



## Thank You from your Outgoing President



Dear All,

On behalf of the Officers, Directors and Committee Co-Chairs, of the AABA, I'd like to express my sincerest gratitude for your help in another successful year.

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Our theme in 2018 was "A Voice for the Asian-American Community." Through our consistent programming and involvement in community issues and our participation in Hurricane Harvey clinics with the South Texas College of Law and the Alliance, we continued to be visible in the Asian American and greater Houston community.

Moreover, the need for advocacy for Asian-American issues such as immigration and voter protection is expected to rise in 2019 and beyond. We accomplished all of this while still allowing for professional development and networking of our members with one another through corporate counsel, solo/small firm, social, and mentorship events.

Our charitable arm, the Asian American Bar Foundation (AABF) awarded 7 grants to community organizations at our Annual Gala & Silent Auction - which was more than ever before.

We were recognized as the Affiliate of the Year by both the National Asian Pacific American Bar Association (NAPABA) and the Asian Pacific Interest Section (APIS) of the Texas State Bar.

I am so happy to have had the opportunity to continue the great work that our previous leaders and members laid as a foundation and look forward to seeing you next year as the AABA continues to evolve.

I am so excited to support and work closely with our incoming 2019 President - Jennifer Fung, who I know will continue to take the AABA to even greater heights.

See you all at our Annual Meeting and Membership Dinner in January! More information to come.

Faithfully Yours,

Sang M. Shin  
President - 2018

## Elections for 2019 Officer Positions

As 2018 comes to a close, several candidates have come forward to offer their service to lead the AABA into another successful bar year. Please have a look at their statements and history of service below, and vote to elect our new leadership.



## Judith "Judy" Kim - President-Elect

**Employer:**

EDF Trading North America, LLC

**Practice Area:**

Energy Regulatory; Energy Trading; Corporate Transactions

**Educational Background:**

Georgetown University Law Center, J.D. (1999); Columbia University, *magna cum laude*, B.A. (1992)

**Involvement in AABA:**

Gala & Silent Auction Committee Co-chair (2018); Corporate Counsel Committee (2017); AABA Law Foundation Board Member (Alice & Helene's presidencies?)

**Judy Kim's Candidate Statement:**

This past year I served as a co-chair on the Gala & Silent Auction committee, and I have previously served on the Corporate Counsel Committee. I joined the AABA when I first moved to Houston in 2010 from Bentonville, Arkansas. Previously while working in Atlanta, I served as President of the Georgia Asian Pacific American Bar Association twice as well as the secretary. I have also been serving

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profit organization that raises money to fund public interest law school scholarships and post-graduate community fellowships.

I have been fortunate to benefit in terms of mentoring, networking and professional support as a member of the AABA and hope to share with others what the AABA has done for me.

One of the things I look forward to collaborating with the AABA leadership in the next year is to retain and re-gain the active participation of the mid-career and older APA attorneys in Houston.





**Vy "Tina" Huynh - VP of Membership**

**Employer:**  
Duff & Phelps

**Practice Area:**

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**Educational Background:**

South Texas College of Law, J.D. (2014); Trinity University, B.A. (2010)

**Involvement in AABA:**

Social Committee Co-chair (2017 & 2018)

**Tina Huynh's Candidate Statement:**

I have been a proud member of the AABA since graduating law school. For the past two years, I have served as a committee co-chair, and I have enjoyed the friendships I've made as well as witnessing the growth of our organization.

I am a native Houstonian, and as Vice President of Membership, I look forward to working with our AABA leadership to streamline the membership process, along with continuing to find new ways to connect with the Asian community and legal community in Houston. I appreciate your consideration and support, and I hope to serve as your Vice President of Membership in 2019.



## **Sarah D. Tejada - VP of Development**

**Employer:**

Rosas & Suerken, PLLC

**Practice Area:**

Business Immigration

**Educational Background:**

South Texas College of Law, J.D. (2016); University of Texas at Austin, B.S. (2009)

**Involvement in AABA:**

Mentorship and Law School Relations Committee Co-Chair (2018); Member (2013 – present)

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I had the pleasure of joining the AABA in 2013 as a 1L in law school as a student member and mentee, and eventually had the opportunity to serve on the Mentorship and Law School Relations Committee. The AABA has served an integral role in paving the way for my career through the contacts I've made along the way and the experiences gained in various forms of involvement. I have reaped the benefits as both a member and committee co-chair, and hope to provide the same quality of experience to others as the AABA has provided to me.

