

MARCH 2012 NEWSLETTER

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Law Day Poster Workshop

On Saturday, February 18, 2012, the AABA sponsored a Poster Workshop with the Houston Bar Association to help students to recognize the importance of law in our society. More than 30 students participated in the event held at the Chinese Community Center. Many thanks to special guest, Judge Jay Karahan, for providing remarks at the event and those who helped make it a success, including: HBA's Law Day Workshop Committee members Marie Jamison, Claire Nelson, and Angela Contreras-Garcia; Chinese Community Center's Chi-Mei Lin, Nine-Min Cheng, and Kate Thi; volunteers Joy Al-Jazrawi, Albert Fong, Jennifer Lin, and Peter Tsan.





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Law Day Poster Workshop







Career Night & Mentorship Kickoff

On March 1, 2012, the AABA hosted a career night and mentorship kickoff event at South Texas School of Law. The event featured a panel of speakers from diverse practice areas, including Merilee Fong, Jane Nguyen Vuong, Warren Huang, Vinh Ho, and Carmen Ng. Special thanks to the panelists for offering their thoughtful insight and useful career advice. Thanks to our Mentorship and Law School Relations Committee Co-chairs, Juvie Cruz and Jennifer Fung, for organizing this event!















AABA • HVLP • VN Teamwork • Boat People SOS

The AABA, Houston Volunteer Lawyers Program, VN Teamwork, and Boat People SOS are hosting the annual Wills Clinic to assist low-income residents of the local Asian-American community. We are in need of:

- Volunteer Witnesses
- Volunteer Translators (Vietnamese and Chinese)
- Volunteer Notaries

Please contact Tyrone Lin at tyrone.lin@hvlp.org if you wish to volunteer.

Law students are welcome to be witnesses and translators!

Volunteer Attorney Training:

Thursday, March 29, 2012 12:00 PM to 1:30 PM

Gardere Wynne Sewell LLP 1000 Louisiana, Suite 3400 Houston, Texas 77002

You will receive CLE credit, and lunch will be provided courtesy of Gardere Wynne Sewell LLP.

Please note that only valet parking is available at the firm's building.

Attorneys, please register online at www.aabahouston.com by Friday, March 23, 2012.

Clinic:

Saturday, April 28, 2012 8:30 AM to 2:00 PM

VN Teamwork Center 11210 Bellaire Boulevard, #118 Houston, Texas 77072

Lunch will be provided.

If you <u>cannot</u> attend the **Training** but would like to prepare documents for the **Clinic**, please contact David Hsu Brogden at <u>attorney.dave@yahoo.com</u>.

SIXTEENTH ANNUAL CONFERENCE AND RETREAT MARCH 30-31, 2012 HILTON AUSTIN AUSTIN, TEXAS

Register today at www.texasapis.org!

For questions or additional information, visit www.texasapis.org or contact: Zeena Angadicheril, APIS Chair | Phone: (512) 579-5187 | apischair@texasapis.org

Attorney Volunteers Needed for Family Law Symposium

South Texas College of Law APALSA is planning a Family Law Symposium which will take place March 24, 2012 at Milby High School at 10AM. The Symposium seeks to serve people who have questions about family law and would like some general advice concerning legal proceedings. APALSA is working in conjunction with Neighborhood Centers, Inc., and this event will be held contemporaneously with one of its Citizenship Forums in order to attract a larger crowd.

Currently, APALSA is looking for speakers for the initial presentation on family law as well as practicing attorneys with at least one year experience in the field of family law to provide general advice during the one-on-one consultations. If you are bilingual, that would be greatly beneficial to us. However, this is not a requirement since we will have translators on hand at the event.

Volunteers may choose to be a guest speaker or participate in the breakout sessions. If you or anyone you know is interested in participating in this event, please contact Lynn Nguyen at lynnlittlenguyen@yahoo.com for more information or to sign up.

Human Trafficking Seminar

How lawyers can fight against forced labor and sex slavery

Thursday, April 5, 2012

Noon to 2:00 p.m.

