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AABA SOLO AND SMALL FIRM NETWORKING EVENT AND CLE

On Monday, April 22, 2013, the AABA Solo and Small Firm Committee held a networking event and Part One of a two-part CLE program on "The Nuts and Bolts of Starting Your Own Legal Practice" at The Tasting Room, City Center. The CLE featured a panel of speakers, including Brendon Singh, Kristen Brauchle, and Bob Rapfogel. Many thanks to the panelists for offering their thoughtful insight and to Caroline Cho, Julie Pi Evans, and Brendon Singh for organizing the event.



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AABA SOLO AND SMALL FIRM NETWORKING EVENT AND CLE



AABA ***NETWORKING HAPPY HOUR*** **WITH** **MEXICAN AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION** **OF HOUSTON**

On Thursday, April 25, 2013, the AABA and Mexican American Bar Association of Houston joined forces to host a networking happy hour for their members at Kung Fu Saloon on Washington Ave. Many thanks to Claudia Gee Vassar and Sandy Huynh for organizing the event!



AABA May CLE Program: *Going In-House*

On Friday, May 10, 2013, the AABA held a CLE program on “Going In-House” at the offices of Locke Lord LLP. The CLE featured a panel of speakers, including Paul Chung of Targa Resources, Anderson Lee of Archer, Monica Karuturi of LyondellBasell, and Alicia Hinds of Newhouse and Noblin. Many thanks to the panelists for offering their thoughtful insight and to Sharon Yin for organizing the event. Special thanks to Locke Lord for hosting the CLE and providing lunch!





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

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

Law students are welcome to be witnesses and translators!

Volunteer Attorney Training

Thursday, May 23, 2013

11:30 - 1:00 PM

Porter Hedges LLP

1000 Main Street, 36th Floor

Houston, TX 77002

***1.5 hours CLE credit pending**

Lunch will be provided courtesy of Porter Hedges LLP.

Please note that parking is available in the firm's building, and validation is available at the receptionist's desk.

Attorneys, please register online at www.aabahouston.com by Monday, May 20, 2013.

Wills Clinic

Saturday, June 29, 2013

9:00 AM - 2:00 PM

VN Teamwork Center

11210 Bellaire Boulevard, #118

Houston, TX 77072

If you cannot attend the Training but would like to prepare documents for the Clinic, please contact Sharon Yin at Syin@lppc.com.

AABA ***MENTEE/MENTOR*** ***SUMMER SOCIAL***

Attention Mentees and Mentors: It's time to celebrate Summer with tapas and Latin music! Summer associates and interns are also welcome!

WHEN:

**Thursday, June 20, 2013
6:00 - 8:00 p.m.**

WHERE:

**Batanga
908 Congress @ Travis
Houston, Texas 77002**

This event is free!

RSVP at www.aabahouston.com by **June 14, 2013.**

**Please contact Mentorship and Law School Relations Co-Chair
Melody Wang with questions at MWang@krcl.com.**





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May 13, 2013

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Dear Friends and Colleagues,

The Asian American Bar Association of Houston (AABA) cordially invites you and your company to attend and underwrite our **Gala & Silent Auction**, which will be held in Houston, Texas, at the Hilton Americas Hotel on Friday, September 6, 2013.

We are honored and pleased to announce that the keynote speaker for this year's Gala & Silent Auction is **The Honorable Julián Castro, Mayor of The City of San Antonio**.

The AABA was founded in 1984 by a handful of Asian American attorneys in Houston. Over twenty-nine years later, the AABA enjoys a vibrant membership that represents a diverse spectrum of the Houston legal community. We expect several hundred corporate, legal and civic leaders from the greater Houston area, the State of Texas, and around the country to join us for this special evening. The Gala & Silent Auction will feature a cocktail reception, charitable silent auction and seated dinner.

In keeping with tradition, the AABA will donate a portion of the proceeds from its Gala & Silent Auction to the Asian American Bar Foundation (AABF), whose mission is to advance the participation of Asian Pacific Americans in all areas of legal practice, thereby promoting diversity in the legal community and improving access to justice for all Houstonians.

