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**President's Column**

Edwin Prather, AABA President

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**AABA Open House**

If you build it, they will come ...

On November 8, 2007, AABA will host its first ever "open house." Participation is AABA is no secret and we welcome any and all members who have a desire to serve the Asian American legal community. Participation in an AABA committee is a great way for any lawyer – but especially newer ones – to get involved and create collegial relationships with other Asian American attorneys. While most members join a committee by way of introduction, we wanted to host an event where law students, new members and even long-time AABA members would learn about our committees and the work they do by talking directly to committee members and chairpersons. If you or someone you know has been waiting to get more involved or learn about the available opportunities, this is THE event. No one is certain how this event became a carnival, but credit (or blame) currently resides with AABA Secretary Billy Chan.

The Membership Committee (Esther Que, Janet Li, Kay Tuazon and Marcus Wu) has been hard at work to execute AABA's first carnival and I understand that they've planned great food, drink, carnival games, prizes and popcorn and cotton candy machines. I also heard a rumor that Marcus is dressing up as a clown to welcome new AABA members, but I believe the committee may have rethought the logic of that decision.

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Please see Janet's write-up on the carnival with a bar – hence "Bar-nival" – on page 4. This is not an event to be missed. Please join us on November 8<sup>th</sup> at what guarantees to be a fantastically fun time.

**MBC Unity Conference**

Back in February of this year, I met with AABA's Civil Rights Committee Co-chairs – Juna Kim, Adrianne DeCastro and Steve Ngo – and asked them to think outside the box so AABA could be proactive in addressing civil rights issues in addition to the reactive positions that AABA has taken in the past.

What came out of that meeting was the committee's forward-thinking idea to have a conference focused on civil rights issues important to Asian Americans. That idea evolved into a civil rights conference focusing on the issues important to all marginalized communities. Instead of hosting an AABA conference, we believed that to be truly inclusive of all minority bar associations, the conference needed to be hosted by all groups, not just AABA. After a quick pitch to the Minority Bar Coalition of Northern California, the first ever MBC Diversity Conference was born.

Juna, Adrianne, Steve and AABA Board Member Marissa Tirona could have merely turned over the planning and organizing to the MBC. However, from the outset, this group was determined to be part of a conference that discussed true civil rights issues. In this vein, they did the lion's share of work and saw this project through to the end. On October 19<sup>th</sup>, a fantastic conference came to fruition at Golden Gate University (special thanks to Rod Fong for making that happen). The conference included many of AABA's own talented members: Malcolm Yeung, Billy Chan, Sin Yen Ling, and honorary AABA members, such as the Asian Pacific American Legal Center's Eugene Lee. The conference culminated in a reception at which the MBC and its member organizations honored community leaders for their commitment to the promotion of diversity. I was proud to be honored by BASF, along with AABA member Khurshid Khoja (honored by SABA) and former AABA President David Chiu (honored by AABA).

I am compelled to share with you that after MBC Unity Reception, Malcolm and I were lured to Carmen's Bar and Grill by AABA members Ace Climaco, Rhean Fajardo and Billy Chan with a promise of a great Pilipino meal and all the San Miguel beer we could drink. What they didn't tell us was that Carmen's was the site of a USF Pilipino American Law Students' Association karaoke contest between various USF Law School student groups. We had a wonderful time and I want to thank USF PALS for their wonderful hospitality.

I was even allowed to submit an entrant to represent AABA in the karaoke contest. The President's choice was none other than the Asian Law Caucus' Malcolm Yeung. Malcolm brought the house down with his rendition of Jon Bon Jovi's *Living on a Prayer* and I nearly lost my voice cheering him on. While we left immediately after his song, I'm certain that the students ended the night humming Malcolm's song all the way home.



Awardees Edwin and David



Conference organizers Juna and Adrianne



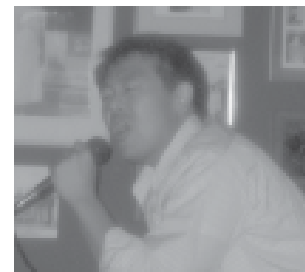
Billy contemplates the issues raised during his panel



Marissa, Rod and Priya Sanger



Eugene and Mal, post panel



Malcolm brings his "A" game

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## PRESIDENT'S PROFILES . . .



