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President's Column

By Emi Gusukuma

Greetings, all! If the Annual Dinner was a harbinger of things to come, we are in great shape this year. For those of you who were unable to attend, the 35th Annual Installation Dinner was held on March 23, 2012 at the Marriott Marquis in downtown San Francisco. We had 750 guests in attendance, including almost 40 judges – two of whom are California Supreme Court Justices – Justice Joyce Kennard and Justice Ming Chin. By all accounts, the Dinner was a smashing success. A number of you have asked me to post my remarks, which are below.

AABA Board members and Committee Co-Chairs gathered for the annual retreat on April 7. Each of the 13 Committees presented their plans for the upcoming year, and I will say this: we have a lot in store for our members this year, from informative CLEs to meaningful networking opportunities, our signature karaoke contest to bowling night at a hip new venue, and so on. Please be sure to join us for our first happy hour of the year on May 3, 2012 at Infusion Lounge starting at 6:00 p.m. Hope to see you there!

REMARKS AT AABA ANNUAL DINNER, 3/23/12

Aloha.

I am deeply honored to stand before you tonight, to celebrate our heroes – Justice Kennard and Cecillia Wang, to recognize 4 outstanding students who represent the best of our community, and to talk story, for a little bit.

As some of you know, I'm the daughter of a truck driver who hails from the island of Maui. My father's father came to America from Okinawa as a contract laborer, a kinder, gentler form of slavery, to work in the sugar cane plantations of Hawaii. My grandmother landed on the shores of Maui on a ship filled with picture brides, of whom she was one, to marry a man she'd never met.

My mother came to the States from Kochi, Shikoku in the 60s, like so many Asian Pacific Americans did, in a wave of immigration the likes of which had not been seen before.

And I, too, am an immigrant – adopted from an orphanage in Japan, by two people who wanted nothing more for me than a life that was better and easier, than theirs had been.

I come from a generation of folks who toiled from before sunrise to well past sunset in the fields.

Your family tree boasts a history filled with resilient women and men who sacrificed so that you could have a seat at the table. The hope of immigrants setting out for distant shores is something that resides in all our family trees, some just farther back than others.

We are the children of our past, and the parents of our future.

AABA was founded some 35 years ago, in part, as a vehicle to give voice to APA attorneys who were small in number, and light in influence. With each year, the organization grew, guided by those who had a vision of a time when APA attorneys were no longer a rarity in the courtroom, on the bench, or in the highest ranks of law firm management.

We have made much progress. The largest rate of growth among non-white attorneys has been among those of Asian and Pacific Islander descent. The 2011 State Bar membership survey revealed that APA lawyers are now 7.7% of the bar (compared with 5.3% in 2006 and just 3% in 1991). Look at the San Francisco Superior Court, with its ten APA judges. Look at our state Supreme Court, with four Justices of Asian descent – two of whom are with us tonight.

But I submit to you, our work is not done. Because with greater opportunity, comes greater responsibility.

To borrow from Chief Judge Ware's comments at a reception for African American Justices last year: "It is too late for firsts." We witnessed, not too long ago, the appointment of the first APA to the Northern District of CA, the election of the first trans-gender person to the Alameda County Superior Court, who is here with us today, and the appointment of the first Latina to the Northern District of CA. Each of these firsts occurred in just the last two years.

It is too late for firsts.

I was raised in a culture of modesty. I was taught the value of conformity. Don't make waves, my mother would say.

As it turns out, I take after my daddy, the Teamster. While I understand the reluctance to make waves, I think it is imperative to raise hell for what you believe is right.

You know what's right? What's right is marriage equality. What's right is having diversity at all levels of the judiciary, federal and state. We all benefit, when jurists of the caliber and courage such as that of Justice Kennard and Justice Moreno serve on the highest court in CA. What's right is a room just like this one, filled with general counsel, law firm equity partners, and CEOs of Asian descent.

