



# AABA Newsletter

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## **President's Column**

By Emi Gusukuma

### **24TH ANNUAL NAPABA CONVENTION**

A number of us – including Board Members Eumi Lee, Darren Teshima, and Salle Yoo – just returned from the 24th Annual NAPABA Convention held in our nation's capital. AABA is one of NAPABA's largest affiliates, and I was proud that we had such a strong showing; a total of over 1,800 attorneys, judges, law students, legal scholars, and elected officials from around the country were in attendance this year. Our very own Minami Tamaki LLP earned the inaugural APA-Owned Law Firm of the Year Award, and Brad Yamauchi (also of Minami Tamaki) was installed as Vice President for Membership. Congratulations Minami Tamaki!

I don't think there was a dry eye in the ballroom during the conversation with Supreme Court Associate Justice Sonia Sotomayor, who spoke eloquently about what it meant to her to be the first Hispanic and third female Justice on the high court. Justice Sotomayor grew up in a housing project in the Bronx, and was diagnosed with diabetes when she was only eight years old. "We look different ... we speak different languages ... keep the doors open. It doesn't happen without effort," she said. She reminded us of our obligation, as minority lawyers, to go as far as we can, and to reach behind and bring others along with us. This is a notion familiar to many of us – the obligation of memory, the debt of history – and one we hold dear. Which brings me to my next subject ...

### **ON MENTORSHIP**

I was surprised to hear someone at one of the NAPABA CLE sessions declare that mentors/mentorship is hugely overrated. I couldn't disagree more. I know that the participants in the AABA Mentorship Brunch held in October found the program meaningful. I've already met with two students since then – providing interview advice to one, and facilitating introductions to attorneys for the other – and I know other attorney mentors have done or are doing the same. I'm still in touch with my AABA mentee with whom I was paired in 2008. Then a 3L at GGU, she was interested in employment law. We met for lunch, I attended her graduation, we celebrated her passing the bar, and I now consider her a friend. While it's true that mentorship relationships (like any other) depend in part on chemistry, I also think it's important and worthwhile for folks to put forth an effort (like you would in most other relationships).

### **ELECTIONS**

In other news, yes, it's that time of the year again – we're asking the good folks who helm our wonderful Committees to consider running for the Board of Directors. Directors serve for three year terms, and provide an invaluable service to AABA. Anyone with questions about the duties and responsibilities of a Director should feel free to call me or Dave Sohn, the incoming President.

### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

Our Annual Holiday Party will be held on December 6 at O3 Bistro & Lounge in the Civic Center this year, and will feature a photo booth so you can have a fun memento of celebrating the holidays with your AABA friends. Come one, come all!

The 2013 Annual Dinner will be held on March 21, 2013 at the Marriott Marquis. Mark your calendars! The keynote speaker will be Neal Katyal, former Acting Solicitor General in 2010-11, whom we heard speak at the plenary session on affirmative action at the NAPABA Convention. Mr. Katyal is stunningly articulate, and you will not want to miss his West Coast appearance!

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 ASIAN AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION

# Holiday Party

\$ **15** members  
 \$ **25** non-members

THURSDAY DECEMBER 6TH, 2012 6-9 PM  
 O3 RESTAURANT AND LOUNGE  
 524 VAN NESS AVE SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94102

**SUSHI STATION** unagi  
 shrimp  
 crab

**HOSTED BAR**  
 BEER WINE WELL COCKTAILS FROM 6-8P

**PHOTO BOOTH**

## MENU

MINI VEGETABLE PUFF PASTRIES  
 BRAISED OXTAIL TACOS  
 CORNMEAL BATTERED LOBSTER BITES  
 MUSHROOM TARTS  
 MINI DUNGENESS CRAB CAKES  
 WAGYU BEEF SLIDERS  
 PORK BELLY QUAIL EGG SKEWERS

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## **AABA ELECTION NOTICE**

AABA will be conducting elections for the 2013-2014 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 Director at Large positions. To obtain an application, please visit [www.aaba-bay.com](http://www.aaba-bay.com).

Any active AABA member desiring to run for a position as an Officer or Director at Large must complete and submit an application form by Thursday, December 13, 2012. 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 (2012-13); or has served as an Officer or Director at Large for the immediately preceding year (2012-13); 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 (2011-12 and 2012-13).

Once an application is submitted, applicants will have until Friday, December 21, 2012 to withdraw his or her name from the ballot. After that date, candidates will be publicized to the AABA membership through an e-mail announcement and posting on the AABA website.

