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A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



Fellow Members of the AABA,

It is truly an honor to have the opportunity to serve you as President of the AABA for 2016. I have had the pleasure of meeting many amazing people through my involvement in this organization, and I have been very fortunate to have forged many new friendships that I will always cherish as a result. With your support, the hard-working officers and committee co-chairs of the AABA hope to continue to promote opportunities for each of you to cultivate new, long-lasting relationships with other members of the AABA, to serve the Houston community through volunteering and community service efforts, and to provide career development opportunities through CLE's and a partnership we are cultivating with the Asian Chamber of Commerce. I hope that you will all join us in making 2016 a special year, and I look forward to meeting all of you at our upcoming events!

Best Regards,

Chris Lee

SAVE THE DATES

- Saturday February 13th: Annual Lunar New Year Dim Sum
- Thursday February 25th: Mentorship Kickoff Reception
- Saturday February 27th: HBA Law Day Poster Workshop
- Tuesday March 8th: Houston Rodeo with Asian Chamber of Commerce

2016 Annual AABA Membership Meeting & Kickoff Dinner

On January 28, 2016, the AABA held its annual Membership Meeting & Kickoff Dinner at Ousie's Table. The AABA welcomed many new and renewing members at the event and would like to thank to Nadine Chen, Melody Wang, and Cathleen Chang for organizing the event.

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2016 AABA Officers, Committee Chairs, & Directors Meeting

On January 23, 2016, the Officers, Committee Chairs, and Directors of the AABA met at Locke Lord LLP to hold their annual planning meeting for the year. Russell Wong, Audrey Chang, Judy Liu, Philip Lau, and Anna Ha were approved to serve as Directors for the AABA. Special thanks to Locke Lord LLP for graciously hosting the meeting.



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AABA MENTORSHIP PROGRAM

The AABA is proud to announce an expanded mentorship program this year. In addition to providing mentors for law student and new attorney mentees, the AABA is also coordinating a limited program for mid-level attorney mentees. The AABA is now accepting applications for mentors and mentees for both programs (applications below) thru 2/19/16. For more information, contact Nickie Tran at ntran@porterhedges.com. Please apply!

AABA MENTORSHIP KICKOFF EVENT

February 25, 2016 | 6:00 - 8:00 | Haynes and Boone

Haynes and Boone, LLP

1221 McKinney, Suite 2100

Houston, TX 77010

Please [RSVP](#) and/or [submit a mentor/mentee application](#) (attached) to Nickie Tran at ntran@porterhedges.com. If you cannot attend the event, but would still like to be a mentor/mentee, please also submit an application.

Panel Speakers:

Alison Chen Partner at Akin Gump Strauss Haier & Feld LLP

Vinh Ho Managing Attorney for the Civil Practice Clinics of the Randall O. Sorrels Legal Clinics

Kate Suh Assistant U.S. Attorney at U.S. Attorney's Office

Sharon Yin Attorney at The Yin Law Firm

6:00 pm: Check-In/Registration for Law Students

6:15 pm – 7:00 pm: Different Career Paths to Success

7:00 pm – 8:00 pm: Mentor/Mentee Pairings and General Networking

Heavy hors d'oeuvres and alcoholic beverages will be served.

This event is free and open to all **AABA** members, including law students and attorney members. Sign up for **AABA** membership at www.aabahouston.com.

Questions regarding Kickoff Event? Please contact: Kim Mai at kim.mai@haynesboone.com

***Directions: Please enter the LyondellBasell building, formerly known as 1 Houston Center, at the street level. Take the elevators (button L) or the escalators to the main lobby. At the main lobby, use the elevator bank for floors 19-32. Haynes and Boone is on the 21st floor. We recommend street parking, which is free after 6:00 PM, or the parking garage at 2 Houston Center, which is \$4.00 after 5:00 PM.

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Mentor/Mentee Application – AABA 2016 Mentorship Program

The goal of the Mentorship Program is to assist law students and new attorneys better define their legal path through the sharing of an experienced attorney's wisdom, experiences, and knowledge about the practice of law. In order to maximize the benefits of this program, Mentees and Mentors will be matched as closely as possible according to their areas of interest and practice, respectively. *Mentors and Mentees are encouraged to schedule a meeting once every other month and to remain in contact with each other regularly throughout the year.*

Mentor Eligibility: Attorneys with more than 1 year of legal experience are eligible to apply to be a Mentor.

Mentee Eligibility: Law Students and Attorneys out of law school less than 1 year are eligible to be a Mentee.

Check one box: ☐ I am applying as a **Mentor**. ☐ I am applying as a **Mentee**.

Please note: To participate in the Mentorship Program, submit a completed form by **Friday, February 19, 2016**.

