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On Thursday, August 23, 2012, the AABA co-sponsored an event with the State Bar of Texas Office of Minority Affairs that brought together minority attorneys around the Houston area for an evening of networking.



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# TMCP Networking Event





# Gala Preparation

Gala Committee Co-Chairs Kei Ashizawa, Claire C. Le, and Janine Yee have been hard at work planning another spectacular AABA annual celebration. Here is a behind-the-scenes look as they are assisted by a group of volunteers preparing the invitations for mailing to guests. Many thanks to the Co-Chairs and the volunteers for their hard work and dedication!



**SOLD OUT**

**AABA** *of Houston*

You are cordially invited to attend the

# *2012 Gala & Silent Auction*

Benefiting the Asian American Bar Foundation

## *Date*

Friday, September 14, 2012

6:30 p.m. Cocktail Reception & Silent Auction

7:30 p.m. Dinner and Program

## *Keynote Speaker*

Mr. Russell Libby

Senior Vice President, General Counsel and  
Corporate Secretary of Sysco Corporation

## *Impact Award*

The Honorable Theresa Chang

## *Host*

Adela Uchida  
KTRK-TV ABC 13

## *Live Art*

Joanna Purvis

## *Entertainment*

Dance of Asian America

## *Location*

Omni Hotel - Galleria Houston  
Four Riverway  
Houston, Texas 77056

Black Tie Optional





## ASIAN AMERICAN LEGAL DEFENSE AND EDUCATION FUND

*New York • New Jersey • Massachusetts • Pennsylvania  
Nevada • Michigan • Texas • Georgia • Louisiana  
Florida • Virginia • Maryland • District of Columbia*

### ***PRO BONO ATTORNEYS NEEDED***

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#### ***Asian American Election Protection and Poll Monitoring Defending Asian American Voting Rights***

*General Elections -- Tuesday, November 6, 2012*

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In past elections, Asian Americans have faced a series of barriers in exercising their right to vote. For example, poll workers were hostile and made racist remarks, poll sites had too few interpreters to assist Asian American voters, translated voting materials were missing or hidden from voters, and ballots were mistranslated listing Democratic candidates as Republicans, and vice versa. Then, when the news media reported on election returns and the vote by specific groups, Asian Americans were often overlooked.

In response, the Asian American Legal Defense and Education Fund has conducted a non-partisan survey of Asian American voters to document Asian American voting patterns. AALDEF has also monitored the elections for compliance with the federal Voting Rights Act, which mandates bilingual ballots and forbids anti-Asian voter discrimination.

On November 6, 2012, AALDEF along with several other Asian American groups will be monitoring the elections and conducting non-partisan voter surveys at polling sites in Asian American neighborhoods in at least ten states. **We need your help.**

In the 2008 elections, 1,500 volunteers polled almost 17,000 Asian American voters in eleven states and Washington, DC. Volunteers are needed to administer a multilingual voter survey in 3-hour shifts and document voting problems on Election Day. Polls are generally open from 7:00 AM to 8:00 PM.

There will be a one and a half hour training session for all volunteers. All volunteers must be non-partisan during the time that they help. To sign up, complete the registration form on the next page. Thank you!

For more information, contact:

Glenn D. Magpantay, Jerry Vattamala, or Chi-Ser Tran  
Asian American Legal Defense and Education Fund  
99 Hudson Street, 12th Floor  
New York, NY 10013  
800-966-5946  
[votingrights@aaldef.org](mailto:votingrights@aaldef.org)

## ***VOLUNTEER SIGN-UP***

Asian American Election Protection and Poll Monitoring - Tuesday, November 6, 2012

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**NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