Enclosed is information on becoming an underwriter. Your generous support of this year's Gala & Silent Auction will help fund scholarships, grants and programs in furtherance of the AABA's and the AABF's missions.

Thank you for your consideration and continued commitment to diversity in our community. We look forward to seeing you on September 6th.

Sincerely,

Anna Ha
Co-Chair, Gala Committee
Sidley Austin LLP

Albert Liou
Co-Chair, Gala Committee
Jones Day

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ASIAN AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION OF HOUSTON 2013 GALA & SILENT AUCTION

DIAMOND DRAGON UNDERWRITER - \$10,000

And Underwriter of the AABA 2013 Corporate Counsel Dinner

- ◆ Ten tickets to the Gala, reserved table with underwriter placard
- ◆ Six tickets to the VIP Reception preceding the Gala
- ◆ Full page color advertisement in the printed Gala program
- ◆ Logo display in the printed Gala program
- ◆ Special mention and prominent logo display during the Gala dinner
- ◆ Logo on the AABA website as a Diamond Dragon Underwriter
- ◆ Underwriter recognition in all 2014 AABA monthly newsletters
- ◆ **Recognition as an Underwriter of the AABA 2013 Corporate Counsel Dinner**
- ◆ **Six tickets to attend the AABA 2013 Corporate Counsel Dinner**

PLATINUM DRAGON UNDERWRITER - \$7,500

And Underwriter of the AABA 2013 Corporate Counsel Dinner

- ◆ Ten tickets to the Gala, reserved table with underwriter placard
- ◆ Four tickets to the VIP Reception preceding the Gala
- ◆ Half page black and white advertisement in the printed Gala program
- ◆ Logo display in the printed Gala program
- ◆ Special mention and prominent logo display during the Gala dinner
- ◆ Logo on the AABA website as a Platinum Dragon Underwriter
- ◆ Underwriter recognition in all 2014 AABA monthly newsletters
- ◆ **Recognition as an Underwriter of the AABA 2013 Corporate Counsel Dinner**
- ◆ **Four tickets to attend the AABA 2013 Corporate Counsel Dinner**

GOLD DRAGON UNDERWRITER - \$5,000

- ◆ Ten tickets to the Gala, reserved table with underwriter placard
- ◆ Two tickets to the VIP Reception preceding the Gala
- ◆ Logo display in the printed Gala program
- ◆ Special mention and prominent logo display during the Gala dinner
- ◆ Logo on the AABA website as a Gold Dragon Underwriter
- ◆ Underwriter recognition in all 2014 AABA monthly newsletters

SILVER DRAGON UNDERWRITER - \$3,500

- ◆ Ten tickets to the Gala, reserved table
- ◆ Special mention during the Gala dinner and slideshow
- ◆ Logo display in the printed Gala program

BRONZE DRAGON UNDERWRITER - \$2,500

- ◆ Five tickets to the Gala
- ◆ Special mention during the Gala dinner

JUDICIAL SPONSORSHIP¹ - \$350

- ◆ Two tickets to the Gala
- ◆ Name printed in Gala program
- ◆ Quarter page black and white advertisement in the printed Gala program

All Underwriters for the Gala & Silent Auction are also named in the Gala program and in the Gala slideshow presentation, listed on the AABA website as an underwriter of the Gala, and included in all printed promotional materials for the Gala.

We sincerely appreciate your support!

¹ *For current sitting members of the judiciary only.*



**ASIAN AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION OF HOUSTON
2013 GALA & SILENT AUCTION**

CORPORATE AND FIRM UNDERWRITER FORM

**September 6, 2013
Hilton Americas • 1600 Lamar • Houston, Texas 77010**

Underwriter Name: _____

Contact Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip Code: _____

Telephone: _____ Facsimile: _____

E-mail: _____

Please select your level of underwriting*:

_____ **\$10,000 Diamond Dragon Underwriter**

_____ **\$7,500 Platinum Dragon Underwriter**

_____ **\$5,000 Gold Dragon Underwriter**

_____ **\$3,500 Silver Dragon Underwriter**

_____ **\$2,500 Bronze Dragon Underwriter**

_____ **\$350 Judicial Sponsorship****

*The AABA of Houston is a tax-exempt organization. However, contributions or gifts to the AABA of Houston are not tax deductible as charitable contributions for federal income tax purposes.