We must continue our work to ensure that the pipeline is filled with qualified, diverse folks; we cannot rest in our demands that the judiciary reflect the communities in which they sit; and we will continue to serve those who are the most vulnerable in our community through our pro bono clinics, because it is the most effective way of acquiring a broader consciousness of oppression, and the barriers to success experienced by minority communities.

I believe that together, we can meet the challenges that continue to face our community. This year, we take another step in the direction of equity and inclusion.

So let's get to work.

Mahalo, everybody, for celebrating with us tonight. On behalf of everyone at AABA, thank you so much for coming. Aloha.



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AABA's 35th Annual Installation Dinner

By Newsletter Committee

Continuing a long tradition, on Friday, March 23, 2012, AABA members and their distinguished guests celebrated the community and its history at its 35th Annual Installation Dinner. This year, the excellent San Francisco Marriott Marquis hosted the festivities.

Although the year might have seemed long for our outgoing President Malcolm Yeung, it was too short for all of us who enjoyed his hard work and good spirits. We sent him off to join the long list of celebrated leaders in our community.

Malcolm Yeung gave his farewell outgoing president's remarks and Emi Gusukuma gave a moving incoming president's speech.

The changing of the guard places Emi in the Presidency and her energy will be welcome. AABA

benefits from the rich community which continues to feed our organization with quality volunteers.

Awards:

The AABA Judicial Achievement Award went to the Honorable Joyce L. Kennard.

The Joe Morozumi Award For Exceptional Legal Advocacy went to Cecillia D. Wang of the ACLU.

Scholarships:

The following scholarships were awarded:

Asian Pacific American Judges' Scholarship: Michael Nguyen, U.C. Hastings College of the Law

Raymond L. Ocampo Jr. Family Scholarship: Thuc Minh Nguyen, Stanford School of Law

Joe Morozumi Memorial Scholarship: Tiffany Keng, Santa Clara University School of Law



AABA Law Foundation Scholarship:
Elaine Zhong, U.C. Hastings College
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About 770 people attended this well-attended event, which is AABA's principal fundraising event.











AABA Networking Mixer: Infusion Lounge

Thursday, May 3 @ 6pm

**The AABA Social Committee invites you
to come meet the new officers and
catch up with fellow AABA friends
Infusion Lounge on Thursday, May 3, 2012 at 6pm.**

Infusion Lounge is located at 124 Ellis (on Ellis between Mason and Powell Street) right next to Hotel Fusion. We have reserved the elevated VIP section for our organization. AABA will provide some appetizers, and there will be happy hour drink specials throughout the evening on well cocktails, house wines, and imported beers.

Transportation information:

- BART: Closest BART station is at the Powell stop which is 1.5 blocks away from the venue.
- Bus: Closest bus stop is the 38/38L Geary line and it stops at Powell and O'Farrell. There is also a MUNI stop at the corner of Market and Powell.
- Parking: There is a \$15 flat rate fee (all night) with the Mason/O'Farrell Garage 1.5 blocks up the street. One of the Lounge staff must stamp your ticket to receive the discounted price.

Accessibility: The venue is wheelchair accessible through the elevator inside Hotel Fusion next door. The reserved section is elevated with a wheelchair accessible ramp.

Infusion Lounge is a unique Asian-inspired venue that has established itself as a premier San Francisco nightlife hotspot. More information about this venue can be found on their website at <http://infusionlounge.com/>.

Contact: For more information about this event, please contact Ben Uy at benjamin.uy@pillsburylaw.com.

Dr. Mei Gechlik Discusses Stanford Law School's China Guiding Cases Project and its Latest Developments

By Janet Li, Newsletter Committee Co-Chair

Following an announcement in November 2010 by the Supreme People's Court of the People's Republic of China that it would release guiding cases whereby People's courts at all levels should refer to when adjudicating similar cases, Dr. Mei Gechlik founded the China Guiding Cases Project (CGCP) with the support of Stanford Law School. This groundbreaking initiative aims to advance the knowledge and understanding of Chinese law and to enable judges and legal experts (both inside and outside of China) to contribute to the evolution of Chinese case law through ongoing dialogue on guiding cases released by China's Supreme People's Court.