**FIRM/COMPANY:** \_\_\_\_\_

**ADDRESS:** \_\_\_\_\_

city \_\_\_\_\_ state \_\_\_\_\_ zip \_\_\_\_\_

**EMAIL:** \_\_\_\_\_

**PHONE:** daytime \_\_\_\_\_ evening \_\_\_\_\_

**WHERE DO YOU MOST PREFER TO BE STATIONED?** (rank if multiple): \_\_\_\_ No preference

<b>Wash., DC:</b>	____ Chinatown	____ Columbia Heights		
<b>Florida:</b>	____ Duval/Jacksonville	____ Hillsborough/Tampa	____ Miami-Dade/Miami	____ Orange/Orlando
<b>Georgia:</b>	____ Norcross	____ Duluth	____ Suwanee	____ Doraville
<b>Louisiana:</b>	____ New Orleans/Eastbank			
<b>Maryland:</b>	____ Rockville	____ Silver Spring	____ Prince George Co.	____ Baltimore
<b>Massachusetts:</b>	____ Boston/Dorchester	____ Lowell	____ Quincy	____ Malden
<b>Michigan:</b>	____ Detroit	____ Hamtramck	____ Ann Arbor	____ Dearborn
<b>Nevada:</b>	____ Las Vegas /Spring Valley			
<b>New Jersey:</b>	____ Palisades Park	____ Jersey City	____ Edison/E. Brunswick	____ Cherry Hill
<b>New York:</b>	____ Manhattan	____ Brooklyn	____ Queens	
<b>Pennsylvania:</b>	____ Chinatown	____ Olney	____ South Philadelphia	____ Upper Darby
<b>Texas:</b>	____ Houston/Alief	____ North Sugar Land	____ NW Sugar Land	____ New Territory
<b>Virginia:</b>	____ Annandale	____ Falls Church	____ Centreville	____ Arlington

**DO YOU HAVE ACCESS TO A CAR TO DRIVE TO YOUR SITE?** ☐ Yes ☐ No

Some sites are not accessible by public transportation.

**ON TUESDAY, NOV. 6, WHEN ARE YOU AVAILABLE TO VOLUNTEER?** (rank 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, etc.)

____ 6:00 - 9:00 am	____ 9:00 am - 12 N	____ 12 N - 3:00 pm	____ Not yet sure.
____ 3:00 - 6:00 pm	____ 6:00 - 9:00 pm	____ Other _____	____ Willing to do multiple shifts.

**ARE YOU BILINGUAL IN ANY ASIAN LANGUAGE/DIALECT?** (Check all that apply)

*Language ability is not required to volunteer but can be very helpful.*

____ Cantonese	____ Mandarin	____ Korean	____ Tagalog	____ Japanese
____ Hindi	____ Gujarati	____ Punjabi	____ Bengali	____ Urdu
____ Vietnamese	____ Khmer	____ Malayalam	____ None	____ Other _____

**ARE YOU?** \_\_\_\_ Past Volunteer: Year \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ Partnering with another volunteer: Name \_\_\_\_\_ (times must match).

**RETURN THIS FORM TO:** AALDEF Election Protection Project  
99 Hudson Street, 12th Floor • New York, NY 10013  
FAX 212.966.4303  
EMAIL [votingrights@aaldef.org](mailto:votingrights@aaldef.org)



Asian Pacific American Law Students Association

# *Thomas Tang* MOOT COURT COMPETITION

October 12-13, 2012  
South Texas College of Law

The competition is open to all students . . .  
[to] provide them with an opportunity  
to showcase their writing and oral advocacy skills  
and compete for scholarships totaling \$10,000.

**Problem** is available on [www.napaba.org](http://www.napaba.org)

**STCL APALSA is looking for :**

- Student competitors  
(**NO** moot court experience required)
- Student volunteers
- Attorneys to serve as judges

## **CONTACT**

STCL APALSA, [apalsa.stcl@gmail.com](mailto:apalsa.stcl@gmail.com)  
Rob Galloway, [rgalloway@stcl.edu](mailto:rgalloway@stcl.edu)





# 2012 Law Student Diversity Scholarship

The Association of Corporate Counsel Houston Chapter (ACC) announces its annual Law Student Diversity Scholarship Program open to incoming second and third year minority law students at the three Houston-area law schools. Up to twelve \$4,000 Scholarships will be awarded for the 2012-2013 school year.

The goal is to give the grants to students who meet the following criteria in order of importance:

- (1) Enrollment at a Houston-area law school in the Fall 2012 semester;
- (2) Academic accomplishment (i.e., official transcript reflecting student's calculated GPA and overall ranking in top third of his or her class);
- (3) Diverse status as a racial or ethnic minority;
- (4) Extra-curricular activities (e.g., pro bono); and
- (5) Service to the law school

Students interested in applying for the scholarship should visit their school's student or career services office for more information and application form. Each school's designated representative will collect application packets on behalf of ACC.

