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**President's Column**

As you can see from our events calendar, November will be a busy month for AABA. However, there are two special events that I wanted to highlight in particular:

- To help celebrate and welcome our new State Bar President **Holly Fujie**, AABA, along with our fellow Asian American bar associations in the Bay Area, will hold a reception for Ms. Fujie on **Monday, November 10, at 6:00 p.m.**, at the offices of Hanson Bridgett, 425 Market St., 26th Floor, in San Francisco. Ms. Fujie was sworn in as the new State Bar President in September. A third-generation Japanese American who grew up in Oakland and graduated from UC Berkeley for both her undergraduate studies and law school, Ms. Fujie is only the third woman and the second Asian American to be State Bar President.

I met Ms. Fujie at the Minority Bar Coalition Unity Reception on October 13. I was impressed by her energy and her dynamic personality. I know we can expect great things from her during her term. I hope you will join us!

- On **Wednesday, November 12, at 6:00 p.m.**, AABA will hold its extremely popular **Judges' Reception** at the offices of Reed Smith, 2 Embarcadero Center. We last held this reception two years ago, and it returns this year. We expect judges (including administrative law judges) from throughout the Bay Area. Don't miss this opportunity to mix and mingle with the judges!

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## AABA Election Notice

AABA will be conducting elections for the 2009-2010 AABA Board of Directors. We encourage all qualified members to consider joining the leadership of our bar association. The following positions will be open and subject to vote by the members of the Association: Vice-President/President-Elect, Treasurer, Secretary, and three Directors at Large positions. Vice-President/President Elect, Treasurer, and Secretary are officer positions with a term of one year. Directors at Large serve a term of three (3) years.

Any AABA member desiring to run for a position as an Officer or Director at Large must complete and submit an application form by **December 1, 2008**. An application form is available on the AABA Website ([www.aaba-bay.com](http://www.aaba-bay.com)) and printed in the November newsletter. Any AABA member desiring to run for a position may do so, provided that:

### FOR A DIRECTOR AT LARGE POSITION:

- (a) the AABA member is current in his or her membership dues; and
- (b) the AABA member served on an AABA committee as a co-chair or member for the immediately preceding AABA fiscal year (2008-09); or has served as an Officer or Director at Large for the immediately preceding year (2008-09); or has obtained the signatures of 25 active attorney AABA members in support of the member's candidacy.

### FOR AN OFFICER POSITION:

- (a) the AABA member is current in his or her membership dues; and
- (b) the AABA member previously served as an Officer or as a Director at Large for the two immediately preceding AABA fiscal years (2007-08 and 2008-09).

Once an application is submitted, applicants will have until **December 12, 2008** to withdraw his or her name from the ballot. After that date, candidates will be publicized to the AABA membership through an email announcement and posting on the AABA website.

Attorney members who are active as of **December 1, 2008** will receive a ballot. To check if your membership is active or to update your contact information, go to the Membership, Profile Management Login page at the AABA website ([www.aaba-bay.com](http://www.aaba-bay.com)) and enter your user name and password. If you have forgotten your user name and password, enter your e-mail where indicated and your user name and password will be e-mailed to you. If paying or renewing membership dues by mail, please allow a minimum of one week for your registration to be processed.

Ballots must be postmarked and returned by **January 16, 2009**. Candidates will be informed of the election results, and the elections results will be announced to the general membership by posting on the AABA website, by email announcement, and, schedule permitting, via newsletter announcement.

An Election Committee has been created to administer AABA's election of Officers and Directors at Large for the 2009-2010 year. If you have any questions about the election process, please contact Operations Director Rhean Fajardo at [rhean.fajardo@gmail.com](mailto:rhean.fajardo@gmail.com).

## AABA Election Application (2009-2010)

Notice Of Intent To Run For Office

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Firm/Organization/Affiliation: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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I am a paid AABA member and intend to run for the position of (check one):

**Vice-President (President-Elect)**     **Treasurer**     **Secretary**

[For the Officer positions above, the member candidate must have served previously as an Officer or as a Director at Large for the two immediately preceding AABA fiscal years.]