Active members who have paid their dues as of December 13, 2012 will receive a ballot. To check if your membership is current or to update your contact information, go to the Membership, Profile Management Login page at the AABA website and enter your username and password. If you have forgotten your username and password, enter your e-mail where indicated and your username 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 will be sent to eligible members on or about January 9, 2013. Ballots must be received by Friday, February 8, 2013. Candidates will be informed of the election results, and the election results will be announced to the general membership by posting on the AABA website and by e-mail or newsletter announcement.

An Election Committee has been created to administer AABA's election of Officers and Directors at Large for the 2013-2014 year: Miriam Kim, David Tsai, and Rhea Fajardo. If you have any questions about the election process, please e-mail the Election Committee at [aabaelections@gmail.com](mailto:aabaelections@gmail.com).

## AABA ELECTION APPLICATION (2012-2013)

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.]

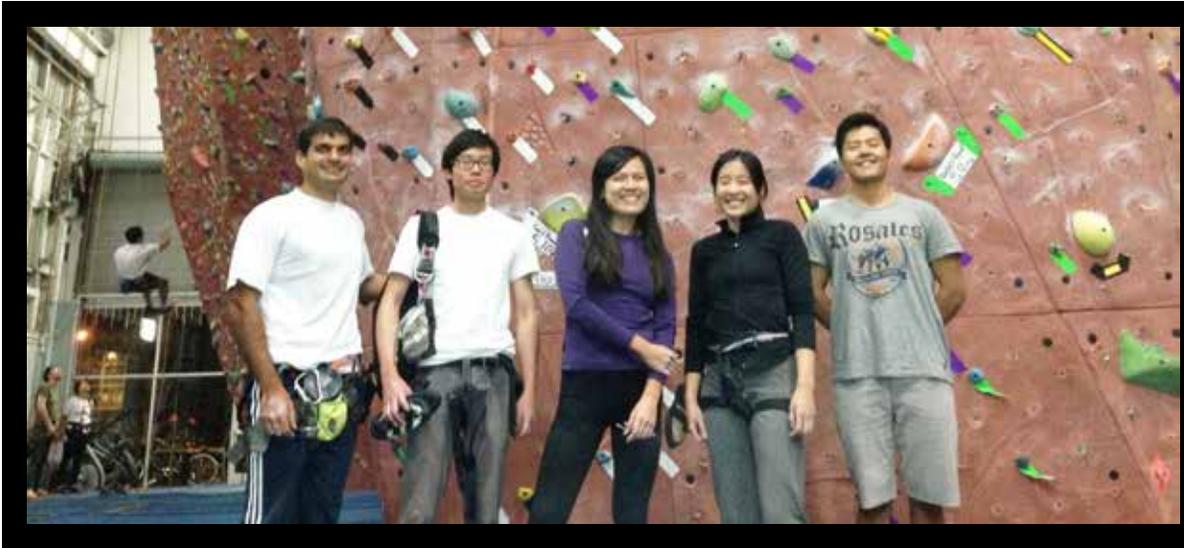
Director at Large

[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 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 Thursday, December 13, 2012.** Please email the application in Word format to Rhean Fajardo at rhean.fajardo@gmail.com; applicants will receive confirmation of receipt.



## ***AABA's First Climbing Event***

By Lai Yip and Emily Yip

AABA members Varun Bhardwaj, Jeremy Chen, and Vincent Tong, along with AABA event organizers Lai Yip and Emily Yip (no relation), rocked out at the inaugural Fourth Fridays Rock Climbing event (formerly "First Fridays") at Mission Cliffs in San Francisco on November 2. Next Fourth Fridays Rock Climbing will

be on January 25 at Mission Cliffs. Check out the latest AABA calendar or newsletter for details. Climbers of all levels are welcome! If you have questions about Fourth Fridays Rock Climbing, please e-mail Lai Yip (lyip@sheppardmullin.com) or Emily Yip (Emily@yiplaw.com).



## **Fourth Fridays Climbing**

**January 25, 2013**

Mission Cliffs  
2295 Harrison Street, San Francisco, CA  
7 pm - 10 pm

***Do you rock climb or want to meet other AABA attorneys who do?***

Come to Fourth Fridays Rock Climbing, hosted by AABA attorneys Emily Yip and Lai Yip! Fourth Friday of every month. Next event Friday January 25, 2013. Show up at Mission Cliffs on Harrison at 22nd in San Francisco, anytime between 7PM and 8PM, and ask the front desk to page Emily Yip or Lai Yip, and one of them will come meet you and take you to the action! Climbing may last until closing time (at 10PM), depending on attendance. If you have any questions, please email Emily at [emily@yiplaw.com](mailto:emily@yiplaw.com) or Lai at [lyip@sheppardmullin.com](mailto:lyip@sheppardmullin.com).