Name _____ Employer (for Attorneys) _____

Home/Business Address _____

Phone # _____ E-mail _____

State Bar Number (for Attorneys) _____ Years of Experience (for Attorneys) _____

Law School (include Graduation Date) _____

Check current practice setting (Mentors): ☐ Large/mid-size firm ☐ Solo/Small Firm
or setting(s) of interest (Mentees): ☐ In-House Counsel ☐ Government/Public Interest

Current Practice Areas (Mentors) or Areas of Interest (Mentees) _____

Describe your goals and expectations from the Mentorship Program _____

Save the Date for Mentor/Mentee Kickoff Event:

Haynes and Boone, LLP
1221 McKinney Street #2100
Thursday, February 25, 2016
6:00 PM – 8:00 PM

- ☐ Yes, I can attend the event
☐ No, I cannot attend the event, but I want to participate in the mentorship program.

Please mail or e-mail your completed form to:

Nickie Tran
Porter Hedges LLP
1000 Main, 36th Floor
Houston, Texas 77002
E-mail: ntran@porterhedges.com
(Please put AABA in the subject line)

Mentor/Mentee Application – AABA 2016 Mentorship Program

The goal of the Mentorship Program is to assist mid-level attorneys in further developing their legal careers through the sharing of an experienced attorney's wisdom, experiences, and knowledge about the practice of law. *Mentors and Mentees are encouraged to schedule a meeting once every other month and to remain in contact with each other regularly throughout the year.*

Mentor Eligibility: Attorneys with 20 or more years of legal experience are eligible to apply to be a Mentor.

Mentee Eligibility: Attorneys who have been in practice for 4 – 10 years and who have volunteered to mentor law students in the past through the AABA are eligible to be a Mentee.

Check one box: ☐ I am applying as a **Mentor**. ☐ I am applying as a **Mentee**.

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UPCOMING AABA EVENTS

2/13/2016: Annual 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 at www.aabahouston.com This is a family event so please feel free to bring all of your family members!

2/18/2016: Lunar New Year with Houston Symphony at the Morris Cultural Arts Center, Houston Baptist University.

2/25/2016: Mentorship Kickoff Reception at Haynes and Boone, LLP 1221 McKinney, Suite 2100, Houston, TX, 77010, 6 pm-8:00 p.m. In addition to the AABA's mentorship program for new attorneys, the AABA is pleased to announce a new program geared towards mid-level attorneys. Please RSVP and submit a mentor/mentee application to Nickie Tran at ntran@porterhedges.com by 2/219/2016.

2/27/2016: HBA Law Day Poster Workshop Chinese Community Center, 9800 Town Park, Houston, TX, 77036, 9 a.m.-12 p.m. Join the Honorable Judge R.K. Sandill and students from kindergarden through 8th grade as this year's theme, *Miranda: More Than Words*, is conveyed through artwork. For more information or if you would like to volunteer, contact Sang Shin at sshin@fosterglobal.com.

3/8/2016: Houston Rodeo with Asian Chamber of Commerce Reliant Stadium, Reliant Pkwy, Houston, 77064. Join us for a private reception for Asian business professionals starting at 4 p.m. where attendees can network and meet rodeo sponsors. Tickets are limited at \$18/ticket with a limit of 2 tickets per AABA member. Ticket includes entry to the concert by Pitbull at 8 p.m. RSVP with Cathleen Chang at cathleenchang@andrewskurth.com.

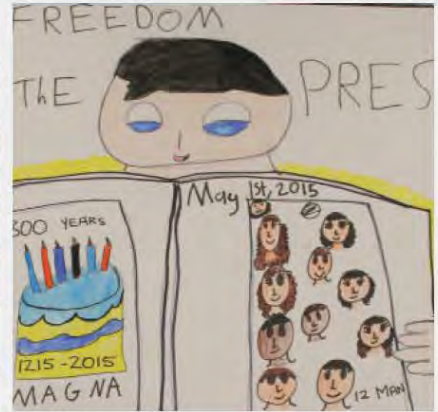
2/29/2016: China Law Conference for Industry and Business at The Eilan Hotel & Spa in San Antonio, Texas. Meet and discuss topics such as China Securities, Investments, Intellectual Property, and Finance with experts from the People's Republic of China. 5.75 MCLE Hours Approved. Visit www.ilstexas.org for more information.



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2016 Law Day Poster Contest Workshop



Grades K-8th Welcome

Chinese Community Center

9800 Town Park Houston, TX 77036

February 27, 2016

9AM-12PM

Guest Speaker

Judge R.K. Sandill - 127th Harris County District Court

Contest Theme: Miranda: More Than Words

Cash Prize Awarded to top Winners in City of Houston

Poster materials, art supplies, and raffle prizes will be provided

For more information, contact

Sang Shin

AABA – VP Community Relations

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CHINA LAW CONFERENCE FOR INDUSTRY AND BUSINESS

Monday, February 29, 2016 | 8:00 AM – 4:30 PM

The Eilan Hotel & Spa
18603 La Cantera Terrace, San Antonio, Texas USA 78256
(210) 598-2900