As Vice President of Development, I am excited for the opportunity to work with local businesses and organizations to promote the AABA Gala and Silent Auction. As a Houstonian, I am immensely proud of all that this great city has become and has to offer. It would be a privilege to promote fundraising to enable the AABA to further benefit the Houston community. I humbly request your support to serve as Vice President of Development of the AABA and I look forward to contributing to another successful year.



## **Daniel Lee - VP of Community Relations**

### **Employer:**

Haynes & Boone LLP

### **Practice Area:**

Energy and Power Transactions

### **Educational Background:**

Seattle University School of Law, J.D. (2013); Stanford University, B.A. (2008)



**Affiliate/NAPABA Involvement:**

NAPABA Energy, Environment and Sustainability Committee Co-Chair (2017-present); Asian Counseling and Referral Services Pro Bono Coordinator (2015)

**Daniel's Candidate Statement:**

I have recently served on the AABA's Mentorship Committee and in other committee roles for NAPABA and its Washington State affiliate (ABAW) prior to moving to Houston. I've been a proud and active member of the AABA since 2015. One of the most inspiring and valuable experiences I've had has been providing pro bono service through a program that was made possible by community partnership between a legal and non-legal community organization. I am excited to focus on similar efforts between our greater community and the AABA with your support.

I seek to continue building on our strong community relations program together with our community partners to address the needs of Houston's Asian American community. Our community service programs not only provide an opportunity for our attorneys to directly serve, but also a platform for the AABA to grow and reach new members and partners within the legal community, which I hope to focus on as an officer of the AABA.

Beyond the core goals of our community relations program, I look forward to working closely with the AABA leadership to further explore opportunities for collaborating on and amplifying programs between the AABA and NAPABA.



## Melody Wang - VP of Programs

**Employer:**

Kane Russell Coleman Logan PC

**Practice Area:**

Real Estate/Corporate

**Educational Background:**

University of Houston Law Center, J.D.; University of Texas at Austin, B.A.

**Involvement in AABA:**

Co-Chair, Corporate Counsel Committee (2017, 2018); Co-Chair, Social Committee (2016); Co-Chair, Mentorship and Law School Relations (2014, 2015)

**Melody's Candidate Statement:**

I joined the AABA as a law school student and since then, have had the privilege of serving the AABA membership through the Mentorship & Law School Mentorship committee, the Social committee, and for the past two years, the Corporate Counsel committee. The AABA has always provided to its membership an array of engaging and relevant programs, and it would be my honor to be able to continue this strong tradition as Vice President of Programs. Thank you in advance for your consideration



## **Cathleen Chang - Secretary**

**Employer:**

Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe LLP

**Practice Area:**

Public Finance

**Educational Background:**

Harvard Law School; Rice University

**Involvement in AABA:**

**Cathleen Chang's Candidate Statement:**

Since joining the AABA, I have served on the Social Committee and the Mentorship and Law School Relations Committee and, most recently, the Community/Pro Bono Committee. Through these committees, I have had the opportunity to work with AABA officers, committee members and directors and have developed a deep respect for this organization and its people.

It would be my honor to serve as Secretary for the AABA and continue working with many of you in the coming year.

**David Hsu - Treasurer****Employer:**

Givens & Johnston, PLLC

**Practice Areas:**

Customs and International Trade Law; Import/Export Compliance

**Educational Background:**

South Texas College of Law, J.D. (2007)

University of Texas at Austin, B.A., Psychology/ Asian Studies (2001)

**Involvement in AABA:**

Vice President of Community Relations; Treasurer; Vice President of Membership; Co-Chair of Mentorship and Law School Relations Committee and Chair of the Technology and Web Committee

**David Hsu's Candidate Statement:**

I currently serve the AABA as Treasurer and the Chair of the Technology and Web Committee and have previously served the AABA in many leadership capacities. I am running for Treasurer again because I enjoyed serving in this role in the past and would like to

the AABA again as Treasurer. Thank you.



## Tina Nguyen - Treasurer

**Employer:**

Baker Botts L.L.P.

**Practice Area:**

Litigation Attorney with a focus on energy, ERISA and pension, and real estate

**Educational Background:**

University of Michigan Law School (2011); Duke University (2008)

**Tina's Candidate Statement:**

Dear AABA Members,

My name is Tina Nguyen, and I humbly request your support for the position of Treasurer.

As a native Houstonian, I have been lucky to grow up and serve alongside the Asian community. I attended high school in Southwest Houston, and then moved out of state to go to Duke University for college. While at Duke, I served as Class Vice President. I then attended the University of Michigan for law school.



