and a pool of untapped customers. For making his idea work, Mr. Yunus won the 2006 Nobel Peace Prize.

The best restaurant in Houston is... Fung's Kitchen. And Goode Co. Bar-B-Q. And Pappasito's Cantina. And that dumpling place in Houston Center. And...

My favorite place in Houston is... Reliant Stadium on game day.

The sports teams I root for are... the Houston Texans and the Cleveland Browns.

If I won the lottery, I would... form a charitable foundation, put a trusted friend in charge, and go back to work. Hey, being an AUSA is pretty cool.

I recommend reading... *Quiet Strength* by Tony Dungy, NFL coach, founder of All Pro Dad, and committed Christian. When he won the Super Bowl, ESPN noted that, "Perhaps the coach who deserved it the most, in perspective, needed it the least." Want tips on being a better leader, father, or person? Turn to Tony.

You forgot to ask me about... my acute anatidaephobia.

The AABA welcomes the following new members!

Anna Lam
Attorney at Law

Vivian Phan
Attorney at Law

Hon. Mike Wood
Harris County Probate Court No. 2

Teresa Hsiao
South Texas College of Law

James C. Lee
Attorney at Law

Aaron Woo
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Hon. Sharolyn Wood
*127th Judicial District Court
of Harris County*

Bonnie Kim
University of Houston Law Center

D. Clarissa Salazar
Thurgood Marshall School of Law

AABA ATTORNEY PROFILES DIRECTORY IS AVAILABLE

The AABA has published its 2007-2008 Attorney Directory! Graciously sponsored by Yetter & Warden, LLP, the directories will be mailed to all AABA attorney members and to corporate in-house legal departments around Houston. If you are a member and do not receive a directory by the end of the year, or if you need to update your mailing address, please contact AABA Vice President of Membership Judy Liu at membership@aabahouston.com.

BEGINNING AND INTERMEDIATE-LEVEL

“BROWN BAG” MANDARIN CHINESE CLASSES IN 2008

The AABA is pleased to announce that it will continue to offer lunchtime downtown Mandarin Chinese classes in the winter and spring of 2008. These classes will begin on Tuesday, January 15th and will meet once a week for a period of sixteen weeks (concluding on May 6th) at the offices of Baker Botts L.L.P. The classes will be taught by a Rice University instructor. Class sizes will be kept small, and enrollment will be limited. A beginner class (for those with no previous Chinese instruction) and an intermediate-level class will be offered, each with a focus on teaching conversational Mandarin skills. All classes will be open to the community at large; however, AABA members will receive priority enrollment and a discounted class fee. The registration form is attached on the following page. Stay tuned for additional information, and if you have any questions, please contact Judy Liu.

Many thanks to our 2007-2008 Major Underwriters:

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If you would like to publicize job opportunities, community news, or personal SIDEBAR news, please contact AABA Secretary Julie Pi Evans at juliepievans@gmail.com.



WINTER/SPRING 2008 “BROWN BAG” MANDARIN CHINESE CLASSES

The Asian American Bar Association of Houston (AABA) is pleased to offer Mandarin Chinese classes that will meet once a week over lunch in downtown Houston. Two different classes will be offered in the winter/spring of 2008: a **beginner** level class for students with little or no previous Chinese instruction, and an **intermediate** level class for students who already speak some Mandarin. Please bring your lunch and join us!

These classes will be taught by a Rice University instructor and will focus on teaching conversational Mandarin skills. Class sizes will be kept small, and enrollment is limited. AABA members receive priority enrollment and a discounted class fee.

COURSE DETAILS: COST – \$240.00 for AABA members; \$275.00 for non-members
(Final, non-refundable payment to be made in full prior to the first class)

Beginner Class

Duration: 16 weeks (January 15, 2008 – May 6, 2008, excluding March 18, 2008)
Day/Time: Tuesdays from 11:30 a.m. to 12:20 p.m.
Location: Baker Botts L.L.P., 32nd Floor, One Shell Plaza, 910 Louisiana Street

Intermediate Class

Duration: 16 weeks (January 15, 2008 – May 6, 2008, excluding March 18, 2008)
Day/Time: Tuesdays from 12:30 p.m. to 1:20 p.m.
Location: Baker Botts L.L.P., 32nd Floor, One Shell Plaza, 910 Louisiana Street

Name: _____

Employer/School: _____

Address (including City/State/Zip): _____

E-mail Address: _____

Telephone: _____

Please choose only **ONE** option below:

I wish to enroll in the

☐ Beginner Class

☐ Intermediate Class

Please send completed applications and checks payable to “AABA” to AABA, Attn: Mandarin Chinese Class, P.O. Box 1554, Houston, TX 77251 by **January 8, 2008**. Your spot in a class cannot be confirmed until payment has been received.

Registration is on a first-come, first-served basis, but preference will be given to AABA members in the event the classes are oversubscribed. Contact Judy Liu, AABA Vice President of Membership, at 713.207.5465 or judy.liu@centerpointenergy.com with any questions.



Asian American Bar Association of Houston
2008 Membership Application/Renewal

- ☐ \$0 Law Student • Retired Attorney
☐ \$25 Attorney with less than 3 years in practice • In-House or Non-Profit Counsel • Solo Practitioner • Auxiliary Member*
☐ \$50 Attorney with 3 to 8 years in practice • Judge • Government Attorney
☐ \$75 Attorney with 8+ years in practice

Bar Number and Jurisdiction _____

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(Next Two Questions for Attorneys Only:)

Would you like your business contact information published in the 2008 AABA Directory? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Would you like your business contact information published in the AABA On-Line Directory? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Please give us any comments or programming suggestions you might have: _____

Please indicate any committees on which you would be interested in serving:

- ☐ Gala ☐ Fundraising ☐ Programs ☐ Social/Networking ☐ Communications
☐ Community Relations/Pro Bono ☐ Corporate Counsel ☐ Mentorship/Law School Relations

Make checks payable to **AABA** and submit application and fee to:

AABA
Attn: Membership
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