Facility details: Day pass is \$20; equipment rental is \$5. If you have not climbed before, an intro to climbing class is available on Friday evenings for \$30 (day pass and equipment rental included). For details, please visit the website at <http://www.touchstoneclimbing.com/mission-cliffs/pricing>



*Janet's Teahouse invites Jason E. Lee, Senior Counsel at Macy's, Inc.,  
for a cup of chrysanthemum tea*

By Janet Li, Newsletter Committee Co-Chair

***Please join me when I invite AABA family and friends to share their riveting legal journeys, life triumphs, and war stories with me over a cup of tea.***



Jason E. Lee graduated from the University of California at Riverside with a bachelor's degree in Political Science. He then earned his law degree at the Santa Clara University School of Law, where he was a member of the Santa Clara Law Review. As a former Co-Chair of AABA's Community Services Committee, he helped start and coordinate the AABA/

APILO clinic in San Francisco and administer the AABA Law Student Summer Grant Program. Mr. Lee served as a member of AABA's Board of Directors in 2004.

Currently, Mr. Lee is a Senior Counsel at Macy's, Inc., where he provides employment advice and training to Macy's, Bloomingdale's, and their various support divisions. Before joining Macy's in 2006, he was a litigator at Liebert Cassidy Whitmore, Chubb Insurance, the Louderback Law Firm, and Burnham Brown for over ten years.

I met Mr. Lee when I contacted him to volunteer at the AABA/APILO clinic years ago. Since then, whenever I see Mr. Lee at legal events, he reminds me of AABA's Community Services Committee and the good work that it does to change people's lives for the better.

Thank you for joining us at the Teahouse! Aside from hearing about Mr. Lee's fulfilling career path, his rewarding experience as a Community Services Co-Chair, we will also learn about his "legal bucket list," and why law school was important to him.

***Welcome to my Teahouse, Mr. Lee!***

***Why did you decide to go to law school?***

A variety of reasons. In college, I enjoyed arguing about social issues with my friends and I somehow thought that made me a good fit to be a lawyer. Of course, looking back at it, I really only had a superficial understanding of what a lawyer does when I applied. I was a political science major and considered a career in government. It seemed like most politicians and policymakers had law

degrees. I also interned at a legal aid and admired the lawyers that I worked with. I remember one of the legal aid workshops- it was for military veterans, and you could see how passionate the lawyers were about helping the community. That experience definitely rubbed off on me.

**What was the most important thing you learned in law school?**

Law school made me come to the sobering realization that there are many people who are much smarter than I am, including my wonderful wife who was in the class behind me.

**How did you become involved with AABA?**

I met some terrific people at the first event that I attended. But I only remember Deanna Gan and Gene Woo. They were kind enough to introduce me to other members and encouraged me to get involved.

**How did your leadership roles evolve over time?**

Susan Lee convinced me to volunteer at AABA's old clinic at the Oakland Chinatown library. She somehow got me to take it over from her and I later became Co-Chair of the Community Services Committee. I was eventually appointed to the Board of Directors and served in 2004.

**You were a Co-Chair of AABA's Community Services Committee for many years. What was your most fulfilling experience?**

Two things. First, we were able to get translators for the Oakland clinic. Most of the population we served there didn't speak English. Many of the issues were simple. They just needed someone to explain legal documents to them or help them find an agency that could help them. So we couldn't make a real impact without the translators. It helped immensely. Second, I helped start the San Francisco AABA/APILO clinic with Dorothy Liu and Eumi Lee. I think clinics are the best way for young lawyers to give back to the community and get involved with AABA.

**Why did you decide to move in-house?**

I enjoyed being an employment law litigator but I think I sometimes got too wrapped up in my work. After I got married and we had our first son, I realized that family time was very important to me. I didn't think that I could spend enough time with my family as a litigator. I also realized that I preferred the counseling and compliance side of employment law and hated dealing with discovery.

