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AABA'S FIRST-EVER CHINATOWN TOUR: A History Lesson Packed With Current Realities

By Daisy J. Hung, Community Service Committee Co-Chair

A typical gloomy San Francisco Saturday morning was transformed into an exuberant, educational adventure with the assistance of Reverend Norman Fong, community activist and Deputy Director of Program and Planning at the Chinatown Community Development Center ("CCDC"). On August 16, 2008, over 20 AABA members, their family members, and guests, convened in Portsmouth Square to go on a unique tour of San Francisco's Chinatown.

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



Location: San Francisco, CA

Date: October 2008

More details to follow.

We are currently soliciting singers for this new event. Share your singing skills with other AABA members, and compete for amazing prizes! Please contact Daisy J. Hung at dhung@apilegaloutreach.org, or (415) 567-6255, if you are interested in performing, or want to nominate someone to sing!

**We know there are some talented AABA members out there.
Help us make this evening one to remember.**

U.S. District Court, Northern District of California Seeking Early Neutral Evaluators

The ADR Program of the Northern District of California is now accepting applications for new evaluators to join the court's Early Neutral Evaluation Panel. Evaluators must possess substantial expertise in the subject matter of the cases assigned to them, as they will be called upon to make non-binding assessments of the likely outcome if the case proceeds. They also must have the temperament to listen well, to facilitate communication across party lines, and

to assist the parties with settlement negotiations. The minimum requirements for service as an evaluator on the court's panel are as follows:

- Admission to practice for at least 15 years;
- Considerable experience with civil litigation in federal court; and
- Successful completion of court sponsored training.

One-day training sessions will be offered on various dates in

November and December. Applicants with expertise in all federal case subject areas will be considered. There is an especially strong need for neutrals located in the South Bay. In order to receive full consideration, applications must be received no later than September 12th.

Potential applicants can find information and an online application at www.adr.cand.uscourts.gov.



8th Annual AABA Baseball Night

By Azalea Park, Social Committee Co-chair



On the auspicious date of 8-8-08, AABA members gathered for food, drinks and some friendly Nor Cal - So Cal rivalry at AABA's 8th Annual Baseball Night.

The annual event graciously sponsored by Perkins Coie kicked off at Pete's Tavern where AABA members and friends enjoyed drinks and appetizers while gearing up for the big game.

The festivities continued at AT&T Park where the Giants were off to a good start against the Dodgers scoring the only run in the first two innings. However, AABA's Los Angeles contingency proved strong as they cheered on the Dodgers to a 6 - 2 victory.

AABA is grateful for the continuous support of Perkins Coie for sponsoring Baseball Night. This event would not have been possible without their support and especially the tireless efforts of Patricia Nolan, the firm's Legal Recruiter and Client Relations Coordinator.

MBC Unity Conference

Taking Your Legal Vitamins

By Greg Jung, Education Committee Co-Chair

On August 21, 2008, AABA put on its first CLE program for the 2008-2009 year, entitled "**Taking Your Legal Vitamins: Best Practices for California Employers.**" Our speakers were Alison L. Tsao of Carlton DiSante & Freudenberg LLP and Henry Fong of Gap Inc., and Emi Gusukuma of Haas Najarian LLP moderated the discussion.

Alison's expertise as a labor and employment specialist, combined with Henry's experience and perspective as in-house counsel, made for an informative and energetic discussion. Among the issues discussed were recent cases, wage-and-hour issues, and investigation of complaints. Many thanks to Alison, Henry, and Emi for presenting, and to Reed Smith for hosting it! AABA has CLE events planned for September, October, and November—we hope to see you there!



The Asian American Bar Association
of the Greater Bay Area (AABA)

is hosting its

**Annual Mentor/Mentee
Fall Brunch**

Sunday, September 21, 2008

12 noon

Orrick Building
405 Howard Street, San Francisco

Many participated as AABA mentors last year, and turn out is expected to parallel or be greater!