Teams of practicing attorneys and law students from Stanford Law School and top law schools in the United States and China contribute to the project by translating cases, writing substantive summaries of China law in multiple practice areas, managing the CGCP website, and organizing events to promote the project. A panel of advisors, which consist of justices, judges, Stanford faculty, and distinguished legal experts from the United States, China, and around the world, share their thoughts on how CGCP could best contribute to the development of China Law.

The first batch of guiding cases, which consist of summaries of four cases, was released in December 2011. Insightful commentaries have been submitted by judges and legal scholars on these guiding cases. The original cases and English translated versions prepared by the CGCP team are accessible for free on the CGCP website.

Since early 2011, Dr. Gechlik has been working tirelessly to direct the CGCP. Aside from her role as Director of CGCP, Dr. Gechlik is also a Lecturer-in-Law and the Microsoft Rule of Law Fellow at Stanford Law School. She is also a Visiting Fellow at the Hoover Institution. Dr. Gechlik earned her J.S.D. from Stanford Law School and her M.B.A. from the Wharton School at the University of Pennsylvania. Among other distinguished positions, she was a visiting faculty member at the Peking University, People's University in China, and the University of Vienna; a guest lecturer at Harvard University, New York University, and the United States National Defense University; and an assistant professor of law at the City University of Hong Kong.

We chatted with Dr. Gechlik about this pioneering initiative and its recent developments on a nice Sunday afternoon.

What prompted you to start the China Guiding Cases Project?

About a year ago, I came across this announcement saying that the Supreme People's Court in China, the highest court in China, issued a new rule. According to the rule, the Court will identify certain cases as "guiding cases" and expect that courts in China should refer to these cases when they handle similar cases. I wondered what "should refer to" actually means because we always know that China is a codified law system that does not use binding precedents. In order to understand the meaning, I asked some judges on the Supreme People's Court. I asked politely but directly-- are these cases binding? They said no but then said that if these cases are not followed, there will be

serious problems. So the first part of the answer is no, but pay attention to the second part-- meaning that in fact, the cases will be treated pretty much like binding cases. That's the reason why I started this project. Stanford Law School quickly understood the importance of this project and supported it.

The first four guiding cases were released in December 2011. It's interesting that there's such a big gap- almost one year since the announcement. Why is there such a big gap? When they released the announcement, they said that the first batch of cases would be released in February 2011 but that didn't happen. And later at one point we heard from different sources that it would happen in the summer of 2011-- that didn't happen. Finally, all of a sudden it happened in December 2011. The postponement suggests that this is such an important topic because it affects the fundamental development of China law. Many eyes are watching on guiding cases and that's why the Supreme People's Court has to handle this issue very carefully and they have taken the time to process different potential guiding cases submitted by the provincial high courts. The Court's spokesperson later explained that they had reviewed more than 100 potential guiding cases and finally selected four.

What is the latest development in the CGCP?

Four guiding cases and two commentaries are posted on the CGCP website. More commentaries contributed by judges and scholars from different jurisdictions are in the pipeline. The first commentary was written by a judge. He particularly focused on the second guiding case. The second commentary was written by Professor Wang Chenguang, former Dean of Tsinghua Law School. It was a very insightful piece, asking such important questions as "why guiding cases are presented as summaries." Originally, we thought the entire original judgments would be released as guiding cases. It turns out that the summary is released instead, so one has to ask why. Also, when the rule says "should refer to," one must ask which parts of the guiding cases should other courts refer to? Does it mean the entire guiding case should be referred to, or only the "main points" part or "the reasons for the judgment" part? Professor Wang asked very good questions. So you can see our approach is to invite people to

comment on these guiding cases and the guiding case system. A few more commentaries are being written by a few judges and scholars inside and outside of China.

In addition, I just gave a talk on guiding cases to approximately 100 judges in China. The judges are very concerned about how this system will affect their work appraisal-- What happens if they fail to refer to guiding cases? And whether they have the skills to distinguish guiding cases from the pending cases that they have to decide. All of these issues are important and worthy of in-depth study that the CGCP aims to promote.