The deadline for submission of the application packet to each school's designated representative is WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2012.



## Learn Spanish this Fall!

[Register now](#) for Fall Spanish classes, starting in September  
**Downtown lunchtime classes, Central Houston Location in the Evenings**  
Discounted price for members of the Asian American Bar Association of Houston  
[Register now at www.hablahouston.com/registration](http://www.hablahouston.com/registration)

### Lunchtime Spanish Classes

#### Downtown Houston

Classes open to the public - [Register Now!](#)

**Haynes and Boone Law Firm**

**1221 McKinney, 21st floor**

**Houston, TX 77010**

14-week, 14-hour class

\$250 – HYL/HBA members, members of the Asian American Bar Association of Houston

\$275 – all others

THURSDAYS, September 20 - December 20

Intermediate-1: 11:00 - 12:00 pm

Beginners-2: 12:05 pm - 1:05 pm

TUESDAYS, September 18 - December 18

Intermediate-2: 11:00 am - 12:00 pm

Beginners-1: 12:05 pm - 1:05 pm

#### Fulbright & Jaworski

**1301 McKinney, 51st floor**

**Houston, TX 77010**

14-week, 14-hour class

\$250 – HYL/HBA members, members of the Asian American Bar Association of Houston

\$275 – all others

MONDAYS, September 17 - December 17

Advanced: 11:00 am - 12:00 pm

Classes for Andrews Kurth employees - [Register Now](#)

**Andrews Kurth Law Firm**

**600 Travis, 42nd floor**

**Houston, TX 77002**

14-week, 14-hour class

\$250 - Andrews Kurth employees

\$275 - all others (as admitted by special arrangement with HABLA and Andrews Kurth)

WEDNESDAYS, September 19 - December 19

Beginners-1: 11:00 am - 12:00 pm

Beginners-2: 12:05 pm - 1:05 pm

Intermediate-1: 1:10 pm - 2:10 pm

### After-Work Spanish Classes

**Galleria Area Location**

**Yarrell and Yates, P.C.**

**50 Briar Hollow Lane, Suite 425 West**

**Houston, Texas 77027**

TUESDAYS, September 11 - October 23

Beginners-2: 6:00 - 8:00 pm

7-week, 14-hour class

\$250 - members of affiliated organizations, including the Asian American Bar Association of Houston

\$275 - non-members

\$225 - HBA/HYL/HVLP members/associates taking on pro-bono work

#### Medical Center Location

**Law Office of Julia Maldonado, P.C.**

**4606 San Jacinto St**

**Houston, TX 77004**

WEDNESDAYS, September 12 - October 24

Beginners-1: 6:00 - 8:00 pm

7-week, 14-hour class

\$250 - members of affiliated organizations, including the Asian American Bar Association of Houston

\$275 - non-members

**We look forward to seeing you in Spanish class - [Register now](#) !**

## Temporary Job Opportunity

Robert Half Legal is recruiting Mandarin-speaking attorneys licensed in Texas for a document review project that will start in a few weeks.

Interested parties should e-mail resumes to Linda Lee Kaplan at: [linda.kaplan@roberthalflegal.com](mailto:linda.kaplan@roberthalflegal.com).

## Attorney Volunteers Needed

OCA-Greater Houston will be hosting Saturday morning and Wednesday evening Citizenship & Immigration forums. We need attorneys like you to help applicants with their more challenging questions. We will provide breakfast and lunch.

- Saturday, September 8, 2012 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. at Collins Elementary School, 9829 Town Park Drive.
- Wednesday, September 12, 2012 from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the Chinese Community Center, 9800 Town Park Drive.

If you would like to attend these or future forums, please email [ron.sung@ocahouston.org](mailto:ron.sung@ocahouston.org) or call 972-400-0457.

OCA is an organization of community advocates dedicated to advancing the social, political, and economic well-being of Asian Pacific Americans with our headquarters in Washington, D.C. For more information about us, please visit [www.ocanational.org](http://www.ocanational.org) and [www.ocahouston.org](http://www.ocahouston.org).



EMBRACING THE HOPES AND ASPIRATIONS  
OF ASIAN PACIFIC AMERICANS



REACHING MONUMENTAL HEIGHTS

2012  
WASHINGTON D.C.

**NAPABA**  
**CONVENTION**

November 15-18, 2012 • JW Marriott Washington, D.C.