SOUTH TEXAS COLLEGE OF LAW

1303 San Jacinto Street, Houston, TX, 77002

Emilie Slohm Room, 6th floor of Fred Parks Law Library

\$25 for all non-students

\$10 for non-STCL law students

Free for STCL law students.

2 hours of CLE, 0.5 of those hours are ethics

Lunch will be provided

Must register online by April 3, seating limited to 100 people

TO REGISTER, CLICK HERE

Cash or check at the door only

SPEAKERS:

Naomi Bang, STCL Clinical Professor, Senior Attorney Foster Quan, moderator

Julie Waters, Founder, Free the Captives, JD

Bradley Sidle, Special Agent, FBI, Human Trafficking Task Force

Jack Reid, Founder, Mountainchild

Terence O'Neil, Mayor Parker's representative on issues of Human Trafficking, Division Manager, Office of International Affairs for the City of Houston

HOSTED BY Students of STCL Human Trafficking Clinic

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International Students' Association, South Texas College of Law Lawyers Against Human Trafficking
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South Texas College of Law Career Resource Center



SAVE THE DATE - Friday, Aug 17, 2012



Houston Community College

Whole Person Leadership Seminar



The Center is returning to Houston!

Last September, 2011, The Center for APA Women provided leadership skills training to over 300 participants at their National Leadership Summit in Houston. This August 17, 2012, **The Center** is returning to deliver its Whole Person Leadership Regional Conference which continues your leadership journey and networking opportunities.

Attendees of our multiple regional events in Houston will attest that each experience deepens their personal and professional growth as well as strengthens ties made in the community. Come join us!

This all day conference is open to everyone in the community. Register online now – Space is limited http://2012houstonregional.eventbrite.com/

General Registration \$200 Early Bird (ends July 20, 2012) \$150 \$75 Students

Houston Community College Administration Building 3100 Main @ Elgin Houston, Texas 77002

Questions? – info@apawomen.org

415-310-6978

www.apawomen.org

SAVE THE DATE!

Join us for a Legal Round-Up

NCVAA 2012

Houston, Texas, May 18-19, 2012



The National Conference for Vietnamese American Attorneys 2012 ("NCVAA") is pleased to announce that this year's conference will be held **May 18-19, 2012** in **Houston, Texas**. On behalf of the conference committee, we ask for your support.

This year's conference, based on the theme "Legal Round-Up," marks the sixth occasion Vietnamese American attorneys from all over the nation will convene to discuss issues and experiences of interest to the Vietnamese legal community. This is the first time the NCVAA will be held in Texas.

The Houston Conference Committee is thrilled to show southern hospitality to our colleagues and friends. The conference will commence with a Welcome Reception on the evening of May 18. The full-day conference will take place on May 19 at Norris Conference Centers, City Centre, 803 Town and Country Blvd., Suite 210, Houston, Texas 77024 and will feature a series of esteemed speakers and panelists. A block of rooms are on hold on a limited basis with Hotel Sorella, 800 Sorella Court, Houston, Texas 77024, which is immediately adjacent to the Norris Conference Center, for conference attendees and guests.

The conference will conclude with a Banquet Dinner at Fung's Kitchen, 7320 Southwest Freeway, Suite 115, Houston, Texas 77074, and two local law students will be presented with scholarships in recognition of their commitment to the Vietnamese American community.

This event provides opportunities to network with prominent judges, attorneys, government officials, and scholars. To learn more about NCVAA, please visit our website at www.ncvaa.org.

We hope you will support NCVAA 2012 and join us for the reception, conference, and/or dinner. The levels of sponsorship are attached for your review. A member of NCVAA will be contacting you in the near future to discuss your potential sponsorship. For your convenience, we have also included a Save the Date and the Conference Registration Package information.

We are very excited about this event, and hope to count on your generous support.

If you would like to be included on the NCVAA ListServ, please e-mail Catherine Than at CThan@bickerstaff.com with your contact information.

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Please make checks payable to: "NCVAA" and mail to: NCVAA, c/o Duy Thai, 351 California St., Suite 550, San Francisco, CA 94104.