Please tell us about the CGCP team.

We have an international team of honorary advisors, which include the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court in Australia, one justice from the Supreme People's Court, and United States Supreme Court Associate Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg. Of course, we have the CGCP editors, all of whom are volunteers from different parts of the world, from Stanford Law School and top law schools in China.

What are the upcoming developments in the project?

We are now waiting for the second batch of the China Guiding Cases to be released.

Our project is not just about translation or inviting people to give comments. But those are the necessary first steps to allow people around the world to have this dialogue and help China develop and improve its legal system because these guiding cases might evolve to become binding precedents. The key is to translate them into an international language-- English-- so that more people, more legal scholars, and interested parties can comment on them and help contribute their thoughts to this process. We cannot assume our users know Chinese law-- many of them do not. So the next step is to provide different summaries of Chinese law to educate the users and provide them with the links that they can use to access statutes and other representative cases. That's phase two of the website. As we have more guiding cases and more commentaries, we will hold conferences to invite scholars to

comment on certain areas of law illustrated by the guiding cases. In short, we're now doing the background work. By the time we have more guiding cases and commentaries, we can really branch out to be a platform for in-depth discussions, including high-level ones to allow our honorary advisors (i.e., the judges) to participate.

What do you enjoy about this project?

I really enjoyed working with this international team. The success of our team fundamentally challenges a myth. People kept telling me that it's impossible to find volunteers in China because people are too practical and not willing to do volunteer work. That isn't true. I also enjoyed the fact that when I asked volunteers whether they would like to stay longer with the project, the majority said yes, pointing out how much they enjoy the friendships they have established and how proud they feel for being involved in this meaningful project. That actually touched me and made me proud. The project has opened the door for many people who have always wanted to do something for China but they don't have the opportunities.

I love the teamwork most, especially on December 20th when I woke up and then I received a message indicating that the first batch of the guiding cases were there. It was a shock because it was close to holidays and I wondered whether I would be able to get volunteers to work on this task efficiently. But within 24 hours, four teams were formed to work on these four guiding cases. It was a special moment that marked our team spirit.

For more information on Stanford Law School's China Guiding Cases Project, please go to <https://cgc.law.stanford.edu/>.



NEW

Save the Date

Women's Committee Inaugural Reception

May 16, 2012

**Please join us to inaugurate the
Women's Committee of the Asian
American Bar Association of the
Greater Bay Area!**

**Time: May 16, 2012,
6pm to 8pm**

**Place: The Solarium,
55 Second Street,
San Francisco
(lobby level)**

**This kick-off reception will honor
AABA's female Presidents. We
hope you will join the celebration!**

**Please RSVP to [aabawomen@
gmail.com](mailto:aabawomen@gmail.com) by May 9, 2012.**



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Legally Asian Conference

By Robert Uy, Community Services Committee Co-Chair

The 3rd Annual Legally Asian Conference was multi-ethnic collaborative, spearheaded by AABA, SABA, KABANC, FBANC, VABANC, UC Hastings APALSA, VALS, SALSA, and PALS, and UC Berkeley's SALSA. The purpose of the conference was to introduce Asian and Asian-American high school students to the legal profession.

of the options available to people who enter the legal career. Panelists discussed their different paths and the difficulties and hardships that they faced as Asian-Americans in the profession.



The event had 10 speakers, including Vice-Mayor Ray Buenaventura, Judge Stuart Hing, Shirin Sinnar, Kavitha Sreeharsha, Nikki Dinh, Charles Jung, Akshay Verma, Khurshid Khoja, Zahra Billoo, and Deputy City Attorney, Celia Lee. The students were treated to panels on Public Interest/Public Sector, Private Sector, and Alternative Legal Careers. The panels were meant to give a comprehensive overview

In addition, the event had a law school preparation component which was spearheaded by UC Hastings' various student groups and led by Erin Pham, Christina Chong, and Carmelita Miller. Student speakers included: Agung Atmaja, Christine Au-Yeung, Francesca Chang, Terence Chen, Arthur Barrios, Shawn Park, Erin Tanimura, and Christina Yang.