**For current sitting members of the judiciary only.

Please return your completed form and check made payable to "**AABA of Houston**"
by no later than **July 12, 2013** to:

**Debbie Yee
Latham & Watkins LLP
811 Main Street, Suite 3700
Houston, TX 77002**

*Questions? Feel free to contact us at aaba.gala@gmail.com
Thank you for your interest and support.*



**ASIAN AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION OF HOUSTON
2013 GALA & SILENT AUCTION**

September 6, 2013

Hilton Americas • 1600 Lamar • Houston, Texas 77010

If you or your company are interested in purchasing an advertisement in the 2013 Gala & Silent Auction printed program, please complete the form below.

THE DEADLINE TO PURCHASE AND SUBMIT AN ADVERTISEMENT IS AUGUST 5, 2013.

PROGRAM ADVERTISEMENT FORM

Name of Advertiser: _____

Contact Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City/State/Zip Code: _____

Telephone: _____ Facsimile: _____

E-mail: _____

Please select the size of your advertisement:

_____ Quarter page (4" x 5") black & white advertisement	\$250.00
_____ Half page (8" x 5") black & white advertisement	\$500.00
_____ Full page (8" x 11") color advertisement	\$1,000.00

TOTAL AMOUNT DUE: \$ _____

Please return this form and your check made payable to "AABA of Houston" to:

**Albert Liou
Jones Day
717 Texas Ave, Suite 3300
Houston, Texas 77002**

- You will receive a confirmation of your sponsorship via email.
- Advertisement content may be sent via email.
- Questions? Please contact us at aaba.gala@gmail.com.



**ASIAN AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION OF HOUSTON
2013 GALA & SILENT AUCTION**

Advertisement Format Instructions

- PDF (portable document format) or TIFF (tagged image file format) files are requested for all advertisement submissions.
- Color advertisement files should be created using CMYK (cyan-magenta-yellow-black).
- Preferred document format/application is Adobe Illustrator or Adobe Photoshop.

Size	Width	Depth
Full Page	8-1/2"	11"
Half Page horizontal	8-1/2"	5-1/2"
Quarter Page	4-1/4"	5-1/2"

**PLEASE SUBMIT YOUR AD AS A DIGITAL FILE
BY NOT LATER THAN AUGUST 5, 2013**

TO: aaba.gala@gmail.com

or by submitting the digital file on a CD and mailing it to:

**Albert Liou
Jones Day
717 Texas Ave, Suite 3300
Houston, Texas 77002**

Questions? Please email Albert Liou, Gala Co-Chair, at aliou@jonesday.com.



**ASIAN AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION OF HOUSTON
2013 GALA & SILENT AUCTION**

**September 6, 2013 • Reception & Silent Auction at 6:30 pm • Dinner at 7:30 pm
Hilton Americas • 1600 Lamar • Houston, Texas 77010**

TICKET RESERVATION FORM

**Tickets may be purchased on-line using GoogleCheckout at www.aabahouston.com.
If paying by check, please use this form.**

THE DEADLINE TO PURCHASE TICKETS IS AUGUST 23, 2013.

Name: _____

Firm/Company/Law School: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City/State/Zip Code: _____

Primary Phone: _____ Email: _____

Please indicate the number of tickets below:

Law Student: \$50 _____ AABA Members & Guests: \$100 _____ Non-Member: \$150 _____

TOTAL AMOUNT DUE: \$ _____

For nametag purposes, please list the name and affiliation (if any) of each attendee:

Please indicate whether a vegetarian meal is requested: _____ (# of vegetarian meals).

Please return this form and your check made payable to "AABA of Houston" to:

**Anna Ha
Sidley Austin LLP
1000 Louisiana Street, Suite 6000
Houston, TX 77002**

- You will receive a confirmation of your ticket reservation via email.
- Interested in joining the AABA? Membership forms are available at www.aabahouston.com.
- Questions? Please contact us at aaba.gala@gmail.com. Thank you for your support.