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clerkship, I joined Baker Botts, where I have been since 2012.

It was through a former Baker Botts attorney that I was introduced to the AABA. What stuck out most to me was the diversity in the AABA's initiatives – that it endeavors to bring people close together, contribute to the community, and further highlight and strengthen its representation in Houston. We are profoundly lucky to have an organization like the AABA. As Treasurer, I hope to build on the successes of our predecessors.

Outside of the AABA, I have served on Houston Bar Association committees, including the Campaign for the Homeless and the Alternative Dispute Resolution Committee. I am currently a board member of the Dispute Resolution Center. In my spare time, you can find me at a park with my husband and 2 year old, or binging a comedy on Netflix.

Thank you for your consideration. I hope to serve as your next Treasurer in 2019.

## Happy Holidays at Brasserie Du Parc!







The AABA closed out a banner year with another successful toy drive and luncheon at Brasserie Du Parc. A huge thank you to Mary Cheng, Jackie Coleman, Sydney Nguyen, and Tina Huynh of our Social Committee for continuing the giving tradition.

## Job Openings!

The Texas offices of McGuire Woods have the following opportunities available. Contact Tamara Fairhurst at [tfairhurst@mcguirewoods.com](mailto:tfairhurst@mcguirewoods.com). or visit <http://recruiting.mcguirewoods.com/laterals/> to pursue these openings.

### IP Litigation Associate

The Houston office of McGuireWoods seeks an associate for the IP Litigation Department. Qualified candidates will have 1 - 6 years patent litigation experience. Candidate must have Electrical Engineering, Computer Science, or Computer Engineering degree. Excellent academic credentials required. Please submit cover letter, resume and law school transcript. *Disclaimer: Search firms with a current preferred agreement in place with McGuireWoods LLP may submit resumes directly to*

## Business & Securities Litigation Associate

The Houston office of McGuireWoods seeks a 3rd - 5th year associate for the Business & Securities Litigation department. Qualified candidates will have litigation experience or experience as a federal judicial clerk. Excellent academic credentials required. Please submit cover letter, resume and law school transcript. *Disclaimer: At this time, McGuireWoods will not be accepting applicants submitted through search firms or headhunters for this position. All qualified candidates must submit their own applications for consideration. Please reference Req #1182.*

## IP Litigation Associate

The Dallas office of McGuireWoods seeks an associate for the IP Litigation Department. Qualified candidates will have 1 - 6 years patent litigation experience. Candidate must have Electrical Engineering, Computer Science, or Computer Engineering degree. Excellent academic credentials required. Please submit cover letter (Reference Job Req. #1183), resume and law school transcript. *Disclaimer: Search firms with a current preferred agreement in place with McGuireWoods LLP may submit resumes directly to Recruiting Manager. All other unsolicited submissions by search firms will be deemed not accepted.*

## IP Litigation/Patents Staff Attorney

The Houston office of McGuireWoods seeks a Staff Attorney to join the IP Litigation/Patents department. Qualified candidates will have 1 - 3 years of patent prosecution experience, software patent application experience at plus. Candidates must have a degree in Electrical Engineering or Computer Science. Strong academic record and excellent writing skills. USPTO and TX Bar admission is required. Please submit cover letter, resume and transcript. *Disclaimer: At this time, McGuireWoods will not be accepting applicants submitted through search firms or headhunters for this position. All qualified candidates must submit their own applications for consideration. Please reference Req #1200.*

## Debt Finance Associate or Counsel

The Dallas office of McGuireWoods seeks a 4th to 8th year associate or counsel to join the Debt Finance Department. Preferred candidates will have senior secured, mezzanine, second lien and/or syndicated finance experience, as well as excellent academic credentials and solid law firm work experience. Please submit cover letter (Reference Job Req. #1386), resume and transcript. *Disclaimer: Search firms with a*

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directly to recruiting managers. All other unsolicited submissions by search firms will be deemed not accepted.

## Financial Services Staff Attorney

The Dallas office of McGuireWoods seeks a staff attorney for the Financial Services Litigation Department. Qualified candidates will have 3+ years of experience in Litigation for a position involving mortgage-related disputes and general litigation. Texas bar is required. Candidate must have strong academic credentials, excellent writing and interpersonal skills, be well-organized (responsible for handling a large volume of cases) and have good negotiation skills. Please submit cover letter, resume and law school transcript. *Disclaimer: At this time, McGuireWoods will not be accepting applicants submitted through search firms or headhunters for this position. All qualified candidates must submit their own applications for consideration. Please reference Req # 1355*

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