The event was coordinated by AABA Community Services Co-Chair/FBANC Secretary, Robert Uy, AABA Community Services Co-Chair Jennifer Lee, SABA-NC President Shaamini Babu, AABA CSC Members, Kimberly Chin, Vanessa Evangelista, Claire Choo, John Lough, and Lisa Mak. During lunch, several attorneys came to have lunch with the students and imparted their wisdom, including: FBANC President Mark Punzalan,

FBANC Internal Vice President David Mesa, AABA Social Chair David Yoshida, AABA Civil Rights/Public Interest Committee Member Sean-Tamura Sato, AABA Board Member Hung Chang, Shayenne Gamboa, Jennifer Tse, and Lily Wong.

The event had over 40 college and high school students from throughout the Bay Area in

attendance. At the end of the day, a free LSAT prep course was given out, courtesy of Kaplan.

Overall, the event was a resounding success. AABA is committed to supporting diversity in the profession and will continue to help sponsor events such as this to add diversity to our profession.





Top left: (L-R) Elizabeth Lin, Janet Li, Jenny Kim
Top Middle: (L-R) Janet Li, Ben Uy, Jenny Kim, Ryan Loh, Jason Lee
Right: (L-R) Jane Whang, Peggy Song, Suizi Lin, Stacey Lee, Jennifer Shih

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Lawyer-to-Lawyer Mentorship Program

By Mentorship Committee

On Thursday, March 1, 2012, AABA hosted its annual Lawyer-to-Lawyer Mentorship Program at Osha Thai Restaurant and Bar in Embarcadero Four, San Francisco. This year's program garnered strong interest from young practicing attorneys and experienced attorneys alike from variety of law firms. The program was designed exclusively for young practicing attorneys to develop prominent relationships with their peers and colleagues.

The mentees were engaged in small groups with experienced practicing attorneys. Within the small group sessions, new attorneys were encouraged to network, socialize, ask for business cards, and follow-up with the mentors. More than 50 practicing attorneys attended the event. The Mentorship Committee encourages the lawyers to remain in contact to develop lasting and meaningful mentor-mentee relationships.

The Co-Chairs of the Mentorship Committee, Michael Wu, Ronnie Gipson and Richard Cooc, would like to extend special gratitude to Pillsbury for coordinating the program and to each one of the practicing attorneys who generously volunteered as mentors to make this year's program a huge success.

Photo Credit: Richard Cooc, AABA Mentorship Committee Co-Chair

L-R: Dennis Chang, Geoffrey Ling, Craig Ching, Paul Tanaka, Fred Lim, David Sohn, Darren Teshima and Diana Lin





Top row: L-R: Dennis Chang, Jackie Fu, Florence Sinay Phillips and attorneys networking; **Second row:** L-R: Michelle Lau, Suizi Lin and attorneys networking; **Third row:** L-R: Y.: Vincent Tong, Darren S. Teshima, Billy Chan, Emily Yip, Stacey Lee and Jason Lee; **Bottom row:** L-R: Attorneys networking



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Top row: Attorneys networking; **Second row:** Attorneys networking; **Third row:** L-R: Jennifer Kishimizu, Clara Jung, Jackie Fu, Richard Cooc and Pang Ly; **Bottom row:** Attorneys networking, Katherine Chu and Gina Tsai



Top row: L-R Lina Guo, Dennis Chang, Ben Uy, Emi Gusukuma and Geoffrey Ling; **Second row:** L-R Lisa P. Tse, David Yoshida, Yaeri Kim, attendee, Richard Cooc and Michael Wu; **Third row:** L-R: Dennis Chang, Neill Tseng, Paul D. Tanaka, Fred Lim, David Sohn, and Geoffrey Ling; **Bottom row:** L-R Michael Leon Guerro, Jennifer Shih, David Taiwai Yu, and, Florence Sinay Phillips

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Asian Pacific American Law Student Association Banquet

By: Anna Park, Student at UC Davis School of Law, APALSA Professional Co-Chair

UC Davis School of Law's Asian Pacific American Law Student Association (APALSA) held its first banquet on Friday, April 13th, at the Garden Pavilion in Sacramento.

