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Founded in 1984, the AABA's membership reflects all aspects of Houston's Asian-Pacific legal community, whose mission is to promote the professional development of its members and to serve the Houston community at large.

AABA and AABF of Houston celebrated the 10th anniversary of the AABF on December 12, 2015 by having their Holiday Party and Toy Drive at the Houston Museum of Natural Science. Thank you to the Social Committee for organizing this wonderful event and Summit Financial Printing for their generous sponsorship of the event.



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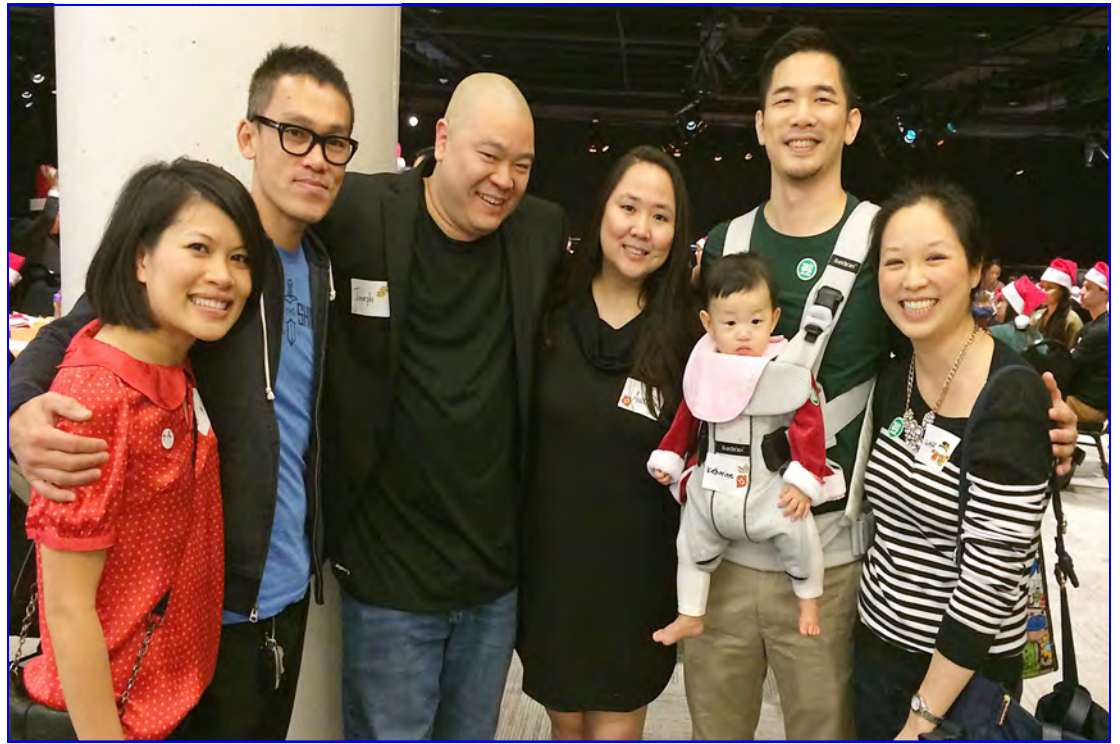
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## BPSOS-HOUSTON HOLIDAY PARTY

BPSOS hosted its annual Children Holiday Party where over 200 coats and toys were donated to 228 children. Thank you to BPSOS for allowing AABA to sponsor 95 children this year.



**AABA of Houston hosted a CLE and panel discussion featuring Michael Chu, U.S. Department of Justice, Christopher Koa, Dorsey & Whitney, and Nichole Perry, Jones Day on December 9, 2015, on prevention of data breaches and response to data breaches.**







### **SAVE THE DATES**

**Thursday, Jan. 28th:** **Annual Members Meeting and Kickoff Dinner** at Ouisie's Table, 3939 San Felipe, Houston, TX 77027. Check in and Membership Sign Up at 6:30pm, Annual Meeting and Dinner at 7:00pm. Please join us for the first AABA event of the year at Ouisie's Table. We look forward to reconnecting with all of our friends, welcoming all of our new members, and enjoying a nice dinner at Ouisie's Table! Please RSVP at [www.aabahouston.com](http://www.aabahouston.com).

**Saturday, February 13th:** **AABA Lunar New Year Dim Sum** at Fung's Kitchen, 7320 Southwest Fwy #115, Houston, TX 77074, 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. Come join the AABA at Fung's Kitchen for Dim Sum to help celebrate the Lunar New Year! RSVP This is a family event so please feel free to bring all of your family members! Please RSVP at [www.aabahouston.com](http://www.aabahouston.com) [www.aabahouston.com](http://www.aabahouston.com).

**The AABA is accepting membership applications and renewals for 2015! 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, and free CLE courses offered throughout the year. 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!**

### **RENEW YOUR NAPABA AFFILIATE MEMBERSHIP**

As a benefit of your affiliate membership, you may become a NAPABA member for free! Current NAPABA affiliate membership with NAPABA expired on 12/31/2015 so take the steps below to renew:

1. <http://www.napaba.org/general/login.asp>
2. Enter your username and password
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Would you like your business contact information published in the 2015 AABA Directory? Yes No

*By completing this membership application, I hereby consent to the receipt of notice of meeting through electronic means.*

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**Better know an AABA Member!**



Name: Tina Q. Nguyen

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Practice Area(s): Litigation

1. If I weren't an attorney, I would be...a writer for a food or travel magazine.
2. The oddest food I have ever eaten has been...durian, although I am a fan!
3. In my spare time, I enjoy...walking the neighborhoods and shops in the Heights area with my husband and dog.
4. If my life were a movie, it would be called...Breaks between meals.
5. In my opinion, the best restaurant/bar in Houston is...Kata Robata because good sushi is the way to my heart.
6. In my opinion, the most underrated restaurant/bar in Houston is...One Dragon Restaurant for a good fix for soup dumplings, noodles, etc.
7. The coolest store in Houston is...Common Bond because I love how the light sets in.
8. The sports team(s) I root for is/are...Duke basketball.
9. My favorite decade for music is the \_\_\_\_'s, and my favorite song is...Ooh, this is a tough one. I appreciate songs that can get the party going, even if that means it's Call Me Maybe. That likely places me in the 90s era for music.
10. My favorite quote is..."She believed she could, so she did."
11. I recommend reading...the last-page turner I read was Before I Go to Sleep by S.J. Watson. I also enjoyed Where'd You Go Bernadette by Maria Semple. Both are good beach reads!
12. Most AABA members probably don't know that I...was born and raised in Houston, and while I went to college and law school out of state, I got back as soon as I could.

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