Minority Bar Coalition



2008 MBC Unity Conference & Awards Reception “Choices and Unity”

Friday, October 10, 2008
11:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Golden Gate University
536 Mission Street, San Francisco, CA

Unity Conference Schedule

11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Luncheon & Keynote Panel:

*Fulfilling the Promise of
Equality: California’s Marriage Cases*
Moderator: Elizabeth Cabraser
Panelists: Elizabeth Gill, Stuart Gaffney,
Professor Courtney Joslin, Therese Stewart

2:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Session 1 (choose one panel):

Panel A:

*Choosing America’s Next President:
How Gender, Race, and the Media
Affect Our Choices*

Panel B:

*Minority Candidates in Local Elections:
The Role of Coalition Building*

3:45 p.m. – 5:15 p.m.

Session 2 (choose one panel):

Panel A:

Taking Control of Your Legal Career

Panel B:

*Legislation by the People? California
State Initiatives*

*CLE credit available for selected panels

Unity Awards Reception

5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Please join us for a hosted reception
honoring the winners of 2008 MBC Unity
Awards from our member organizations:

Asian American Bar Association

Bar Association of San Francisco

Bay Area Association of Muslim Lawyers

Bay Area Lawyers for Individual Freedom

Charles Houston Bar Association

Filipino Bar Association of Northern California

Korean American Bar Association

Queen’s Bench Bar Association

San Francisco La Raza Lawyers’ Association

*South Asian Bar Association of
Northern California*

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of Northern California*

**2008 Champion of Unity Award Winner
Edwin Prather**

For more information, contact:
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Registration

Please indicate your participation:

Luncheon & Keynote Panel

Session 1 (Choose one): Panel A Panel B

Session 2 (Choose one): Panel A Panel B

Unity Awards Reception

Name _____

Employer/Law School _____

Address _____

Contact Phone # _____

E-mail address _____

Registration fee: \$20.00 (tax deductible). Free to Law Students!

Please make checks payable to: BASF Foundation; on Memo Line: MBC 2008

Mail this completed registration form & check to:

Angius & Terry LLP, Attn: Cristina Gomez • P.O. Box 8077 • Walnut Creek, CA 94596

Registration fees and forms must be received by Friday, October 3, 2008

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**International Association of
Korean Lawyers (IAKL)**

16th Annual Conference

**Thursday, September 11 -
Sunday, September 14, 2008**

**Radisson Plaza Warwick Hotel
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania U.S.A.**

Online Hotel Reservations:
<http://www.radisson.com/iakl>

Register by August 11, 2008 with the
enclosed registration form.

www.usa.iakl.info



IAKL

Conference Fees and Payment Information

\$325 - Early bird registration by August 11, 2008

\$375 - After August 11, 2008

\$200 - Government, nonprofit, Student rate

Registration fee includes Fri & Sat lunch and dinner

\$60 Dinner guests (Fri or Sat Dinner)

Optional golf package fee \$150 (club rental not included)

Please send your registration form and checks to:

Jean Kim

Stiller + Buxbaum

1154 Chestnut Street, San Francisco, CA 94109

Telephone: (415) 434-1800 ext 12, Fax: (415) 434-1722

Email: jkim@stillerlaw.com

Please contact Jean Kim if need wire transfer information.

Hotel Information

Please make your hotel reservations by August 11th at Radisson Hotel's online reservations and note Promotion Code: IAKL for the conference rate of \$169.

1701 Locust Street, Philadelphia, PA 19103

<http://www.radisson.com/iakl>

IAKL 2008 Conference Registration Form

Name: _____

Company: _____

Area of Specialty: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Website _____

Telephone: _____ Fax: _____

Golf Information

Optional golf Sunday at course TBD. Please indicate:

I will be playing golf. I will not be playing golf.



Celebrating the Achievements of Professor Donna Ryu

At the UC Hastings Skyroom
100 McAllister Street, 24th Floor, San Francisco

Parking available at the Civic Center Parking Garage
335 McAllister St. between Larkin and Polk

**Thursday, September 18, 2008
6:00 P.M. to 8:30 P.M.**

*Please RSVP by September 12, 2008 via e-mail to
rsvp.ryu.reception@gmail.com
Refreshments provided*

Sponsored by the Korean American Bar Association of NorCal and
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NAPABA APA-Owned Law Firm Directory To Be Launched

The new APA-owned law firm directory will soon be launched on the NAPABA website. For the purpose of this directory, we require that a firm be 51% or more owned by APAs to be considered an APA-owned law firm.