**What do you enjoy most about your job?**

Everything. As in-house counsel, I get to help the company solve complex problems and I can see how the solutions directly impact the company. And not just legal problems, but also business issues. Our company has a very diverse population and since I'm an employment lawyer, that means my work varies a lot. My clients and colleagues are smart and like to collaborate.

**Do you have a "legal bucket list"- what would you like to accomplish before you retire?**

I don't think I'll ever fully retire, but when I'm in semi-retirement, I'd like to try a small case. I was a litigator for ten years, but never got to try one. I'd also like to teach a law school class. My wife is a professor and it seems like an interesting challenge.

**What books have you read recently?**

My favorite recent book is Ready Player One by Ernest Cline. It's set in the future but all about the eighties- music, TV, movies, and video games. Reading this book was pure nostalgia. I just finished Laura Hillenbrand's Unbroken. It's an amazing survival story about Olympic runner and World War II veteran Louie Zamperini.

**What is your favorite tea?**

Chrysanthemum. They used to serve it at my favorite dim sum restaurant when I was in college.

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Mr. Lee, Thank you for stopping by and sharing your story with us. We appreciate your commitment and service to AABA and the community- your dedication has been a gift to us and your devotion to help those who cannot help themselves has not gone unnoticed. We appreciate your paving the way for generations to contribute to the AABA/APILO clinic.

Speaking of Olympians, I recently had a fortunate chance encounter with an Olympic gold medalist. It was an amazing experience! I have a lot of admiration for world-class athletes, not just for their extraordinary accomplishments, but for the courage, dedication, and resilience that they represent. Thank you for your tips, I will place Laura Hillenbrand's Unbroken on my reading list.

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Please stay tuned for upcoming chats with other esteemed members of our AABA family.



*Photo credit: Richard Cooc,  
Mentorship Committee Co-Chair*

# Annual Law Student Mentorship Brunch

By Luen Lam and the Mentorship Committee

On Saturday, October 27, 2012, the AABA Mentorship Committee hosted its annual Law Student Mentorship Brunch at Golden Gate University. More than eighty students from Bay Area law schools participated in the mentoring sessions. Even with a large student turnout, the outpouring of support from the attorney mentors resulted in our lowest mentor/mentee ratio in years, ensuring that all mentees received personal attention. The mentoring sessions were driven by mentee questions and covered a multitude of topics, including specific fields of law, job searching techniques, and tips for long term professional development in the legal profession.

AABA President Emi Gusukuma briefly addressed all mentees and urged them to reach out to their AABA mentors and offered suggestions about how to make the most of the new relationships forged at the event. The Mentorship Committee thanks Golden Gate University for providing the meeting facilities, the attorney mentors for generously donating their time and sharing their wisdom, and the law student mentees for trusting AABA to play such a meaningful role in their careers and for the renewed exuberance that they bring to our profession.









## In-House Counsel / Law Firm Event

By Larry Chew, In-House Counsel Committee Co-Chair

The AABA In-house Counsel Committee held its 6th Annual In-House Counsel/Law Firm networking event on October 18, 2012 at ABC Restaurant where 100+ In-House Counsel and private law firm attorneys from around the Bay Area and the Silicon Valley had the opportunity to network and enjoy delicious dim sum and other delicacies. This year's signature event was graciously sponsored by DLA Piper, Reed & Smith, Sidley & Austin and the AABA In-House Committee.

The AABA In-House Committee consists of over 300 APA in-house attorneys from around the Bay Area and Silicon Valley and is the largest APA In-House Counsel group nationally. We provide and promote networking and career development opportunities, educational programs, and serves as a forum to discuss current legal and business issues impacting Asian Pacific American In-House attorneys. We have hosted a General Counsel roundtable where leading APA general counsel have spoken on climbing the in-house ladder and participate in mentorship programs for attorneys and law students interested in joining the in-house ranks.

Companies represented include those in technology, bio-technology, software, hardware, social and digital media, internet, interactive/ online gaming, entertainment, financial services, including Google, Apple, Yahoo, Facebook, Twitter, Intel, Cisco, Oracle and many other industries. APA in-house attorneys are welcomed to visit our LinkedIn group site and join us!

Photo credit: Janet Li, Newsletter Committee Co-Chair.