Our Federal Tax ID # is 27-3630527. Reservations held at the door; tickets will not be mailed. For more information, please contact Catherine Than, (713) 395-1681/cthan@bickerstaff.com Please visit www.ncvaa.org for the Program Schedule and Ad submission requirements and instructions.

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INDIVIDUAL TICKET PRICES	General	Government; Nonprofit; Students
Early Registration Package (by March 30, 2012)	\$22.5	4157
(1 ticket to Welcome Reception, Conference, and	\$225	\$175
Banquet)		
Regular Registration Package (after March 30, 2012)		
(1 ticket to Welcome Reception, Conference, and	\$285	\$225
Banquet)		
Individual Tickets		
Welcome Reception (Friday, May 18, 2012)	\$50	\$40
Conference (Saturday, May 19, 2012)	\$200	\$150
Banquet (stand alone ticket)	\$75	\$60
Banquet (companion ticket for Package Registrant)	\$60	\$60



Intellectual Property Law Section State Bar of Texas

Women and Minority Scholarship

The Intellectual Property Law Section of the State Bar of Texas will award two \$2,500 scholarships, each to a woman and/or minority law student. Any woman or member of a recognized minority group, including but not limited to African Americans, Hispanics, Asian Americans, and Native Americans who intends to practice IP law in the State of Texas, is eligible to apply. Applicants must be enrolled in an ABA-accredited law school in Texas at the time the application is submitted. Thus, persons who have been accepted to law school but have not yet started classes at the time the application is submitted are ineligible. However, persons who have graduated at the time the scholarship is awarded are eligible.

The purpose of this scholarship is to facilitate and encourage women and minorities to enter the practice of intellectual property law in Texas, and to become active members of the State Bar IP Section, by assisting these students with their financial needs. Selection criteria of the scholarships include: merit, scholastic performance, and financial need. Consideration is also given to extracurricular activities both inside and outside law school.

Interested students can obtain an application form online at www.texasbariplaw.org or from the Financial Aid or the Dean's Office. Applications must be postmarked by no later than May 4, 2012. The scholarships will be awarded in June 2012.

DRI 2012 Law Student Diversity Scholarship

DRI announces its annual Law Student Diversity Scholarship program* open to incoming second and third-year African American, Hispanic, Asian and Native American students.

The goal of these scholarships is to provide financial assistance to two worthy law students from ABA accredited law schools in order to promote, in a tangible way, the DRI Diversity Statement of Principle.

Incoming second-and third-year female law students are also eligible, regardless of race or ethnicity. Incoming second-and third-year law students who also come from backgrounds that would add to the cause of diversity, regardless of race or gender are eligible to apply.

To qualify for this scholarship, candidates must be full-time students. Evening students also qualify for consideration if they have completed one-third or more of the total credit hours required for a degree by the applicant's law school.

Two scholarships in the amount of \$10,000 each will be awarded to applicants who best meet the following criteria:



DRI - The Voice of the Defense Bar 55 W. Monroe, Suite 2000 Chicago, IL 60603 Phone: 312.795.1101 Fax: 312.795.0749 Website: www.dri.org Email: dri@dri.org

Job Posting # 1

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE FEDERAL BUREAU OF PRISONS CONSOLIDATED LEGAL CENTER FEDERAL DETENTION CENTER HOUSTON, TEXAS SENIOR ATTORNEY ADVISOR GS-905-12/13/14

About the Office: The legal practice at the Consolidated Legal Center (CLC), Federal Detention Center, Houston, Texas, covers a wide variety of issues focusing on correctional law issues raised in habeas corpus petitions, personal liability under Bivens, and the FTCA. The CLC is involved in various administrative grievances, such as FTCA tort claims and FOIA requests. The litigation, legal advice, and administrative matters involve a wide variety of issues, such as inmates' reasonable access to the courts, conditions of confinement, medical care, diet and religious accommodations, housing assignments, hygiene and sanitation, and discipline. The CLC is staffed with a Supervisory Attorney, two non-supervisory attorneys, one paralegal, and one legal assistant. Although legal staff are considered regional employees, the CLC is located on the grounds of the Federal Detention Center, Houston, Texas.