To continually develop the services we provide to our affiliates, members and the greater public, we encourage you to forward the news of this directory to your small and solo law firm attorneys and to ask them to join the database if they are APA-owned. Please ask that they fill out the following information if they are interested in being a part of the directory and to send it to info@napaba.org with "APA-Owned law firm directory" in the subject line.

Firm name: _____

APA Partner(s) Names: _____

Number of Attorneys: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____

Zip: _____

Email: _____

Website: _____

Phone Number: _____

Fax Number: _____

Practice Areas: _____

If any firm has more than one office, please provide the above information for each office so that each is properly listed in the database. We appreciate your assistance. Together, NAPABA and its membership will ensure the growth of the APA-owned law firm directory.

If you have any questions or suggestions, please feel free to contact Palak Sheth, Program Director National Asian Pacific American Bar Association at programs@napaba.org or by phone at (202) 775-9555.

The Litigation Section of The Bar Association of San Francisco and SF Jurisprudence Café
are pleased to present their

Second Annual Jurisprudence Luncheon

The Legal Philosophies Behind the California Supreme Court's Marriage Equality Decision

Moderator
James J. Brosnahan
Morrison & Foerster, LLP

SPEAKERS
Honorable Joseph R. Grodin
Former Justice, California Supreme Court
Distinguished Emeritus Professor of Law, University of California
Hastings College of the Law

Professor Gerald F. Uelman
Professor of Law and Director, Edwin A. Heafey Jr. Center for Trial
and Appellate Advocacy, Santa Clara University School of Law

Therese M. Stewart
Chief Deputy City Attorney
San Francisco City Attorney's Office

TOPICS

- Speakers will discuss the philosophical underpinnings of both majority and minority opinions.

Thursday, October 16, 2008
 BASF Conference Center
 301 Battery Street • 3rd Floor

\$35 Student, Government, and
 Nonprofit Attorneys • \$45 Section Members
 \$55 BASF Members • \$70 Others

MCLE: 1 Hours
 MCLE Registration: 11:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
 Program: 12:00 – 1:30 p.m.
 Event Code: G083113

Special Information:

- **YOU ARE NOT REGISTERED UNTIL YOUR PAYMENT HAS BEEN RECEIVED IN OUR OFFICE.** Please complete the registration form below and mail it with your check so that we receive it by October 4th.
- You must sign in at the program during the defined registration period as indicated on this program announcement. MCLE credit will not be given if you arrive after the registration period has ended. In addition, reservations will be only held for 25 minutes beyond start time. At that time, seats are considered "no-shows" and can be sold.
- **CANCELLATION AND REFUND POLICY:** If you cannot attend a seminar after you have pre-registered, please let us know 48 hours in advance and we will refund your money, minus a \$5.00 handling fee.

Please make checks payable to BASF.

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 301 Battery Street, 3rd Floor • San Francisco, CA 94111

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Fax Credit Card Registration to (415) 477-2388 or Register on-line at www.sfbar.org

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This activity has been approved for Minimum Continuing Legal Education credit by the State Bar of California in the amount specified. The Bar Association of San Francisco is a State Bar of California certified provider.

People with disabilities should feel free to contact us regarding any reasonable accommodation we may be able to provide so you can fully utilize our services..



Asian American Law Journal

Dear Bar Leader,

The *Asian American Law Journal* (AALJ) at the U.C. Berkeley School of Law is pleased to invite article submissions for our sixteenth volume. We hope that you can distribute this announcement to your membership.

As one of the nation's two law journals dedicated to Asian American jurisprudence, we are committed to providing a forum for scholars, practitioners, and students to address legal and policy issues relevant to Asian American and Pacific Islander communities. Our mission is to promote excellent scholarship that fosters awareness and dialogue within and beyond the legal community.