**Director at Large**

[For a Director at Large position, the member candidate must have served on an AABA committee as a co-chair or member, for the immediately preceding AABA fiscal year, or must have served as an Officer or Director at Large for the immediately preceding AABA fiscal year, or must have obtained twenty-five (25) signatures of active attorney AABA members supporting that member's candidacy. If you choose the last option, please contact Rhean Fajardo at rhean.fajardo@gmail.com for a signature form.]

**Personal Statement**

If you so choose, you may also submit a personal statement (no more than 250 words) about your prior service with AABA (including committee positions held), your experience, and your vision for AABA.

**Applications must be received no later than December 1, 2008.** Please return your application to: AABA Elections, c/o Karen Ellis, Reed Smith LLP, 1999 Harrison St. Ste 2400, Oakland, CA 94612-3572.

**The Social Committee and  
Community Services Committee  
proudly present their first joint event**



Location: Playground  
1705 Buchanan St. (in Japantown)  
San Francisco, CA  
Date: November 13, 2008  
Time: 6:00 - 9:00 p.m.  
Cost: FREE!

Please join us for Korean food, unlimited open bar, and amazing entertainment from your fellow AABA members. Singing contestants will compete and be reviewed by an elite panel of judges. The main prize will be a \$200 donation to a non-profit or charity of your choice, and all contestants will receive a special prize for participating. All tips at the bar will be donated to Asian Pacific Islander Legal Outreach.

Please contact Azalea Park at [azalea.park@dlapiper.com](mailto:azalea.park@dlapiper.com), or Daisy J. Hung at [dhung@apilegaloutreach.org](mailto:dhung@apilegaloutreach.org), if you have any questions, or want to sing!

## AABA Social Committee's Sake Tasting Reception and Live Jazz Night with Hiroshima

By: Daisy J. Hung, Social Committee Co-Chair

If you thought a Japanese koto and taiko drums did not belong in a jazz band, you would be wrong. As evidenced by Hiroshima's performance on October 8, 2008, in the Rrazz Room at Hotel Nikko in San Francisco, eastern and western instruments can blend seamlessly to produce innovative and transformative sound. A predominantly Asian American group, Hiroshima shares their multicultural perspective through their music, and combines jazz, pop, R&B, and world music together with unique instruments.

The night started out with a pre-performance reception in the Rrazz Room Lounge with the band members. Over 30 AABA members mixed and mingled while enjoying sushi, dumplings, and other appetizers from Anzu. Two different types of sake were poured for members throughout the reception. The warmly lit lounge and comfy sofa sectionals provided the perfect ambiance; setting the tone for the performance to come.

Finishing up their last bites of food and sips of sake, AABA members were ushered into the intimate Rrazz Room. Within close proximity to band, the audience could easily see the band members, hear their instruments, and feel

their music. The saxophone, taiko drums, koto, piano and keyboards, bass, flute, drums, guitar, and other instruments, played cohesively together. At various times, each took the spotlight. Band leader Dan Kuramoto excited the audience with his saxophone and political commentary urging folks to vote in the upcoming election. Koto player, June Kuramoto, impressed us with her mastery of the koto, and entertained us with her humorous personal stories. Shoji Kameda blew us away with his powerful taiko drums and Mongolian throat singing. Kimo Cornwell on the piano and keyboards, Danny Yamamoto on the drums, and Dean Cortez on bass, each performed lively solos.

This community based band originating from Los Angeles, spent a night showing us their "urban world music" perspective. From smooth to energetic numbers, each song told us a story. Each song had a different vibe and feel. It was abundantly clear from where we were sitting, that this band was having a great time on stage. And in turn, we had a great time listening and moving to the music.

\*Special thanks to Cindy Hwang for coordinating, and to Dale Minami, for all his contributions to this event.



Jennie and Greg Tanaka, AABA Social Committee Co-Chair Esther Chang and Derek Shek

Ai Mori, Dale Minami, Christopher Calice and Landon Leu

Jazz band, Hiroshima

Howard Lee and AABA Social Committee Co-Chair Daisy J. Hung

## Growing Your Practice Through Mediation

By Yu-Yee Wu, AABA Director

Becoming a successful mediator is possible through good planning, training and networking, all of which are especially important if you don't fit the mold of being a retired judge or an attorney with decades of experience.