**MARK MORODOMI** - Mark is a Supervising Deputy City Attorney for the Oakland City Attorney's Office. Mark supervises the General Government and Finance Unit which handles the city's legal matters relating to tax policy, public finance, public art, museums, parks and recreation, libraries, health and human services, cable franchises, administrative adjudication, utilities, and grants to nonprofits. Prior to joining the City Attorney's Office, Mark was in Washington, D.C. serving as Policy Advisor to Under Secretary of the Treasury overseeing the Secret Service, U.S. Customs Service, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, and the IRS-Criminal Investigations Division. He is also a past president of the Asian Bar Association of Sacramento and a former governor of the national board of the national Asian Pacific American lawyers organization. He is immediate past president of the Asian/Pacific Bar of California, a statewide coalition of California's Asian/Pacific American Bar associations.

**What historical figure do you most identify with?** Judge Frank M. Johnson Jr., the Alabama Federal judge that helped desegregate the South despite threats of retribution.

**What do you consider to be your greatest achievement?** Graduating from college, law school, and becoming a lawyer. My parents never had such opportunities.

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**LUCY KOH** - Lucy is a partner at McDermott Will & Emery LLP, focusing on complex civil litigation involving patent infringement, trade secret misappropriation and commercial disputes. Prior to joining McDermott, Lucy was an Assistant U.S. Attorney specializing in major fraud. Lucy has argued before the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals and has extensive appellate experience.

**What was your favorite class in law school?** Trial advocacy.

**In law school, did you sit in the front of the room or the back?** Way back.

**What do you wish you knew in law school that you know now?** I wish I knew I needed a mentor.

**Which living person do you most admire?** My husband. He got a B.A., J.D., and Ph. D. in nine years while raising his younger brother and taking care of his mom.

**What do you consider to be your greatest achievement?** Having two healthy and happy children.

**What is the most important lesson you've learned on the job?** You always have to market yourself. That was true when I was at the Department of Justice and is painfully true now as a law firm partner. This is challenging for me because it goes against what I was taught as a child.

**What's the most cherished possession you've ever lost?** One of my daughter's first photo albums

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**JAMES HIGA** - James is an associate at the law firm of Burnham Brown in Oakland, representing small and mid-sized business enterprises in general civil litigation matters, including product and premises liability, government and public entity issues and contract disputes. James is the quintessential Bay Area lawyer, having attended Saint Ignatius High School, Cal and USF Law and previously serving as a deputy public defender in the San Francisco County Public Defender's Office. He is the co-chair of AABA's Mentorship Committee, helping to shape the minds and careers of our future Asian legal community leaders.

**What was your favorite class in law school?** Race, Law and Policy.

**In law school, did you sit in the front of the room or the back?** Back. Way back.

**What do you wish you knew in law school that you know now?** That there really is such a thing as a "dream job" in the legal professional world.

**If you were not an attorney, what would you be?** Professor. Of course, I'm not sure that I know anything well enough to actually "profess" it.

**What is the most important lesson you've learned on the job?** Take your work very seriously but never take yourself too seriously.

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## AABA Open House Carnival – November 8, 2007

By Janet Li, Membership Committee Co-chair

The AABA Membership Committee is proud to present an open house, nicknamed “The AABA BARNIVAL” complete with carnival games, music, raffles, prizes, great food and drinks on Thursday, November 8, 2007. The festivities will commence at 5:00 p.m at the Bentley Reserve located at 301 Battery Street, 3rd Floor. All law students, AABA members and prospective members are encouraged to attend to learn more about AABA, what we do and the roles of the 13 committees! Come mingle, master the carnival games, and network with your fellow AABA members as you learn more about the largest local Asian bar association in the country and its various advocacy, activities and programs. We welcome you to join a committee! Come join the fun! Please email questions to [membership@aaba-bay.com](mailto:membership@aaba-bay.com).

## AABA Mentorship Kickoff Brunch a Huge Success

By James Higa, Mentorship Committee Co-Chair

On Saturday, October 13, 2007, the AABA Mentorship Committee sponsored its annual Mentorship Brunch. Over 100 law students and attorneys attended the Brunch, which was graciously hosted by the offices of Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe in San Francisco for the second year in a row. The attendees dined on a variety of sweet and savory treats, while also having the opportunity to meet with their assigned mentors or mentees, as well as with the numerous other members of the AABA community who were in attendance.