Past volumes have addressed such issues as immigration, civil liberties, community development, and political engagement. Any unpublished articles, notes, or comments regarding legal, political, or social issues affecting Asian American and Pacific Islander communities are welcome.

If you are interested in contributing to AALJ's sixteenth volume, please submit your piece early. Articles will be reviewed on a rolling basis until October 15, 2008 for publication in Summer 2009.

Articles submitted should meet the following requirements:

- Document must be sent as a Microsoft Word attachment to aalj.submissions@gmail.com.
- Document must be double-spaced.
- Document must be in 12 point Times New Roman font, at least thirty (30) pages long, with one-inch margins.
- Footnotes must be within text (i.e. incorporated at end of each page).
- Footnote citations must conform to *The Bluebook: A Uniform System of Citation* (18th ed.).
- Statements made in text must be supported by outside authority.
- **Deadline for submission for Summer 2009 is October 15, 2008.**
- Accepted articles will undergo a rigorous editing process, and authors will be required to meet revision deadlines.

Please feel free to send questions or concerns to the Submissions Editor, Sophia Lai at aalj.submissions@gmail.com.

We look forward to receiving your submissions.

Sincerely,

AALJ Editorial Board
2008-2009



ASIAN AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION
OF THE GREATER BAY AREA



invite you to attend an evening CLE program

CAREERS BEYOND THE PARTNER TRACK

PANELISTS:

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Ja Moon - Corporate Counsel, Genentech (Co-Chair AABA In-house Committee)

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Mehul Patel - EVP Corporate Development, Axiom

DESCRIPTION:

Career dissatisfaction amongst practicing attorneys often seems synonymous with the legal profession, but how are current trends in the legal industry specifically affecting law firm associates? The percentage of minority partners remains dismally low, and the emphasis on Profits-Per-Partner as the metric for success has further decreased partnership opportunities for everyone. While large law firms may still remain the best (and most lucrative) place for junior attorneys to get their training, what career options are available to mid-level associates who have earned their stripes and are now reconsidering the partner track? Is it possible to attain more flexibility and self-determination over one's career without sacrificing perceived prestige?

Learn from attorneys who have moved beyond law firm practice. This program will explore real alternative career opportunities for experienced attorneys, as well as address the tradeoffs of those options, what legal experiences were important to advancing/making those changes, and how to go about pursuing them.

DATE: Tuesday, September 23, 2008

TIME: 7-9pm (panel 7-8pm followed by reception with drinks & appetizers)

LOCATION: Quadrus Conference Center - 2400 Saga Lane, Palo Alto, CA

MCLE: 1 General Credit (Pending)

RSVP: rsvp-sf@axiomlaw.com

(There is no cost to attend this program.)

The In-House Counsel Committees of the
Asian American Bar Association of the Greater Bay Area
and the Asian Pacific Bar Association of Silicon Valley
invite you to a presentation by Peggy Nagae on
**The Asian American In-House Lawyer:
Communicating Your Value and Building Teams Within Your Company**

Thursday, October 2, 2008

Reception: 6:00-7:00pm | Program: 7:00-8:00pm | Post-Program Networkin: 8:00-8:30pm

For more information, please contact

Kevin M. Fong 415.983.1270 or kevin.fong@pillsburylaw.com

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Advancing Diversity

SAVE THE DATE

Thursday Sept 18th, 5 - 7pm

Do you ever get the feeling that you need to
"get out from behind your desk and go talk to people?"

Location: BURNHAM | BROWN
 1901 Harrison Street, 11th Floor, Oakland
 RSVP to Wainani Kalahale; (510) 835-6713 or rsvp@burnhambrown.com

If so, here is your chance. Burnham Brown has teamed up with the **Barristers of the Alameda County Bar Association** to advance diversity in the Bay Area legal and business environment. Representatives from the business community and minority bar associations will be on hand to discuss current action plans for advancing diversity on both the local and national level. No long speeches or lectures - just interaction. **So mark your calendar now for an evening of good food, cultural exchange and business networking.**



The 23rd Trade Expo

October 21-25, 2008

**Jakarta International Expo
 Kemayoran-Jakarta, Indonesia**

For more information,
 please contact us at:
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 1111 Columbus Ave
 San Francisco, CA 94133
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 415-441-4320 (fax)

For more information,
 please contact AABA member
 Patrick Christian at
 415 783-6736 or
pchristian@deloitte.com

AABA'S FIRST-EVER CHINATOWN TOUR: continued from page 1

We explored places normally inaccessible to the public, and sights beyond the regularly tread main streets, markets, and stores of Chinatown.