Responsibilities and Opportunity Offered: The incumbent will be significantly involved in preparing litigation reports and pleadings to various litigation filed against staff and the United States as well as handle the adjudication of administrative tort claims. The incumbent will be expected to provide advice and guidance to all levels of staff at the correctional facilities, including members of the Executive staff. The incumbent will also be expected to communicate with defense attorneys, prosecutors, federal courts and agency officials. The incumbent will need to develop a thorough knowledge of all aspects of BOP policy and practice as he/she may be required to appear in District Court on short notice to explain and advocate the agency's rationale for its correctional management decisions.

This is a primary law enforcement position. In accordance with 5 U.S.C. 3307, the maximum entry age of 36 has been established for initial appointment to a position in a Bureau of Prisons correctional institution. The duties of this position may at times require frequent and direct contact with individuals in confinement who are suspected or convicted of serious criminal offenses. It has also been determined that the duties of this position require experience and knowledge of the on-the-job responsibilities of a primary law enforcement officer working in a correctional facility.

A prerequisite requirement of this position is the completion of "Institution Familiarization" and the satisfactory completion of a mandatory course in "Introduction to Correctional Techniques."

Because of the nature and mission of this position, it requires "hands-on" understanding of the operating problems encompassed in working within an institution. The incumbent may be called on to perform as a law enforcement officer in a correctional environment during training, emergency situations, times of staff shortages and under any other type of correctional operating crisis. Specific correctional responsibilities may include custody and supervision of inmates, responding to emergencies and institution disturbances, participating in fog and escape patrols, and assuming correctional officer posts when necessary. The incumbent may be required to shakedown inmates and conduct visual searches in their work or living area for contraband. The incumbent must be prepared to use physical control in situations where necessary, such as in fights among inmates, assaults on staff and riots or escape attempts.

Qualifications: Interested parties must possess a J.D. degree, be an active member of the bar (any jurisdiction), and have at least 1 year post-J.D. experience.

Job Posting # 1 continued...

Preferred qualifications: Prior litigation and correctional law experience is desired.

Travel: Travel is rarely required.

Salary Information:Current salary and years of experience will determine the appropriate salary level. The possible salary range, including locality pay adjustments, is GS-12 (\$77,579 to \$100,851) or GS-13 (\$92,252 to \$119,926) or GS-14 (\$109,014 to \$141,715).

Location: Houston, Texas

Relocation Expenses: Not authorized.

Submission Process and Deadline Date: Applicants must submit a resume, cover letter (highlighting relevant experience) and a writing sample. These attachments must be in Word or PDF format. Application packets should be received no later than March 16, 2012, and mailed to:

U.S. Department of Justice Federal Bureau of Prisons South Central Regional Office 4211 Cedar Springs Road Dallas, Texas 75219 Attention: Jason Sickler, Regional Counsel

You may also submit your application packet via email to jsickler@bop.gov

No telephone calls please. This position is open until filled, but no later than March 16, 2012.

Job Posting # 2

Assistant United States Attorney United States Attorney's Office Northern District of Texas Dallas, TX March 6, 2012 – March 20, 2012 VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT # 12-NDTX-AUSA-D619555

About the Office: The Office of the United States Attorney for the Northern District of Texas is the principal federal prosecution authority for the North Texas area, with offices in Dallas, Fort Worth, Lubbock, and Amarillo. The Civil Division is charged with defending agencies of the United States, enforcing regulatory agency authority, and recovering funds from violators of U.S. criminal, regulatory, and civil laws. The Criminal Division of our office prosecutes all federal crimes in our jurisdiction, including acts of terrorism, public corruption, white-collar crime, organized crime, gang activities, internet-related crimes, and many other criminal offenses

Who May Apply: Due to the Attorney General's hiring freeze, only current permanent employees of a U.S. Attorney's Office and EOUSA may be considered and selected.