After a brief introduction of the mentorship program by Mentorship Committee Co-Chair Marshall Khine, AABA President Edwin Prather addressed the attendees, offering an inspirational address on the value of the Mentorship Program in perpetuating AABA by allowing mentees to benefit from the experience and knowledge of their AABA mentors. AABA Vice President Celia Lee also spoke, reminding the mentors in attendance just how valuable their advice and counsel can be to law students on the cusp of their professional careers.

The Mentorship Brunch, the customary kickoff event for the mentorship program, generally represents the first opportunity for law student mentees to meet with their assigned AABA mentors. The mentorship process begins with the prospective law student mentees

submitting applications in which the students identify practice areas of interest. Based upon the identified areas of interest, the Mentorship Committee matches the students with practicing AABA professionals working in those selected areas of interest. This year, the Mentorship Committee has received law student applicants from Boalt, Hastings, USF, Golden Gate and Santa Clara, all expressing a wide array of interests. In turn, those students have been matched with AABA mentors working in civil firms, government agencies, private corporations, as well as in the judiciary.

The Mentorship Committee would like to thank all who attended the event and who made it such a resounding success. The Mentorship Committee would also like to recognize all of those mentors and mentees who expressed their interest in attending but whose busy schedules prevented their presence. The Mentorship Committee would like to specifically thank the Honorable Julie Tang and the Honorable Delbert Gee for their attendance and continued support of the Mentorship Program.

If you are still interested in being a mentee or a mentor, it is never too late to sign up for the Mentorship Program. Email [aaba\\_mentorship@yahoo.com](mailto:aaba_mentorship@yahoo.com) for information.



(L to R) Hastings Team and Coaches: Cary Chen, Michelle Law, Susan Shin, Kathy Dong, Simone Pang, Teri Nguyen, Justin Lau, Kent Morizawa

## Bay Area Law Schools Dominate at Thomas Tang Regional Moot Court Competition

AABA would like to extend its warm congratulations to the USF and Hastings teams for their success in the regional portion of the Thomas Tang Regional Moot Court Competition held at UCLA on October 20, 2007. The USF team of Abigail Rivamonte and Charla Welch won the award for Best Brief. The USF teams were led by alumni Glenn Kim and its other team included Stefanie Yow and Caio Arellano.

Both Hastings teams dominated at oral argument: Simone Pang and Kathy Dong took overall 1st place led by coaches Kent Morizawa and Michelle Law. Justin Lau and Teri Nguyen took overall 3rd place led by coaches Susan Shin and coach Cary Chen.

The competition honors the late Judge Thomas Tang, a champion of individual rights, and an ardent supporter of the Asian American community. Seventy-one teams from law schools throughout the country are participating in the competition. The Hastings students will advance to the National Competition in Las Vegas.

**We wish them the best of luck!**



(L to R) Best Brief Winners from USF  
Team: Abigail Rivamonte and  
Charla Welch

*President's Note: AABA Board Member Isabel Choi has temporary relocated to Paris to explore AABA's expansion into France (well, actually she's spending time with her husband there on assignment). We've asked Isabel to share her humorous and informative stories from the front lines.*

## DNA Testing for French Immigration

*By Isabel Choi, AABA Board Member*

I know my parents love me,  
Stand behind me come what may.  
I know now that I'm ready,  
Because I finally heard them say  
It's a different world from where you come from.

Here's a chance to make it,  
If we focus on our goals.  
If you dish it we can take it,  
Just remember you've been told  
It's a different world from where you come from.  
It's a different world from where you come from.



Anyone watch *A Different World* in the late '80s? A spin-off series from *The Cosby Show*, the show originally centered on daughter Denise Huxtable and the lives of fellow students at Hillman College, a fictionally African American college in Virginia.

I didn't realize how loyally I watched the show until the theme song's refrain recently popped into my head. What triggered this? On October 16, 2007, President Sarkozy's administration finalized a law to implement DNA testing to confirm the blood relationships of prospective immigrants who wish to join family in France. The French Assembly is expected to have passed the law by the time you read this article.

Newly passed legislation already requires immigrant family members older than 16 to take a test to demonstrate a good knowledge of French language and values. Applicants also have to prove that their family in France could support them and earn at least the minimum wage. Then the law was quietly amended to include DNA testing, purportedly to prevent document fraud.