L to R: Panel Moderator Yu-Yee Wu with Panelists Grande Lum, Yolanda Jackson, Ken Kawaichi and Claudia Viera  
Photo credit: Celia Lee

These comments came from a panel of distinguished speakers at an October 16 event on being a mediator, co-sponsored by the AABA Education Committee, the Association for Dispute Resolution of Northern California, the Hastings Center for Negotiation and Dispute Resolution and the Minority Bar Coalition. A diverse group of over 30 people included AABA members, law students, and attorneys of color attended the event, which was held at the Bar Association of San Francisco.

The speakers included the Honorable Ken Kawaichi, a JAMS mediator and retired judge from Alameda County Superior Court; Yolanda Jackson, a mediator and Deputy Director and Diversity Director of the Bar Association of San Francisco; Grande Lum, Director of Hastings Center for Negotiation and Dispute Resolution; and Claudia Viera, an attorney mediator of the Mediation Offices of Claudia Viera.

Claudia shared insight as to how she planned her transition

from being an employment attorney at Littler Mendelsohn to establishing a private practice as a mediator, trainer and investigator. She emphasized the usefulness of diversification of work to sustain a practice, getting involved in mediation organizations, and taking mediation training to build a strong foundation.

Yolanda discussed the value of mentors and the importance of having a business plan and finding a niche. She also gave tips on establishing yourself in the field by getting on alternative dispute resolution panels and being involved in all types of organizations where your mediation skills could be a resource and where you could get experience mediating a range of disputes.

Judge Kawaichi discussed the continuum of mediation styles, including the traditional evaluative/directive approach often used in legal mediations and the more facilitative approach used in community mediation. He noted the importance of

having broad experience in all styles of mediation to enhance your ability to resolve a variety of disputes, which would help enhance your reputation as a mediator.

Grande discussed the effectiveness of the interest-based approach to mediation and negotiation, which involves looking at the stakeholders, their politics and underlying interests to resolve disputes.

Daisy Hung, co-chair of the AABA Community Services Committee and Social Committee, attended the event. "I was excited to see that AABA had organized a panel on mediation. The diverse panelists were very helpful in providing resources and tips on what it takes to become a successful mediator. The presentation was informative, well-organized, and drew from diverse perspectives."

For more information about mediation in the Bay Area, go to, [www.adrnc.net](http://www.adrnc.net).



The Social Committee is excited to bring you . . .

**AABA'S HOLIDAY PARTY**

**SAVE THE DATE - December 9, 2008**

There will be food, drinks, and a LIVE AUCTION to benefit AABA's Law Foundation scholarships for law students. Please look out for more details to come shortly. Join us in San Francisco to ring in the holidays!

If you want to make a donation for the auction or have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Daisy J. Hung at [dhung@apilegaloutreach.org](mailto:dhung@apilegaloutreach.org).

The In-House Committee of the Asian American Bar Association (AABA) cordially invites you to

**THE 3rd ANNUAL IN-HOUSE COUNSEL/LAW FIRM NETWORKING EVENT**

Thursday, November 6  
6:00-8:00 p.m.

Archipelago Restaurant  
<http://www.archipelagobistro.com/>  
1107 Howard Avenue  
Burlingame, CA 94010  
650.348.3888

This annual event is sponsored by Holme, Roberts & Owen and DLA Piper and will feature a taste of fine foods, drinks, and appetizers and provide an opportunity for Asian American in-house counsel and private law firm attorneys to network.

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October 24, 2008

### **Call for Papers**

Dear Colleague:

The *East Asia Law Review* at the University of Pennsylvania Law School is now accepting submissions for our next issue scheduled for publication in May 2009. Originally published in 2004-2005 as the *Chinese Law and Policy Review*, the journal changed its name to the *East Asia Law Review* with the publication of Volume 3 to reflect our desire to expand our focus.

The mission of the *East Asia Law Review* is to provide a forum for the study of the law of East Asian nations. Thus, submissions should pertain to the law and its practice, implementation or implications in East Asian nations. Additionally, we welcome submissions of a comparative nature that examine legal issues faced by East Asian nations alongside similar issues of other Asian or non-Asian nations.

The *East Asia Law Review* will select the highest quality manuscripts for publication. There are no length requirements and submissions may be of any type, including articles, essays, regulation reviews, and book reviews. While the *Review* can check sources in select non-English languages, all submissions must be in English, and all submissions should conform to our guidelines, which are posted online at <http://www.pennealr.com/pages/submissions/guidelines.php>. Citations conforming to the Bluebook citation style are strongly preferred.