Responsibilities and Opportunity Offered: The Assistant United States Attorney will serve in the Criminal Division of the Dallas office as an Assistant United States Attorney in the OCDETF unit with responsibility for investigating and prosecuting drug trafficking crimes. Will work closely with agents from DEA, FBI, IRS, and ATF in investigating major organizations, including those which use acts of violence to further their drug trafficking activity, and that have linkage to components of nationwide or international drug trafficking or money laundering organizations.

<u>Qualifications:</u> Required: Applicants must possess a J.D. degree, be an active member of the bar (any jurisdiction), and have at least 3 years post-J.D. experience. Qualifying legal experience may include work as an attorney, or a judicial law clerk in either federal or state court and/or litigation experience in either the private or public sector.

<u>Preferred:</u>Ideal qualifications include at least 3-5 years of post-J.D. litigation experience.

Applicants must demonstrate a quick analytical ability and the facility to accurately and precisely articulate the critical issues involved with a case. Applicants must demonstrate superior oral and writing skills as well as strong research and interpersonal skills, and good judgment. Applicants must possess excellent communication and courtroom skills and exhibit the ability to work in a supportive and professional manner with other attorneys, support staff and client agencies. Applicants must have a demonstrated capacity to function with minimal guidance in a highly demanding environment.

Applicants will be expected to do their own legal research and writing and will be substantially self-sufficient in preparing day-to-day correspondence and pleadings. Applicants must also demonstrate excellent computer literacy skills to include experience with automated research on the Internet, electronic court filing, and electronic e-mail and word processing systems.

<u>Travel</u>:Occasional travel may be required.

Salary Information: Assistant United States Attorneys' pay is administratively determined based, in part, on the number years of professional attorney experience and availability of funds. The range of pay is \$53,796 - \$142,383.

<u>Location:</u> The city of Dallas is located in North Central Texas. The city offers many recreational and cultural activities year round. Additional information on Dallas can be viewed on the internet at http://www.dallas.com/

Job Posting # 2 continued...

Relocation Expenses: Relocation expenses will not be authorized.

<u>Application Process and Deadline Date:</u> Applications may be submitted online through the following link: http://www.usajobs.gov/GetJob/ViewDetails/310924100. The deadline to apply is March 20, 2012. If unable to apply on-line, the announcement provides instruction on faxing your documents in the "How to Apply" tab.

<u>If you have questions:</u> Feel free to contact Christina Griffith, Human Resources Specialist, 214-659-8701 or email christina.griffith@usdoj.gov

<u>What to Send:</u> Required materials include (1) cover letter; (2) resume, (3) writing sample, (4) SF-50, excluding award SF-50's, and (5) most recent performance appraisal. <u>Please indicate vacancy announcement #12-NDTX-AUSA-D619555 on cover letter.</u>

<u>Internet Sites:</u> This and other attorney vacancy announcements may be viewed at: http://www.usdoj.gov/oarm/attvacancies.html

Job Posting # 3

Trusts & Estates Associate

Graves, Dougherty, Hearon & Moody seeks a trusts & estates associate with four-to-six years heavy concentration and intensive experience in estate planning and probate law. Excellent academic credentials, work history, and verbal and written communication skills required. Must be licensed to practice in Texas. The firm offers a collegial environment with competitive compensation and benefits. Qualified candidates should send a cover letter and résumé in confidence via email to resumes@gdhm.com or by mail to Diane Dettmann, PHR, Director of Human Resources, P.O. Box 98, Austin, TX 78767-0098. Graves Dougherty Hearon & Moody, P.C. is an Equal Opportunity Employer and a smoke-free workplace.

Please visit www.gdhm.com to learn more about Graves Dougherty Hearon & Moody, P.C.

SIDEBAR

Member on the Move

Congratulations to Stephanie Chi on her recent transition to Schlumberger!



Get to Know an AABA MEMBER!