**Top:** Winston Chan, Rachel Chaudhary, Kamil Chaudhary, Jim Zeng

**Middle:** Alex Chiu, Larry Chew, Millie Jew

**Bottom:** Sheldon Lee, Horace Ng, Leslie Yuan, Ted Ting

# Immigration Panel Discussion By AABA Public Law/ Public Service Committee

By Neill Tseng, Public Law/Public Service Committee Co-Chair



*Photo credit:  
Celia Lee, Public  
Law/Public Service  
Committee Co-Chair*

On November 8, 2012, the AABA Public Law/Public Service Committee held a panel discussion at Golden Gate University on Immigration Law and the Public Lawyer. The panel featured Victor Hwang, an Assistant District Attorney with the San Francisco District Attorney's Office; Jennifer Tse, the U Visa Coordinator for the Western Region in the Wage and Hour Division of the U.S. Department of Labor; and Cecillia Wang, the Director of the ACLU Immigrants' Rights Project; and was moderated by Neill Tseng, Assistant U.S. Attorney. The panel discussed several hot-button immigration issues affecting public lawyers.

Mr. Hwang elaborated on immigration issues that prosecutors face, including how those issues impact victims, defendants and charging decisions. Ms. Tse described the Department of Labor's U Visa program and how the program aims to protect immigrant victims of labor exploitation. Ms. Wang detailed the ACLU's challenges to state and local anti-immigrant laws and local immigration enforcement practices that lead to racial profiling. Other topics the panelists discussed were the proper role of state and local governments in enforcing immigration laws, and how public interest lawyers work with government lawyers in the immigration context. The discussion was timely, scintillating and thought-provoking. Afterward, the panelists and audience mingled over food and drinks at a reception at Osha Thai nearby.



Photo credits: Lisa Mak and John B. Lough



## **Food for Thought: SF Food Bank Volunteer Event**



By Lisa Mak, Community Services Committee Member and Jennifer Y. Lee, Community Services Committee Co-Chair

On Saturday, November 3, 2012, the AABA Community Services Committee (CSC) organized a volunteer event at the San Francisco Food Bank. AABA members, law students, friends, and family worked alongside other community volunteers to help package a total of about 17,000 pounds of food. These packaged foods will be distributed to food pantries, children's programs, soup kitchens, and homeless shelters throughout San Francisco. The Food Bank partners with hundreds of community organizations, and 1 in 4 San Francisco residents use the Food Bank's services, including many families in Chinatown.

The CSC volunteer group started by boxing up carrots that would be used for carrot sticks in children's snack programs. Then we switched



gears to measure out and package one-pound bags of rice, while wearing some very stylish latex gloves and mesh hair nets. After a few hours of scooping and sealing and agonizing over quarter ounces, our group helped to package about 4,200 pounds of rice that will go to families in need, especially with the upcoming holidays.

After our volunteer shift, the Food Bank gave us a tour of their warehouse and operations. And to reward ourselves

for a job well done – and because all that laboring made us hungry – we headed over to Goat Hill Pizza for some tasty pies, drinks, and many, many laughs!

Thank you to all our wonderful volunteers who came out on a Saturday to help such a great organization: Fiona Cua, William David, Betty Hsu, Richard La, Jane Lee, David Loecke, John B. Lough, April Seo, Jessica Tober, Ginson Wong, and Crystal Yee. A special thank you to Cotchett, Pitre & McCarthy who gathered a group from their firm last minute to join us: Esther Labrado, Aron Liang, Ryan Manuel, and Milo Santos.



Thank you also to the event's organizers: Lisa Mak, Alex Chan, and CSC Co-Chair Jennifer Y. Lee.

The Community Services Committee hosts many pro bono and community service events throughout the year. We are always looking for new ways to allow AABA members to make a positive impact in the legal profession and in our communities. If you are interested in getting more involved, please check out our Facebook group page (AABA Community Services Committee) or contact our Co-Chairs, Jennifer Y. Lee ([jennifer@jyleelaw.com](mailto:jennifer@jyleelaw.com)) and Robert Uy ([uyrobert@gmail.com](mailto:uyrobert@gmail.com)).



## **REMINDER: APILO/AABA Pro Bono Legal Clinic**

The AABA Community Services Committee and Asian Pacific Islander Legal Outreach (APILO) operate a pro bono legal clinic that is staffed by volunteer attorneys and law students. The clinic helps ensure that low-income Bay Area residents, including many mono-lingual immigrants, will receive free legal information and advice from AABA volunteers. The APILO/AABA clinic assists individuals in a number of areas, including immigration and family law issues. The Oakland clinic is held on the 3rd Wednesday of each month from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at APILO's office at 1305 Franklin Street, Suite 410.