France reacted heatedly, which caused Brice Hortefeux, the head

of the new Ministry of Immigration and National Identity, to "water" down the proposal and emphasize the following: 1) the genetic testing would be voluntary; 2) free and subject to a 18-month trial period; 3) and it would verify only maternity, to avoid potentially embarrassing questions of paternity. Well, thank goodness they considered that question of propriety.

Yes, barreling past waves of repugnance over human rights violations and screaming suspicions that France hasn't treated people with this much respect since the Vichy period, I'm certain that the applications of those who refuse DNA testing won't drift to the bottom of the pile. I'm sure that after the trial period, the Ministry won't charge a couple hundred dollars to administer the testing, which would weed out entire classes of immigrants. (My visitor status residency card cost \$400.) And undoubtedly, the Ministry will look the other way if "undesirable" genetic coding reveals itself, which adopted family members wouldn't have to worry about anyway.

The timing of this law was brilliant. In the same week, Paris hosted the final games of the World Rugby Cup, in which 60,000 British fans poured into the city. Simultaneously, labor leaders declared they would throw the biggest strike in 12 years and debilitate

France's public transport system, which in turn caused the press to ponder how on earth will our British neighbors get to the Stade de France? But Sarkozy wouldn't allow the media to concentrate on the issues behind the strike either: he announced on the day of the strike that he and his wife divorced some time ago. Nearly every news publication the next day led with a "Desperate Housewife!" or "Cécélie Speaks Out!" story.

One more story suffered in the local news: a new museum commissioned by former president Jacques Chirac, dedicated to immigrant histories and achievements in France, opened in the same week as well. Neither Sarkozy nor Hortefeux appeared for an inauguration ceremony, as Sarkozy did so for the new architecture museum. While the immigration museum unfortunately is unremarkable, I did learn that one out of every four French has a foreign grandparent. This would include Mr. Sarkozy, actually a son of a Hungarian immigrant. France will join 11 other European countries that conduct DNA testing to determine citizenship. It is becoming a very different world for Europe-bound immigrants.

# The Asian American Bar Association of the Greater Bay Area – AABA

## **JOB ANNOUNCEMENT:**

All inquiries and applications should be directed to AABA President, Edwin Prather at [eprather@clarencedyer.com](mailto:eprather@clarencedyer.com)

**Job Title:** Operations Manager

### **Summary:**

The Asian American Bar Association of the Greater Bay Area is a national leader on matters of importance to Asian American attorneys, serving as a collective voice for the unified expression of opinions and positions on matters of concern to all Asian American attorneys. AABA encourages and promotes the professional growth of its members. It is an organization deeply rooted in the community, continuing to use its resources and expertise to serve the public interest through legal clinics and other pro bono programs. AABA continues to foster the exchange of ideas surrounding the defense of civil rights. AABA continues to fight for the retention of Asian American law firm associates and increasing Asian American leadership in law firms and the number of Asian American jurists.

### **Responsibilities:**

AABA's Operations Manager (part time, 10-15 hours/week), an executive level position, would be responsible for overseeing, managing and facilitating the day-to-day operations of AABA and its many committees. The Operations Manager would aid in implementing AABA's various efforts, initiatives and programs by serving as the primary individual responsible for coordination and monitoring of the planning, logistics, and execution of AABA's programs through its committees, including working with necessary vendors. The Operations Manager would report directly to AABA's Officers and Board of Directors, and would work with committee co-chairs.

### **Specific responsibilities include:**

- Assisting with the planning of various AABA events including the organization's annual fundraising banquet;
- Providing a point-of-contact for inquiries originating outside the organization;
- Working with AABA's Newsletter, Website and Media committees, to advance public relations, press conferences, and marketing activities for AABA's various diversity efforts;
- Maintenance of the organization's membership database and functionality;
- Creating and supplementing content on the organization's website;
- Maintenance of the organization's official records and documents to ensure compliance with federal, state and local regulations;
- Working with the organization's Treasurer to ensure the development and maintenance of sound financial practices and the planning of an annual budget;
- Tracking AABA's "Call to Community Service" program and other similar future projects;
- Tracking, and reporting on diversity-related activities and varying issues of concern within the Bay Area legal community and the Asian Pacific American legal community both in the Bay Area and nationwide, and maintaining a calendar of pertinent events; and
- Providing assistance and input regarding AABA's strategic planning process to AABA's Officers and Board of Directors.