## SIDEBAR

*Congratulations to Jennifer Phan  
on her transition to  
Superior Energy Services, Inc!*



If you would like to publicize job opportunities, community news, or personal SIDEBAR news, please contact  
AABA Secretary, Mai Huynh, at [mhuynh@tum.com](mailto:mhuynh@tum.com).

# Get to Know an AABA Member!



**Name:** Janet Brown

**Firm:** Baker Hostetler

**Practice Area:** Commercial Real Estate

**If I weren't an attorney, I would be . . .** a journalist.

**My favorite (or fantasy) vacation is . . .** anywhere with surfing and yoga.

**In my spare time, I enjoy . . .** reading.

**The best dessert (or other food) in the world is . . .** tres leches.

**The best restaurant in Houston is . . .** Reef. Their mussels in Shiner sauce are fantastic.

**My favorite movies are . . .** comedies and anything Pixar.

**The sports team I root for is . . .** the Rockets.

**If I won the lottery, I would . . .** open a Swiss bank account.

**I recommend reading . . .** *The Prize*, which is about the oil industry.

**Most AABA members probably don't know that . . .** adore all dogs, especially Boston terriers, and call them all puppies no matter what age they are.

**You forgot to ask me about . . .** my costume this year for my family's annual TrueBlood party – I'm working on it!



# Get to Know an AABA Member!



**Name:** Marrick Armstrong

**Firm:** Adams and Reese LLP

**Practice Areas:** Commercial and Personal Injury Litigation

**If I weren't an attorney, I would be . . .** an author of novels or editor of a publishing company (I own a start-up e-book publishing company).

**My favorite (or fantasy) vacation is . . .** South Africa.

**In my spare time, I enjoy . . .** reading and writing works of fiction and non-fiction.

**The best dessert (or other food) in the world is . . .** bread pudding (preferably made at Commander's Palace in New Orleans).

**The best restaurant in Houston is . . .** the one I am in on any given night. I love the diversity of Houston's culinary offerings.

**My favorite movies are . . .** the Star Wars saga movies.

**The sports teams I root for are . . .** Green Bay Packers, Houston Texans, Miami Heat, Houston Dynamo.

**If I won the lottery, I would . . .** give most of it to family and donate to charity.

**I recommend reading . . .** *The Psychology of Persuasion* by Kevin Hogan.

**Most AABA members probably don't know that . . .** I am an AABA member. It is my first year as a member and I must get better at participating.

**You forgot to ask me about . . .** the name of my publishing start-up. It is ROM Digital Ink Press, launching in Fall 2012.

# 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](http://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!

Caroline Cho, *Rapfogel Waters PLLC*  
Melissa DeLeon, *M. Ngo DeLeon & Associates Law Firm, PLLC*  
Martin Marasigan, *Martin R. G. Marasigan Law Offices*  
Sharon Michaels  
Jonathan Viray  
Erick Wang, *DLA Piper LLP*  
Yang Wang, *Washington University School of Law*  
Sean Yan, *McLane Company, Inc.*  
Li Yi

- ☐ \$50 General Member  
☐ \$25 Public Interest Attorney • Government Attorney • Judge • Solo Practitioner  
☐ \$0 Law Student • Retired Attorney • Transitional Attorney\*

Bar Number and Jurisdiction \_\_\_\_\_

Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ First Name \_\_\_\_\_

Employer \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Office # \_\_\_\_\_ Home # \_\_\_\_\_

Fax # \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

Area(s) of Practice \_\_\_\_\_

Law School and Graduation Year \_\_\_\_\_

Language(s) Spoken \_\_\_\_\_

Would you like to receive the AABA Newsletter by E-Mail? ☐ Yes ☐ NoWould you like your business contact information published in the 2012 AABA Directory? ☐ Yes ☐ No***By completing this membership application, I hereby consent to the receipt of notice of meeting through electronic means.***

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 ☐ Community Relations/Pro Bono  
☐ Solo and Small Firm ☐ Corporate Counsel ☐ Mentorship/Law School Relations

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**ATTN: Membership**  
**P.O. Box 1554**  
**Houston, TX 77251**

Send any inquiries concerning AABA membership to  
[membership@aabahouston.com](mailto:membership@aabahouston.com),  
or contact Cindy Lin at (713) 220-4311.