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AABA Annual Gala & Silent Auction Donation Request

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Dear Sir or Madam:

Founded in 1984 and celebrating our 29th anniversary this year, the Asian American Bar Association of Houston (the "AABA") is a voluntary association of lawyers, judges, and law students who are of Asian-Pacific heritage or who have interests in Houston's Asian-Pacific community.

The AABA will be holding its Gala & Silent Auction on Friday, September 6, 2013 at the Hilton Americas Hotel and the keynote speaker for this year is *The Honorable Julián Castro, Mayor of The City of San Antonio*. We are expecting several hundred corporate, legal, and civic leaders from the greater Houston area to join us for this very special evening. The Silent Auction is one of the most popular and anticipated attractions of the Gala, and we hope to offer some memorable and exciting auction items.

All proceeds from the Silent Auction will be donated to the Asian American Bar Foundation (the "AABF"), the charitable affiliate organization of the AABA, to fund scholarships, grants and programs. The AABF's mission is to educate and serve Asian-Pacific American lawyers and Asian American communities in the greater Houston area and surrounding counties and to promote Asian-Pacific Americans in all areas of legal practice, thereby promoting diversity in the legal community and improving access to justice for all Houstonians.

The AABF is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, and your donation to the Silent Auction is tax deductible to the extent allowed by law. In addition to having your business associated with this worthy charity, your business will have valuable exposure to the AABA's members and supporters and the hundreds of attendees of this event. We hope that you will take advantage of this fantastic advertising opportunity and join us in making this year's Gala and Silent Auction a success.

Please complete the enclosed donation form to accompany your Silent Auction donation. If you are donating services or non-tangible items, please provide a certificate, letter, or voucher that the winning bidder can redeem for such services or items. If you are donating tangible items, we can make arrangements to pick the items up at your convenience. Completed forms and donations may be mailed to Eunice Song with Gardere Wynne Sewell LLP at 1000 Louisiana Street, Suite 3400, Houston, Texas 77002. **Your prompt response is greatly appreciated. Please respond by July 12, 2013 to ensure your inclusion in this year's Silent Auction.**

Thank you in advance for your consideration. We look forward to hearing from you soon.

Very truly yours,

Eunice Song

Vice President of Development



Celebrating 29 Years



AABA Gala and Silent Auction
Silent Auction Donation Form

Donor Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____ Fax: _____

E-mail: _____

Item Donated: _____

☐ Tangible Item

☐ Gift Certificate/Voucher

☐ Services

Retail/Fair Market Value: _____

Additional information about donated item (please provide us any background, history, or special instructions regarding the item so we can promote the item to its best advantage):

AABA use only:

AABA contact _____

Pkg _____

Rsv _____

Final _____

☐ Dnr rcpt

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The Asian American Bar Foundation is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization.
Your contribution is tax deductible to the extent allowed by law.

Please return form by July 12, 2013 to:

**Eunice Song
Gardere Wynne Sewell LLP
1000 Louisiana Street, Suite 3400
Houston, Texas 77002**



Asian American Bar Foundation of Houston, Inc.

P.O. Box 1351
Houston, Texas 77252

2013 AABF Honorable Herbert W. Gee Memorial Scholarship
Application Guidelines
2013

The Asian American Bar Foundation of Houston, Inc. seeks to award a \$2,000 scholarship in honor of the late Judge Herbert W. Gee, who was Associate Presiding Judge for the City of Houston Municipal Courts, a founding member and Past President of the Asian American Bar Association, and a recipient of the 2010 AABA Impact Award. The 2013 AABF Honorable Herbert W. Gee Memorial Scholarship will be awarded to an individual applicant who best embodies the spirit of the late Judge Gee who (1) was dedicated to serving the public, (2) supported the Asian American community in the greater Houston area, and (3) exemplified intelligence, generosity and leadership in his everyday life. The foregoing criteria may be weighed in any order as determined by the AABF.