The theme for the morning, was housing. With the help of AABA Secretary, Malcolm Yeung, Rev. Fong really drove home the point that low income Asian Pacific Islander individuals in Chinatown have very limited affordable housing options. Even those fortunate individuals, who manage to get an affordable unit, have to deal with countless housing issues, including poor and restrictive living conditions. Entire families frequently pile themselves into a one room Single Room Occupancy unit ("SRO") that is only about 6 ft. by 8 ft. Applicants for senior housing submit their applications along with 8,000 others vying for spaces, which are doled out through a lottery system. Seniors have to walk up flights of stairs to get to their units because of limited elevators in the building or complex, or no elevators at all.

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These issues were made real to AABA members as they toured an actual SRO building owned by CCDC. We saw the SRO units, and the communal bathrooms and kitchens. Even in this well-maintained building run by a tenant-focused non-profit (that has youth volunteers bring tenants food from the food bank, and that provides tenants with individual mailboxes and kitchen lockers after these needs were voiced), we were able to see the daily quality of life struggles that low income individuals, families, and seniors face.

Another site we visited that is usually closed to the public was the International Hotel ("I-Hotel"). Tour participants were able to take in the spectacular view of San Francisco from the roof of the building. We then headed to the next exclusive locale – public housing. Along the way, we discovered Chinatown alleyway attractions, including a fortune cookie factory, the famous Erhu musician from the Pursuit of Happiness movie, and the street ground maps of the entire Chinatown area, among a number of other sights. We ended the tour at the Ping Yuen public housing complex, where Rev. Fong shared his touching personal stories about growing up there. With the end of the two-hour tour, we proceeded to eat lunch at Lichee Garden. Our appetites were more than satisfied with the large Chinese food lunch sponsored by AABA.

Throughout the tour, Rev. Fong's passion for Chinatown and its residents was readily apparent, and informed every fact and anecdote he shared. His enthusiasm and knowledge inspired the young and the old among us. AABA was privileged to be led by Rev. Fong on this tour, since he no longer regularly gives tours. We want to thank Rev. Fong for his time and effort in support of AABA and our members, and his endless, tireless leadership in our community.

Calendar of Upcoming Events

SEPTEMBER

5th Annual Choy of Golf with Donaldina Cameron House.

September 12. Summitpointe Golf Club, Milpitas

Midori Kai's Annual Fundraiser Boutique. **September 13.**

9am to 4pm. Mountain View Buddhist Temple Hall, 575 N. Shoreline Blvd, Mountain View.

API Legal Outreach, 33rd Anniversary, Lu'au by the Bay,

September 13. 3:30pm. Google World Headquarters, Mountain View

KABANC and KALSA: Celebrating the Achievements of Professor Donna Ryu.

September 18. 6:00 - 8:30pm. UC Hastings Skyroom, 100 McAllister St., 24th Floor, San Francisco

AABA Mentorship Brunch.

September 21. Orrick, Herrington, Sutcliffe, 405 Howard Street, SF.

Careers Beyond the Partner Track. **September 23.** 7:00pm. Quadrus Conference Center, 2400 Saga Lane, Palo Alto.

OCTOBER

AABA Idol and Karaoke Night. TBA





2008 Unity Conference & Reception: Choices and Unity.




October 10. 1:30am to 7:30pm. Golden Gate University, 536 Mission Street, San Francisco.

APBASV Scholarship/Diversity Awards Dinner. **October 20.** 6:30pm. Four Seasons Hotel, 2050 University Ave., E. Palo Alto.

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