The recently published Volume 3 is available at our website, <http://www.pennealr.com>. As we begin preparing Volume 4, the *East Asia Law Review* hopes to substantially expand our distribution. To that end, all of our previous volumes will be available via Westlaw and on our website. We are currently soliciting library subscriptions and considering distribution via other channels. The *Review* will make a strong effort to broadly disseminate your work.

For further information or to submit a manuscript visit our website at <http://www.pennealr.com> or contact us at [articles@pennealr.com](mailto:articles@pennealr.com). The *East Asia Law Review* will accept submissions for Volume 4 through January 15, 2009, with the potential for extensions with prior approval of the Editorial Board.

Sincere Regards,

Alejandro Salicrup  
Editor-in-Chief, Vol. 4

## Calendar of Upcoming Events

### NOVEMBER

How to Address Negative Attitudes or Comments of a Judge Toward Minority Attorneys & Clients.

**November 6.** 5:30pm. Wendel, Rosen, Black & Dean LLP, 111 Broadway, 24th Floor, Oakland.

3rd Annual In-House Counsel/Law Firm Networking event. **November 6.** 6:00 - 8:00pm. Archipelago Restaurant. 1107 Howard Avenue, Burlingame.

API Bar Associations' Reception for State Bar President Holly Fujie - **November 10,** 2008, 6-8pm, Hanson Bridgett, 425 Market St., 26th Floor, San Francisco

AABA Judges' Reception - **November 12,** 2008, 6-8pm, Reed Smith, 2 Embarcadero Center, Suite 2000, San Francisco

AABA Idol event. **November 13.** 6:00pm - 9:00pm. 1705 Buchanan Street (in Japantown), playground.

NAPABA Annual Convention. **November 19-23.** Seattle, WA

### DECEMBER



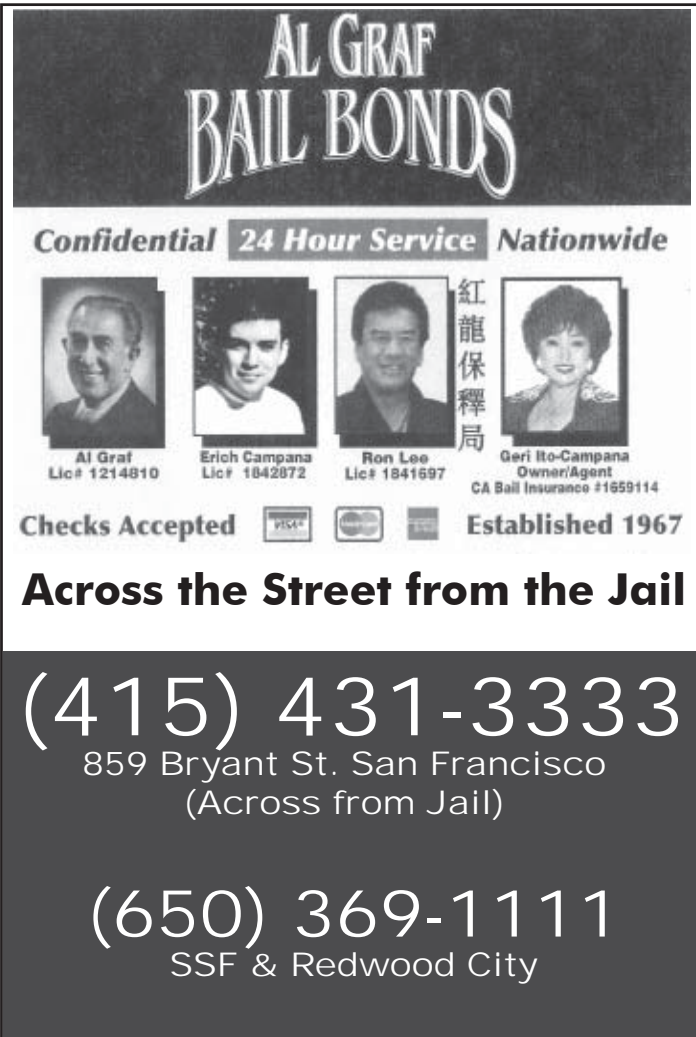
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