To be eligible, an applicant must be (1) a member of the AABA, (2) enrolled in an ABA-accredited law school in Texas, and (3) intend to reside and seek employment in the greater Houston metropolitan area after graduation. Applicants should submit application packages containing the following information to the Scholarship/Grant Committee, where applicable:

1. Name of applicant
2. Contact information (name, address, telephone number, e-mail address)
3. Name of school
4. School address and contact information for registrar's office
5. Degree sought
6. Expected graduation date
7. Copy of transcript, GPA and class rank (if available) or other proof of enrollment at an ABA-accredited law school in Texas
8. Educational background
9. Course work, clinics or other relevant extracurricular activities at current or previous schools relevant to AABF's purposes listed above
10. Employment history (if any)
11. Employment experience relevant to the criteria listed above
12. Community and volunteer experience relevant to criteria listed above
13. Involvement with Asian American community relevant to criteria listed above



14. Leadership experience relevant to criteria listed above
15. Independent research or publications relevant to criteria listed above
16. Awards, honors, scholarships received
17. Other activities, hobbies, skills, positions held in any organizations, etc.
18. Any other information that applicant desires to provide to assist in the application process
19. Cover letter stating how the applicant demonstrates or embodies the criteria set forth above

The scholarship recipient will receive a \$2,000 scholarship to help cover tuition and academic expenses and 1 ticket to the Asian American Bar Association of Houston's annual gala, to be held Friday, September 6, 2013 (tentative date), where the scholarship will be presented. The scholarship recipient is required to submit a final report at the following year updating the AABF on the status of the recipient's studies and activities and how the scholarship has helped the recipient.

Scholarship applicants are advised to use these application guidelines as a reference and checklist to ensure that all necessary information is provided with the original application package. The AABF Scholarship/Grant Committee may contact applicants if additional information is required, but the Scholarship/Grant Committee reserves the right to disqualify application packages from consideration if key information is not included. The AABF reserves the right to subdivide the scholarship or increase the number of scholarships in its sole discretion.

Application packages must be postmarked no later than July 15, 2013, and mailed to the following address:

Asian American Bar Foundation of Houston, Inc.
Attn: Scholarship/Grant Committee
P.O. Box 1351
Houston, Texas 77252

At this time, grant applications are not accepted by electronic mail unless approved by Catherine Than. For additional information, please contact Catherine Than at cthan@aol.com.



Asian American Bar Foundation of Houston, Inc.

**P.O. Box 1351
Houston, Texas 77252**

Community Organization Grant
**Community Organization Grant Guidelines
2013**

The Asian American Bar Foundation of Houston, Inc. seeks to award up to 2 community organization grants to Texas-based charitable non-profit 501(c)(3) organizations whose pursuits will impact the Greater Houston Metropolitan Area by (1) expanding the scope of legal services available to the Asian American community; (2) increasing the number of Asian Americans working as lawyers or in legal services; (3) educating members of the Asian American community of their civil and legal rights; (4) stimulating legal discourse by and/or about Asian Americans, the Asian American cultures and Asian American communities; or (5) otherwise promoting the interests of Asian Americans.

The 2013 AABF Community Organization Grant is a grant of up to \$5,000 to a charitable non-profit 501(c)(3) organization that fulfills the aims described in the preceding paragraph. The foregoing criteria may be weighed in any order as determined by the AABF. Applicant organizations must be charitable non-profit 501(c)(3) organizations incorporated or formed under the laws of the State of Texas and/or otherwise demonstrate a substantial connection to the greater Houston metropolitan area. Applicant organizations should submit application packages containing the following information to the Scholarship/Grant Committee:

1. Name of applicant organization
2. Contact information (name, address, telephone number, e-mail address) of applicant organization and representative of applicant organization
3. Proof of 501(c)(3) status of the organization
4. Copy of the mission statement (or, if no official mission statement exists, a statement of the primary purpose) of the applicant organization and information and materials about the applicant organization sufficient for the Scholarship/Grant Committee to understand the purpose of and activities conducted by the applicant organization
5. Information regarding a few recent events held by the applicant organization, if any
6. Description of and information relating to the program or event for which the grant funds are to be applied (the more detail, the better). Please keep in mind that the AABF cannot fund programs or activities that are not in keeping with its mission; therefore, program and activity descriptions should be detailed enough for the AABF to discern whether it is within the AABF's mission or guidelines.