The venue was a quiet and inconspicuous building nestled in a rural-commercial pocket of the city. But as the evening progressed, the room grew more extravagant; the dim lighting softly outlined our guests' smiling faces. The spirit of camaraderie filled the room with a richness that Buckingham Palace could not compete with.

The Honorable Russel Hom kicked off the program as the master of ceremonies with great finesse. Occasionally he exchanged friendly banter with the keynote speaker, the Honorable Nathan Mihara. The Justice spoke of the power of words, attesting to their strength by sharing his personal experiences: a Japanese-American boy and his father ignored in an ice cream store. The incident was redeemed years later when Justice Mihara shared this story with a misguided young man, who was later found crying for the racial epitaphs he had hurled earlier. The room quieted a decibel as forks stilled; for many of us, I believe it surfaced memories of our own run-ins with prejudice. But I also believe that we were comforted with the hope that people can change, effectuated by words as Justice Mihara believes. "Kind words, soft words." Words that can change a man, build lasting relationships, and silence a banquet hall of more than 100 people.

After the keynote address, APALSA announced Asian Public Interest Grant recipients Patrick Ting and Paul Kim. The board then recognized APALSA's graduating members by highlighting their individual achievements throughout their times at King Hall. These highlights

grew increasingly humorous as we discovered that almost every 3L on stage had been on King Hall's championship softball team. Then in a symbolic gesture, the current board received the new board on stage before closing with thanks to those who had been integral to the banquet's preparation. Professor Clayton Tanaka and APALSA Treasurer Caspar Chan humbly took the stage as they received our warmest thanks and tokens of our appreciation (and several hoots).

After weeks of planning, APALSA is proud to have thrown a successful inaugural banquet. We are extremely touched by the academic and legal community for their support through attendance, sponsorship and donations. This banquet would not have succeeded without the generous help and encouragement of many. We look forward to next year's celebration.

Special thanks to: The Honorable Russel Hom; the Honorable Nathan Mihara; McGeorge APALSA; UC Davis La Raza; UC Davis Law Students Association; UC Davis School of Law Dean's Office; Recruitment, Retention and Outreach Committee; Professor Clayton Tanaka; Bill Wong; Professor Madhavi Sunder & Professor Anupam Chander; Lexis Nexis; Murphy Austin Adams Schoenfeld LLP; Professor Jack Chin; Assistant Dean Craig Compton; Professor Angelo DeSantis; Chris Ide-Don; Professor Imwinkelried; Professor Evelyn Lewis; Professor Hunt and Professor Florey; Themis Bar Review; Professor Shestowsky; Peet's Coffee; Handle It!; Cultive Yogurt; Tea List.

Public Law/Public Service Social Hour on March 12

By Neill Tseng and Celia Lee, Public Law/Public Service Committee Co-Chairs

On March 12, the Public Law/Public Service committee held its first event of 2012, hosting a happy hour/organizational meeting at Soluna Cafe near Civic Center. The committee was encouraged to see several new faces turn out, enthusiastically offering their support and ideas in planning this year's upcoming events. Over appetizers and drinks, the participants discussed the hot-button issues of interest to them or their practices and what they hope to see the committee accomplish. From that event, combined with a survey that was sent to committee members, the committee has been able to determine a rough outline of its planned events for 2012. These events include a CLE, mixer or panel discussion, and networking event. The committee chairs invite all who are interested to stay tuned for the next event!



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SUMMER 2012 LAW CLERKS

Application Deadline: Applications will be considered on a rolling basis until May 1, 2012 or until all positions are filled.

Asian Pacific Islander Legal Outreach (API Legal Outreach) is the largest social justice legal organization serving the Asian American and Pacific Islander communities of the Greater Bay Area. Founded in 1975, our mission is to provide culturally competent and linguistically appropriate legal representation to the most marginalized segments of the API community including women, seniors, immigrants, and youth. With offices in Oakland and San Francisco, our practice is focused in the areas of Family Law/Domestic Violence, Immigration and Immigrant Rights, Senior Law/Elder Abuse, Anti-Human Trafficking, Housing, Tax, Public Benefits and other Social Justice Issues.