- Other potential responsibilities would include providing research assistance to the Officers and Board of Directors and representing AABA at meetings and events.

### **Requirements:**

- BA or MA degree in relevant academic discipline, or equivalent experience;
- Understanding of problems facing Asian Americans in the legal community and demonstrated commitment to these groups;
- Exposure to advocacy efforts on behalf of a variety of minority communities;
- Excellent writing, communication, public speaking and public relations skills;
- Demonstrated experience in the development of program plans and project coordination, including cost/budget management;
- Demonstrated ability to meet deadlines and work well with others under pressure; and
- Vision, creativity, and a passion for improving service to the Asian American legal community.

### **Additional preferred qualities:**

- Range of experience across areas related to litigation, management, and program planning, as well as, experience working in collaborative legal developments and in coalitions with other groups;
- J.D. degree and experience either in the practice of law or in public interest advocacy; and
- Experience in dealing with organizations of AABA's comparable size and complexity.

## AABA ELECTION NOTICE

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AABA will be conducting elections for the 2008-09 AABA Board of Directors. We encourage all qualified members to consider joining the leadership of our bar association.

For the 2008-09 election, the following positions will be open and subject to vote by the members of the Association: Vice-President (President-Elect), Secretary, Treasurer, and three Directors at Large positions.

All AABA members desiring to run for a position as an Officer or Director at Large must complete and submit an application form by **November 30, 2007**. An application form is available on the AABA Website Elections Page 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 (2007-08); or has served as an Officer or Director at Large for the immediately preceding year (2007-08); or has obtained the signatures of 25 active 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 (2006-07 and 2007-08).

Once an application is submitted, applicants will have until **December 10, 2007** 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.

Active attorney members as of **December 1, 2007** 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 18, 2008**. Candidates will be informed of the election results, and the elections results will be posted in the February 2008 newsletter and on the AABA website.

An Election Committee has been created to administer AABA's election of Officers and Directors at Large for the 2008-09 year. If you have any questions about the election process, please contact Reichi Lee at [reichilee@yahoo.com](mailto:reichilee@yahoo.com).



**AABA ELECTION APPLICATION (2008-09)**

Notice Of Intent To Run For Office

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

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

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

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

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 AABA members supporting that member's candidacy. If you choose the last option, please contact Reichi Lee at [reichilee@yahoo.com](mailto:reichilee@yahoo.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 **November 30, 2007**. Please return your application to: Reichi Lee, Meyers Nave, 575 Market Street, Suite 2600, San Francisco, CA 94105, or via email at [reichilee@yahoo.com](mailto:reichilee@yahoo.com).

**PRESIDENT'S COLUMN** *continued from page 2*

### **President's Profiles**

I have selected three members to profile this month. Helping plan our open house event reminded me of the many welcoming and supportive AABA members I've encountered since the beginning of my AABA involvement many years ago. Everyone knows the ubiquitous Mark Morodomi as he has been instrumental in the development of dozens of AABA leaders over the years. But did you know that Mark's first car was a 1961 American Motor's Rambler? For more interesting facts about Mark please see his profile on page 3.

AABA recently voted to endorse Lucy Koh in her endeavor to become a judge in Santa Clara County. Lucy has been extremely involved in APABA-SV for several years and has been a longtime supporter of Asian American legal issues. I wish her good luck as she wraps up the JNE process and as her application finds its way back to Judicial Appointment Secretary Sharon Majors-Lewis. Sharon, in case you're reading this, Lucy would make an outstanding jurist.

On October 13<sup>th</sup>, the AABA Mentorship Committee hosted another highly-successful Mentorship Kickoff Brunch. With over 100 attendees, the mentorship program gets bigger year after year. James Higa — one of the Mentorship Committee Co-Chairs — is a close friend having worked with me at the San Francisco Public Defender's Office and with Magistrate Judge Ed Chen. Always a meticulous and dynamic personality, it is great to see James apply his talents to helping mentor our future Asian American lawyers. Learn more about James on page 3.

**MARK MORODOMI** *continued from page 3*

**What do you wish you knew in law school that you know now?** During the bar review course they finally explain all the "hide the ball" stuff they were trying to teach you during your first year.