7. Any other information that applicant organization desires to provide to assist in the application process
8. Cover letter stating how a community organization grant will help the applicant organization to achieve AABF's purposes listed above and serve the public interest

The grant recipient will receive an award of up to \$5,000 and a ticket for one of its representatives to attend the Asian American Bar Association of Houston's annual gala, to be held Friday, September 6, 2013 (tentative date), where the grant will be presented. The grant recipient is required to submit a final report no later than thirty (30) days after completion of the program or event that is supported by the grant funds explaining how the grant funds were used and the results of the program or event. Failure to provide the report may jeopardize future grants to the recipient organization.

Applicant organizations are advised to use these application guidelines as a reference and checklist to ensure that all necessary information is provided with the original application package. The AABF Scholarship/Grant Committee may contact applicants if additional information is required, but the Scholarship/Grant Committee reserves the right to disqualify application packages from consideration if key information is not included. The AABF reserves the right to subdivide the grants or increase the number of grants in its sole discretion.

Application packages must be postmarked no later than August 6, 2013, and mailed to the following address:

Asian American Bar Foundation of Houston, Inc.
Attn: Scholarship/Grant Committee
P.O. Box 1351
Houston, Texas 77252

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Houston, Texas 77252**

**APALSA Grant
Grant Application Guidelines
2013**

The Asian American Bar Foundation of Houston, Inc. seeks to award 1-3 grants to Asian Pacific American Law Student Association groups of accredited law schools located in the greater Houston metropolitan area.

The 2013 APALSA Grant is a one-time grant, for the Fall 2013/Spring 2014 academic year in the amount of up to \$1,000 depending on need. Grants will be given to 1-3 APALSAs selected by the AABF taking into account the financial need of the specific APALSA group and the nature of the activities or programs for which support is being requested, which programs have to be consistent with the AABF's goals of (1) expanding the scope of legal services available to the Asian American community; (2) increasing the number of Asian Americans working as lawyers or in legal services; (3) educating members of the Asian American community of their civil and legal rights; (4) stimulating legal discourse by and/or about Asian Americans, the Asian American cultures and Asian American communities; or (5) otherwise promoting the interests of Asian Americans. The foregoing criteria may be weighed in any order as determined by the AABF. Applicant APALSA groups should submit application packages containing the following information to the Scholarship/Grant Committee:

1. Name of applicant APALSA organization
2. Contact information (name, address, telephone number, e-mail address)
3. Name of school
4. School address and contact information for registrar's office
5. Information about APALSA, including estimated size and types of programs
6. Projected budget for Fall 2013/Spring 2014 Academic Year, including projected expenses and sources of income
7. Budget from previous Fall 2012/Spring 2013 Academic Year
8. Description (including estimated cost) of programs or activities for which support is being requested (with emphasis on how they satisfy some or all of the foregoing criteria). Please keep in mind that the AABF cannot fund programs or activities that are not in keeping with its mission; therefore, program and activity descriptions should be detailed enough for the AABF to discern whether it is within the AABF's mission or guidelines.



9. Any other information that applicant desires to provide to assist in the application process
10. Cover letter stating how a grant to the applicant will achieve AABF's purposes listed above

The grant recipient will receive a one-time grant of up to \$1,000. The grant recipient is required to submit a final report regarding the programs or activities for which the grant is awarded no later than thirty (30) days after the last of such programs or activities is held or explaining how the grant funds were used and the results of the program or event. Failure to provide the report may jeopardize future grants to the recipient organization.

Grant applicants are advised to use these application guidelines as a reference and checklist to ensure that all necessary information is provided with the original application package. The AABF Scholarship/Grant Committee may contact applicants if additional information is required, but the Scholarship/Grant Committee reserves the right to disqualify application packages from consideration if key information is not included. The AABF reserves the right to subdivide the grants or increase the number of grants in its sole discretion.

Application packages must be postmarked no later than August 31, 2013, and mailed to the following address:

Asian American Bar Foundation of Houston, Inc.
Attn: Scholarship/Grant Committee
P.O. Box 1351
Houston, Texas 77252

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Job Opportunities

NiSource Human Resources

Counsel/Senior Counsel-Commercial (#911676)

Application Deadline – May 29, 2013

Introduction

- Reports to the Assistant General Counsel - Commercial.
- Provides legal advice to clients on complex interstate pipeline and midstream legal matters.
- Combines knowledge of one or more legal specialties with sound business acumen, and knowledge of business goals and objectives.
- Has significant experience and subject matter expertise.