Law clerks will work closely with legal staff to assist survivors of domestic violence in restraining order, divorce and custody proceedings. Clerks also assist clients with immigration, elder law, and elder abuse, and other legal issues. Assignments may include completing legal research and writing, doing client intakes by telephone and in person, conducting client interviews, assisting in our free community legal clinics, and giving presentations in community education and training sessions. If certified, law clerks may represent individuals in court hearings. Preferences will be given to applicants who can commit to longer terms of service, **who have a demonstrated and continuing commitment to social justice / public interest legal work**, and who are bilingual.

Law clerks will be supervised by the Supervising Attorney in the respective office and mentored by other staff attorneys. This is a full-time position for a 10-week clerkship program starting either in the last week of May or the first week of June of 2012. Fluency in a second language is preferred. Currently, we have particular need for Mandarin, Cantonese, or Spanish speakers. For more information, contact Doris Ng at DNg@apilegaloutreach.org or visit our website at www.apilegaloutreach.org.

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AABA Law Student Summer Grant

Deadline April 27, 2012

The Asian American Bar Association of the Greater Bay Area ("AABA") is offering one or more grants to help fund qualified summer law clerk(s) to work on legal projects that provide free legal services to the Asian American community. Applicants must be sponsored by a non-profit legal organization that has agreed to supervise the applicant. The grant will be funded by the AABA Law Foundation through the Community Services Committee of AABA.

Interested applicants should meet the following requirements:

1. Have a summer position with a non-profit legal service organization;
2. Will work on a project(s) which will provide legal assistance to the Asian American community; and
3. Commit to at least 10 weeks of work on the project(s) this summer.

The procedures for submitting an application for the AABA Summer Grant are as follows:

1. Submit a 3 page grant proposal, including:
 - (a) Your name, address, phone number and e-mail address;
 - (b) A description of the type of work that will be done under the grant;
 - (c) A description of your qualifications;
 - (d) The name of the non-profit legal service organization at which you will be working, along with a reference contact and telephone number;
 - (e) A description of any other grants, compensation or financial aid you will receive for this summer's work, if any; and
 - (f) A short essay limited to 500 words addressing the following:
Discuss what you believe is the "Current Civil Rights Issue of Our Time," and describe how you intend to address this issue during your career as an attorney. Explain your choice using concrete examples and compare and contrast the "movement" in your chosen issue to the Civil Rights Movement. Suggested topics may include but are not limited to the movement(s) to address inequality in the fields of "immigration, gender equality, LGBTQ Rights, education, poverty, labor, or employment."
2. Submit a resume.

THE DEADLINE TO SUBMIT APPLICATIONS IS APRIL 27, 2012. DECISIONS WILL BE MADE BY JUNE 15, 2012. THE SUMMER GRANT WILL BE AWARDED AT AABA'S ANNUAL SUMMER ASSOCIATE RECEPTION (Date TBD).

Email, fax or mail your application to: (E-mail is strongly preferred)

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2012-2013 FBANC LEGAL SCHOLARSHIP

Current law students in good academic standing and those admitted to law school for the 2012-2013 academic year are encouraged to apply for the Filipino Bar Association of Northern California (FBANC) Legal Scholarships. This year, FBANC will present two scholarships, the FBANC Scholarship and the Raymond L. Ocampo, Jr. Family Scholarship. Each scholarship will be awarded in the amount of \$5,000.

The scholarship(s) will be awarded at FBANC's 32nd Annual Installation Dinner. In order to receive a scholarship, the law student must attend this dinner, which is tentatively scheduled for Monday, June 11, 2012, at the Four Seas Restaurant in Chinatown, 731 Grant Ave, San Francisco, California. The date and location of the FBANC dinner are subject to change.