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MORNING SESSION

- 8:00 – 8:45 a.m. Registration and Coffee**
- 8:45 – 9:00 a.m. Welcome and Introduction**
- Lilly Teng, *Senior Partner*, Orchid Energy Group
 - George Humphrey, *Partner*, Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe, *Chair* of the International Law Section, State Bar of Texas
- 9:00 – 9:45 a.m. Understanding China's Securities and Capital Markets**
- Chunyang Shao, *Partner*, Jun He Law Offices, Shanghai
- Mr. Shao will update on the regulatory framework of the securities industry and capital markets, and share his insight on recent practice of PRC companies on capital raising for overseas investment and foreign investors' interests in offerings of PRC companies.
- 9:45 – 10:30 a.m. Recent Developments in China Impacting Investment and Finance**
- Yu Qin (Bill), *Partner*, Jun He Law Offices, Beijing
- Mr. Qin will present on recent developments in regulations affecting outbound investment by PRC companies and inbound foreign direct investment, covering topics of incentives, foreign exchange controls, the new Environmental Protection Law, renewable energy, and cases involving infrastructure related industries.
- 10:30 – 10:45 a.m. Break – Drinks and Energy Snacks**
- 10:45 – 11:15 a.m. Q&A Session on Securities and Investment**
- 11:15 – 12:00 p.m. China's Energy Reform and Restructuring in Challenging Markets**
- Dr. Tao Wang, *Assistant Director and Head of Energy Research*, China Business News Research Institute (CBNRI), a non-profit think tank and subsidiary of Shanghai Media Group
- Dr. Wang will discuss China's oil and gas reform, the Government of China's plans, and the transition strategy



for the long term with a highlight on geopolitical issues and potential impact on USA-PRC relations.

12:00 – 12:15 p.m. Q&A Session on Energy Reform and Restructuring

12:15 – 1:45 p.m. Mediterranean Buffet Lunch and Networking, Sustenio Restaurant, Eilan Hotel & Spa

AFTERNOON SESSION

1:45 – 4:30 p.m. Intellectual Property Laws and Regulations of China – Patents, Trade Secrets, and Trademarks Presented by Liu, Shen & Associates, Beijing and Chicago

1:45 – 2:15 p.m. Overview of China Patent Law and Regulations

- o Michelle Ma, *Managing Partner* (Mechanical Engineering; industrial designs)

Ms. Ma will begin the Intellectual Property Law Session with an overview of fundamental principles in China Patent Law compared to USA and EU legal systems.

2:15 – 2:45 p.m. Top Considerations for Foreign Investors Doing Business in China

- o Allen Tao, *Managing Partner* (Material Science & Technology; patent litigation)

Mr. Tao will present and examine case studies in Chinese patent litigation and rules relating to High New Technology Entity and inventor award & remuneration, and positive aspects of doing business in China.

2:45 – 3:00 p.m. Q&A Session

3:00 – 3:15 p.m. Break – Drinks and Energy Snacks

3:15 – 3:45 p.m. Administrative Enforcement, Trademarks, and Trade Secrets

- o Qing Ge, *Partner* (Mechanical Engineering; patent prosecution and litigation)

Ms. Ge will address the latest updates and practice in administrative enforcement, alternative dispute resolution, trademarks, and trade secrets.

3:45 – 4:15 p.m. Risk Mitigation and Solutions for Foreign Investors in China

- o Jay Sha, *Partner* (Electrical Engineering and Electronics; patent/trademark portfolio and licensing)

Mr. Sha will present on risks, concerns, and mitigation techniques for intellectual property inventors and investors, addressing the risks of doing business in China.

4:15 – 4:30 p.m. Q&A Session

REGISTRATION OPEN

Before February 22: \$75 for ILS members; \$100 for non-members

After February 22: \$100 for ILS members; \$125 for non-members

Free for Students with Registered Attendance before February 22

Go to www.ilstexas.org for more information and to register for the China Law conference

The Eilan Hotel & Spa are offering conference attendees a discounted guest room package with amenities from February 26 through March 1, 2016

Availability is limited - Deadline for booking is February 5, 2016

Make your reservation online Or contact the Eilan Hotel (210) 598-2900 and ask for the China Law rate

The AABA is accepting membership applications for 2016. 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, 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
3. Click on "renew your membership" at the top of the page
4. On the last page of the membership form, enter **vQb6TE16** and click "apply code."



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- \$30 Government Attorney Judge
- \$30 Solo Practitioner
- \$30 First Time Member (Attorney)
- \$0 Law Student/Retired Attorney/Transitional Attorney*

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Last Name _____ First Name _____

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City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

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Area(s) of Practice _____

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Would you like to receive the AABA Newsletter by E-Mail? Yes No

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.

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

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

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Solo and Small Firm Corporate Counsel Mentorship/Law School Relations

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Houston, TX 77251

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**Transitional attorneys refer to those attorneys currently not employed.*

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