Responsibilities

- Resolves legal issues and provides proactive, business-savvy legal advice and counsel
- Manages complex matters
- Retains, supervises and manages outside counsel on select matters
- Anticipates internal/external business and regulatory issues and provides applicable legal advice
- Reviews and revises legal documents
- Conducts due diligence and provides counsel on risk mitigation
- Negotiates with outside parties on contractual issues and legal disputes
- Assists in training clients on legal issues
- Communicates with clients regarding status updates
- Negotiate and draft precedent agreements in support of regulated pipeline expansion projects
- Negotiate and draft processing, gathering, and other midstream services agreements
- Negotiate and draft pipeline interconnection and other facilities agreements
- Negotiate and draft reimbursement and similar agreements
- Negotiate and draft non-disclosure agreements
- Provide legal advice regarding interpretation of the above-referenced agreements
- Manage outside counsel in support of the above-referenced agreements
- Assist with resolution of contract and other disputes
- Provide legal advice on regulated pipeline expansion project strategy
- Provide support in connection with business unit or physical asset acquisitions and dispositions
- Provide support in connection with creation of joint ventures

Selection Criteria

- JD from accredited law school required; licensed and in good standing to practice in one or more states
- Minimum 6 years experience with a large law firm or in-house legal department of an interstate pipeline, midstream energy company, or comparable energy-related business
- Experience with handling cases independently

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- Experience with handling cases independently
- Ability to balance the legal issues of a project with the goals of the business through the demonstration of strong, pragmatic business acumen and the ability to recognize the business consequences of legal advice
- Strong, logical legal mind with the ability to apply abstract concepts of law to make timely, well-reasoned and appropriate decisions to solve problems
- Excellent negotiation and mediation skills
- Strong advocacy skills
- Skilled at managing multiple tasks simultaneously and effectively
- Ability to function autonomously, yet understands necessity of advising management of work progress and any unusual situations
- Ability to work independently and efficiently under time pressures and deadlines in a fast-paced environment
- Adaptable to changing environments
- Exercise of sound judgment
- Strong leadership and interpersonal skills, including ability to engender trust, respect and confidence
- Excellent written and oral communication skills including the ability to communicate and interact effectively at all levels of the organization
- Exemplary personal and professional integrity and business ethics
- Commitment to diversity and a respect for others

Other Information

Overtime and some travel are required

NiSource Inclusion & Diversity

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How To Apply

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NiSource Human Resources

FERC Regulatory Attorney (Houston, Texas) #911691 **Application Deadline – May 31, 2013**

Responsibilities

- Reports to the Assistant General Counsel - Regulatory
- Located in Houston, TX
- Provides legal advice to clients on complex matters
- Combines knowledge of one or more legal specialties with sound business acumen, and knowledge of business goals and objectives
- Experience in the natural gas industry and subject matter expertise. Minimum of 5 years experience

Key Responsibilities:

- Resolves legal issues and provides proactive, business-savvy legal advice and counsel
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Practice Area Specific Responsibilities:

- Prosecute cases before the commission and handle necessary appeals
- Personally handle all aspects of administrative litigation, including trial preparation, discovery, and litigation
- Prepare comments and responsive documents for rulemaking proceedings, or manage outside counsel in preparing comments
- Prepare certificate filings
- Prepare applications to perform new services or amend existing tariffs
- Participate in or represent NiSource in technical conferences
- Prepare, draft and review applications for various filings such as financing approvals, tracker requests, waivers, etc.
- Prepare rate case filings and participate in all aspects of rate case hearing, including discovery, witness preparation, filing motions, etc.
- Draft responses for notices of probable violations
- Negotiate in hearings or adversarial proceedings
- Advise and counsel clients on regulated agreements and projects
- Counsel clients on new regulatory rules and put processes in place to comply with new rules
- Negotiate and draft contracts with customers for regulated tariff services
- Prepare and prosecute facility siting applications
- Defend the company against customer complaints before regulatory commissions

Job Opportunities

Qualifications

- JD from accredited law school required; licensed and in good standing to practice in one or more states
- Current Texas bar license preferred
- Experience in the Utility industry or other regulated industry required
- Experience with independent case handling responsibility
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Current Department of Justice Attorney Vacancies

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Administrative Law Judge

The U.S. Office of Personnel Management (OPM) has developed a new examination for the Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) position. Soon, OPM will post a job opportunity announcement to accept applications to take the ALJ examination. Once the examination cycle is complete and scores are processed, OPM will terminate the existing ALJ register and replace it with a new ALJ register. Agencies may continue to request certificates from the current register, and hire from those certificates, until the new ALJ register is established.