The San Francisco clinic is held on the 4th Monday of each month from 5:45 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at UC Hastings' Civil Justice Clinic at 100 McAllister Street, Suite 300. If you are interested in volunteering at the clinic, please contact Jennifer Y. Lee for more information. No prior training or expertise is required, and foreign language skills are in high demand (particularly Mandarin, Cantonese, Tagalog, and Vietnamese).

Please check the AABA Calendar of Events for clinic dates.



Alameda County Office of Education, Sheila Jordan, County Superintendent

# PHILIP A. HARLEY MEMORIAL MOCK TRIAL COMPETITION 2013

## Attorney Coaches Needed

Share your knowledge with motivated high school students!

**Who:** Attorneys with some litigation experience, who enjoy high school students and can commit to working with a Mock Trial team 1 day per week after school (or you can share the job with a co-coach!)

**What:** Help a team of motivated students learn the legal concepts, strategies, vocabulary, and courtroom presentation skills necessary to argue a mock trial case. The Mock Trial Competition is a national program through which students learn key concepts of our judicial system and hone critical thinking and debate skills. In the competitions, teams of high school students portray courtroom principals in a simulation of a criminal case with a pretrial motion of a Bill of Rights issue. Local judges preside and attorneys rate the students' performances from the jury box.

**When:** 1-3 hours per week, November-February. The competitions occur over 6 evenings between January and February 2013

**Where:** Granada High School (Livermore) & San Lorenzo High School

For more information or to become a coach, contact Anika Hosseini at (510) 978-1376 or [anikah87@gmail.com](mailto:anikah87@gmail.com)

*The Philip A. Harley Mock Trial Competitions are organized through the Alameda County Office of Education*

# How to Start a Solo Practice!

## ATTENTION ALL STUDENTS AND ATTORNEYS!

**Have you ever wondered what it would be like to have your own law practice?**

Santa Clara University Law Career Services will be hosting a day-long seminar on how to build your own solo practice. Whether you're an interested student, just graduated from law school, or you have been in practice for years and are thinking about transitioning out of a firm, this program is for you!

Last year, we had over 70 recent graduates and experienced attorneys learn how to develop and cultivate a law practice. This year, our topics include:

**Making the Big Decision: Transitioning to Solo Practice**

**How to Contract for Others**

**Ins and Outs of Ethics and Malpractice Insurance**

**Running Your Own Office: Law Firm Logistics**

**Building Your Clientele**

When: Friday, December 14, 2012

Time: 8:30am-4:00pm

Where: Locatelli Center, SCU Campus

Cost: Free for SCU Students and SCU Law Alumni; \$100 for non-SCU alumni and non-SCU students

MCLE: Up to 5.75 MCLE hours, including 1.75 of Ethics MCLE hours, will available to practitioners

*\*Breakfast & Lunch will be provided*

Participation is first come, first serve. Please register by December 7th, 2012

To Register, please use the link below:

<http://alumnidirectory.scu.edu/netcommunity/LCSstartyourownpractice>

If you have any questions, please contact Assistant Director, Andrea Shaheen, at [ashaheen@scu.edu](mailto:ashaheen@scu.edu).

## HOW YOU CAN GET INVOLVED WITH AABA

### 1 Join a committee!

We have 13 committees that would love your help! Please contact one of our committee chairs to learn more.

#### **CIVIL RIGHTS/PUBLIC INTEREST**

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### NOVEMBER

San Francisco APILO/AABA Clinic, **November 27**, 5:45 pm - 8 pm. UC Hastings' Civil Justice Clinic, 100 McAllister St., Suite 300, San Francisco.

A Celebration of Asian American Justices: Honoring Achievement and Looking to the Future. **November 27**. 6pm-8pm. Great Hall of the United States, Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit, James R. Browning Courthouse, 95 Seventh Street, San Francisco

### DECEMBER

San Francisco APILO/AABA Clinic. **December 4**, 5:45 pm - 8 pm. UC Hastings' Civil Justice Clinic, 100 McAllister St., Suite 300, San Francisco.

AABA Holiday Party. December 6. 6pm- 9pm. O3 Bistro & Lounge, 524 Van Ness Ave. (between Golden Gate Avenue and McAllister St.), San Francisco, CA 94102

Oakland APILO/AABA Clinic. **December 19**, 6 pm - 8 pm. APILO Office, 1305 Franklin St., Suite 410, Oakland.

### MARCH 2013

AABA Annual Installation Dinner. **March 21**. Marriott Marquis, 55 4th Street, San Francisco.

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