**If you were not an attorney, what would you be?** An editorial cartoonist; there's nothing better than making a political point than a great cartoon.

**What is the most important lesson you've learned on the job?** Unless a person is grounded in one's principles, they will lose their way in the practice of law.

**What is your most marked characteristic?** I'm always even tempered.

**What skill should every lawyer have?** An ability to explain the law so that a non-lawyer can understand it.

**What's the worst physical pain you've ever experienced?** When I was training for my black belt, I

had my nose bloodied and got knocked down five straight times during one sparring bout. I got up six times.

**What was your favorite meal?** Corned beef hash and eggs on a Sunday morning.

**What was your first car?** A fifteen year-old 1961 powder blue American Motors Rambler. It would quit running when it rained because of an electrical short. It had only a transistor radio I stuck in the ashtray.

**What's the greatest honor you've ever received?** An article about me in the local Japanese language paper — finally something my parents could show off to their Nisei friends.

**What one experience do you want to have before you die?** Visiting Petra in Jordan and scuba diving the Great Barrier Reef.

**What do you like to do when you're not working?** Something outdoors—golf in the summer, skiing in the winter, scuba diving on vacation, growing tomatoes.

**Who are your heroes in real life?** My friends; despite my flaws, they still stick with me. Also, John Chiang, John Russo, Judge Thomas Tang and Dale Minami for all that they have accomplished despite the odds. Ed Prather, for what he's going to accomplish.

**What is your favorite cuisine?** I have to have Mexican once a week. Japanese is comfort food.

**What is your favorite restaurant?** Levende Lounge East in Oakland. Tell the owners I sent you.

**Fill in the blank. Most AABA members probably don't know that I...** volunteer with the American Red Cross to provide local disaster relief.

**AABA is ...** the professional network that can make us all better attorneys.

**LUCY KOH** *continued from page 3*

that had a lot of her early baby pictures.

**What skill should every lawyer have?** An ability to listen.

**What's the worst physical pain you've ever experienced?** Labor.

**How do you make your favorite drink?** My favorite drink is milk (yes, I am a nerd).

**Any recurring dreams?** Not any more, but when I was growing up, I had a recurring dream about floating above a big slab of ice with a heartbeat thumping very loudly and a black thread constantly doing a loop. (No, I am not a serial killer.)

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**LUCY KOH** *continued from page 10*

**What do you like to do when you're not working?**

Swim, travel, play with my kids, see movies.

**What is your favorite vacation destination?**

Rio de Janeiro

**What is your favorite restaurant?**

Passage to India

**Fill in the blank. Most AABA members probably don't know that I...** grew up in Mississippi and Oklahoma.

**AABA is ...** not to be confused with the Swedish pop group. Seriously, anyone who pays attention knows how much good AABA does for the API community.

**JAMES HIGA** *continued from page 3*

**What skill should every lawyer have?**

Ability to step back, take a deep breath, and smile. Also, listening is good.

**What was your first car?**

A 1982 Oldsmobile Cutlass.

**What is your most treasured possession?**

A letter from my grandmother ordering me to be nice to my parents. She was always really sick when I was a kid and when she could no longer speak, she scribbled this on a piece of paper. Amazingly, after all these years, I still have it.

**What's the greatest honor you've ever received?**

Having a client, who had done over twenty years in prison for some really nasty things, cry and thank me for "telling his story" during a misdemeanor trial. His mother baked me cookies.

**What was your favorite meal?**

Burger and Fries. Every time.

**What one experience do you want to have before you die?**

See Cal play in the BCS Championship Game.

**What is the last great movie that you saw?**

I don't really watch "great" movies. I'm more of a Knocked Up/Superbad kinda guy.

**What is your favorite restaurant?**

Oliveto.

**Fill in the blank. Most AABA members probably don't know that...**

I can actually grow out my hair.

**AABA is ...** only as successful as the amount of effort and commitment exhibited by its members.

## Upcoming Calendar of Events

**NOVEMBER**





AABA Open House Carnival . **November 8, 2007.** Bentley Reserve, 301 Battery Street, 3rd Floor, San Francisco. The festivities will commence at 5:00 pm.




19th NAPABA Convention in Las Vegas from **November 14-18th, 2007.**

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