A job opportunity announcement will be posted in the near future on OPM's USAJOBS website at <https://opm.usajobs.gov>. Individuals can conduct a search with the job title "Administrative Law Judge" to locate the OPM job opportunity announcement when it is posted. All candidates on the current register must reapply and complete the new examination to be placed on the new ALJ register and can be considered for ALJ positions in the future. The announcement will provide full details about the application and the examination process.

Get to Know an AABA MEMBER!



Name: Brad Y. Chin

Firm: Bracewell & Giuliani LLP

Practice Areas: Intellectual Property

If I weren't an attorney, I would be . . . a full-time marathoner.

The oddest food I have ever eaten has been . . . cow tongue.

In my spare time, I enjoy . . . spending time with my family, running, and traveling.

If my life were a movie, it would be called . . . "In Progress" – there's still much to learn and experience

In my opinion, the best restaurant in Houston is . . . Irma's. I only recently moved to Houston, so I am still trying out new restaurants. Recommendations appreciated!

The coolest store in Houston is . . . Costco – I do not get out much to shop.

The sports team(s) I root for is/are . . . Texas A&M Aggies! Whoop!

My favorite decade for music is the 80's, and my favorite song is . . . anything from the 80's.

My favorite quote is . . . "God has a purpose for me and that is to serve Him in China, but God also made me to run fast and when I run, I feel His pleasure." – Eric Liddel in "Chariots of Fire"

I recommend reading . . . the Bible.

Most AABA members probably don't know that . . . I am married to my sixth grade sweetheart.

Get to Know an AABA MEMBER!



Name: Melvin Huang

Firm: Vinson & Elkins LLP

Practice Areas: Energy
Transactions and Projects

If I weren't an attorney, I would be . . . either in full-time ministry or teaching high school or college students. I enjoy sharing knowledge with and encouraging others.

The oddest food I have ever eaten has been . . . pig testicles; let's just say they're bland with a chewy texture (probably more than you wanted to know ☺).

In my spare time, I enjoy . . . serving at my local church, playing sports (frisbee/basketball), enjoying the outdoors, watching epic and sci-fi movies, and writing e-mails to friends about theological issues.

If my life were a movie, it would be called . . . "Man on a Mission".

In my opinion, the best restaurant in Houston is . . . Korean Noodle House (1415 Murray Bay) has some of the best, homemade Asian cuisine!

The coolest store in Houston is . . . Muji off Bellaire Blvd. has some really unique and odd Japanese items.

The sports team(s) I root for is/are . . . I grew up in Boston, so I'm a Red Sox fan, but I'm also excited about the Rockets, especially since they have a young and talented team (and Jeremy Lin!).

My decade for music is the 1740's and my favorite song is . . . Bach's Goldberg Variations, but as for a vocal song, then either "Majesty" by Delirious or "Daydream Believer" by the Monkees. I really enjoy listening to all sorts of music, but classical music has a special place in my heart.

My favorite quote is . . . "Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect" (Romans 12:2).

I recommend reading . . . "The Meaning of Marriage" by Tim Keller.

Most AABA members probably don't know that I . . . just got married to my beautiful wife, Stacy, in January (the picture is of the two of us in Taiwan) and that I wear size 13, 4E shoes and can reach a twelfth on the piano; I'm 5'10" but I sometimes wonder if I was supposed to be at least 6'4".

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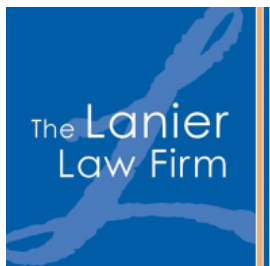
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