Name: Hoang "Quan" Vu

Firm: Gardere Wynne Sewell LLP

Practice Areas: Corporate and Finance

Chair of Board of Trustees, Asian American Bar Foundation

If I weren't an attorney, I would be . . . an entrepreneur or movie critic.

The oddest food I have ever eaten has been . . . octopus (yuck).

In my spare time, I enjoy . . . watching TV and reading books that take me to another place (and don't tax my mind too much!).

If my life were a movie, it would be called . . . It's a Wonderful Life.

In my opinion, the best restaurant in Houston is . . . Da Marco.

The coolest store in Houston is . . . a toss-up between the Apple Store and the Sony Store.

The sports teams I root for are . . . Texans and Rockets.

My decade for music is the 90's and my favorite song is . . . "Brown Eyed Girl" (for sentimental reasons).

My favorite quote is . . . "When life gives you a hundred reasons to cry, show life that you have a thousand reasons to smile."

Most AABA members probably don't know that I . . . met the love of my life through the AABA (if that isn't a great reason to join the AABA, what is?).

You forgot to ask me about . . . why I was stupid enough to agree to work on both the 2012 National Conference of Vietnamese Asian Attorneys (in Houston) and the Harvard 375th Anniversary Fete which take place within a week of each other (shaking my head).

Get to Know an AABA MEMBER!



Name: Carmen Ng

Firm: Sysco Corporation

Practice Area: Corporate

Co-Chair, Corporate Counsel Committee

If I weren't an attorney, I would be . . . doing something creative.

The oddest food I have ever eaten has been . . . bugs-scorpions and a live worm.

In my spare time, I enjoy . . . exposing my daughter to new things and watching her reaction.

If my life were a movie, it would be called . . . A Simple Life.

In my opinion, the best restaurant in Houston is . . . Da Marco, aside from my mom's and husband's kitchen.

The coolest store in Houston is . . . Toys "R" Us, aside from Amazon.com.

The sports teams I root for are . . . Houston Rockets and the teams I have money riding on during March Madness.

My decade for music is the 80's and my favorite song is . . . "Imagine."

My favorite quote is . . . "That's what she said."

Most AABA members probably don't know that I . . . only wear one contact lens.

You forgot to ask me about . . . my upcoming 14-hour + 4-hour flights with a toddler. Advice will be appreciated.

Many thanks to our 2012-2013 Major Underwriters!

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It's that time of year again... Renew your **AABA** membership!



The AABA is accepting membership applications and renewals for 2012!

You may apply for membership online at www.aabahouston.com
or by completing and submitting the attached form and dues.

If you haven't already applied for membership to the AABA, then you are missing out on all the benefits of membership. Members of the AABA receive significant discounts to all AABA events, as well as invitations to exclusive members-only seminars and programs such as the annual Corporate Counsel Dinner and inclusion in the Attorney Profiles Directory. Become an AABA member today, and gain access to all of the networking, career enhancement, mentorship, and volunteer opportunities and resources that the AABA has to offer!

Another terrific benefit of AABA membership is automatic membership in the National Asian Pacific American Bar Association ("NAPABA").

The AABA welcomes the following new and renewing members!

David Chang, *Chevron*Rina Chang, *The Dow Chemical Company*Misbah Chaudhry, *Law Offices of Misbah Chaudhry*Helene Dang, *Foster Quan, LLP*

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Asian American Bar Association of Houston 2012 Membership Application/Renewal

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Bar Number and Jurisdiction	
Last Name	First Name
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Area(s) of Practice	
Law School and Graduation Year	
Language(s) Spoken	
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Would you like your business contact information publi	shed in the 2012 AABA Directory?
By completing this membership application, I helectronic means.	ereby consent to the receipt of notice of meeting through
Please give us any comments or programming sugges	tions you might have:
Please indicate any committees on which you would be	e interested in serving:
	Social/Networking
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AABA ATTN: Membership P.O. Box 1554

Houston, TX 77251

Send any inquiries concerning AABA membership to <u>membership@aabahouston.com</u>, or contact Cindy Lin at (713) 220-4311.

^{*}Transitional attorneys refer to those attorneys currently not employed.