SUBMITTED APPLICATION PACKETS MUST INCLUDE ALL OF THE FOLLOWING:

1. **CONTACT INFORMATION SHEET** (attached).
2. **CURRENT LAW SCHOOL TRANSCRIPT**, or **ADMIT LETTER FROM LAW SCHOOL**.
3. **RESUME** (no more than one page).
4. **ESSAY**. Essays must be double-spaced, no smaller than 12-point type in Times New Roman or similar font, and may not be longer than two (2) pages. The essay must address the following issue:
The Bay Area is home to over 400,000 Filipinos, which comprises over 1/3 of the Filipino population in the United States. As a young attorney, you will have the opportunity to further social justice and the public interest in order to benefit the Filipino community. Please discuss how you feel your practice of law will invoke the socio-political philosophies of Jose Rizal. In the alternative, you may pick another Filipino or Filipino-American national hero. In addition, you may address one or more of the following topics:
 1. Please discuss how you believe your practice of law will reflect the idea of "rebellious lawyering" as described by Professor Bill Ong Hing.
 2. Please discuss your own personal philosophy of service in the Filipino community.
 3. Please identify the most pressing social and legal problems within the Filipino community and discuss how your legal career will attempt to address these issues.
 4. In addressing the above question, explain why you went to law school and why you wish to be an attorney.

Candidates will be judged on their ability to address the question presented thoughtfully and concisely, their demonstrated interest in serving the Filipino-American community, their persuasiveness, and their desire to serve the Filipino-American community as an FBANC attorney. The FBANC Scholarship Committee may conduct interviews for finalists as necessary.

Completed application packets must be received on or before 5/15/2012. Please direct all inquiries and/ or completed applications by email (preferred), facsimile or first-class mail (no phone calls please) to:

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2012 FBANC LEGAL SCHOLARSHIP

CONTACT INFORMATION

Name: _____

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Will you attend the 2012 FBANC Annual Dinner (Y/N)? _____

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

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2 Co-host a CLE with AABA!

AABA is a certified Continuing Legal Education (CLE) provider. If you want to join AABA to put on a CLE class, please contact our Education Committee!

3 Advertise with AABA!

Advertise in AABA's newsletter to reach out to our large membership base. Our newsletter is sent out to over 2,000 people each month.

Calendar of Upcoming Events

MAY

AABA Networking Mixer. **May 3**, 2012
6:00pm - 9:00pm. Infusion Lounge, 124 Ellis Street,
San Francisco.

Women's Committee Inaugural Reception. **May 16**,
6:00pm - 8:00pm. The Solarium, 55 Second Street,
Lobby Level, San Francisco.

APILO / AABA Pro Bono Legal Clinic. **May 16**. 5:30pm -
8:00pm. Asian Pacific Islander Legal Outreach (APILO),
1305 Franklin Street, Suite 410, Oakland.

APILO / AABA Pro Bono Legal Clinic. **May 28**. 5:45pm -
8:00pm. UC Hastings Civil Justice Clinic, 100 McAllister
Street, Suite 300, San Francisco.

JUNE

APILO / AABA Pro Bono Legal Clinic. **June 20**. 5:30pm -
8:00pm. Asian Pacific Islander Legal Outreach (APILO),
1305 Franklin Street, Suite 410, Oakland.

APILO / AABA Pro Bono Legal Clinic. **June 25**. 5:45pm -
8:00pm. UC Hastings Civil Justice Clinic, 100 McAllister
Street, Suite 300, San Francisco.

Summer Law Clerk Reception. **June 28**. Yank Sing
Restaurant, One Rincon Center, 101 Spear Street, San
Francisco.

JULY

APILO / AABA Pro Bono Legal Clinic. **July 18**. 5:30pm -
8:00pm. Asian Pacific Islander Legal Outreach (APILO),
1305 Franklin Street, Suite 410, Oakland.

APILO / AABA Pro Bono Legal Clinic. **July 23**. 5:45pm -
8:00pm. UC Hastings Civil Justice Clinic, 100 McAllister
Street, Suite 300, San Francisco

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