



# Connecticut Asian Pacific American Bar Association E-Newsletter

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## President's Message

Dear Members and Friends of CAPABA,

As we approach the mid-term of CAPABA's calendar, I am proud to report that we continue to drive our mission thanks to the tremendous support of our members, friends, officers and board. CAPABA members continue to receive recognition for outstanding achievements and contributions to the Connecticut APA legal community. We have partnered with the CBA, CHBA, George Crawford Black Bar Association, and are in the midst of planning a joint event with NAAAP in support of the recently named APAC commissioners. Our membership continues to grow and we continue to support CT law students with mentoring and networking opportunities. Our past two Open Membership Meetings (Lunar New Year Celebration and 2010 US Census) were very well received, with our Census meeting providing NY CLE credits to our NY Bar members. Our most recent Open Membership meeting was held on June 30<sup>th</sup> and was also very well received. The meeting featured Priya Morganstern, Director, Hartford Program, of Pro Bono Partnership, Inc. and was hosted by Jackson Lewis LLP in its Hartford office.

The committees have been proactive in pursuing their objectives, and our planning for the 10th Annual Dinner event has been moving ahead. For the Dinner we have already confirmed the Honorable Denny Chin, Ivan Fong, General Counsel for US Homeland Security and Don Liu, General Counsel and Secretary for Xerox Corporation as featured speakers. Please mark your calendars for September 23<sup>rd</sup> as it will be a memorable affair.

I repeat my past request that if you are interested in getting more involved with CAPABA to please consider joining one of our committees. The committee chairs would be happy to hear from you and will welcome your input and commitment.

The Membership Committee is chaired by Shirley S. Ma; the Community Outreach Committee is chaired by Susan Kim; the Judiciary Committee is chaired by Amy Lin Meyerson; the Ad Hoc committee is co-chaired by An-Ping Hsieh and Carlton Chen; and the 10th Annual Dinner Committee is chaired by Calvin Woo.

Events planned for the second half of 2010 include quarterly Membership Meetings, the annual Luau (tentatively scheduled for October 2010) and the 10th Annual Dinner Celebration.

If you are interested in getting more involved with any of these events or have ideas for other events, please call or e-mail me or any of our directors or officers. CAPABA continues to be successful because of its membership commitment. We look forward to seeing you at an upcoming event. Please enjoy a happy and healthy summer and thank you for your support!

Respectfully yours,  
Doug  
CAPABA President, 2009-2010

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## **CAPABA Holds Its Annual Lunar New Year Celebration at Day Pitney LLP**

*By Calvin Woo, President-Elect*

On February 23, 2010, CAPABA held its annual Lunar New Year Celebration. The event was sponsored by Day Pitney LLP and held at its Stamford, Connecticut office. Attendees were treated to a varied menu of delicious traditional Chinese dishes as well as a raffle for prizes.

CAPABA was fortunate to have Glenn Magpantay, staff attorney for the Asian American Legal Defense and Education Fund (“AALDEF”), as its guest speaker for the event, who discussed AALDEF’s Twenty 10 Project Initiative – a program aimed at educating the Asian population about the 2010 Census. Attendees were also treated to an informative discussion on this initiative, as well as the 2010 Census and its effect on minority populations as a whole and were able to obtain CLE credits. The event further featured Day Pitney LLP managing partner, Stan Twardy, who discussed the firm’s many diversity initiatives.



*Glenn Magpantay, staff attorney from AALDEF educates the group on the Twenty10 Project Initiative.*



*CAPABA President Douglas Hirai (left) and President-Elect Calvin Woo (right) select and announce prize winners at the Lunar New Year Celebration.*



*Stan Twardy, partner in Day Pitney’s Stamford office, discusses the firm’s diversity programs.*

Despite the inclement weather, the event was well attended by members, future members, and friends; and provided everyone with great opportunities to network and celebrate the Lunar New Year.

For more information about AALDEF’s Twenty 10 Project Initiative and other programs and projects, please visit [www.aaldef.org](http://www.aaldef.org).

## **NAPABA 2010 Northeast Regional Conference**

*By Calvin Woo, President-Elect*

On June 11th and 12th, NAPABA's New Jersey Affiliate, the Asian Pacific American Lawyers Association of New Jersey, hosted NAPABA's 2010 Northeast Regional Conference at the Heldrich Hotel in New Brunswick, NJ. The event was a true success drawing Asian Pacific American ("APA") attorneys and leaders throughout the Northeast region and beyond, and honoring some great APA leaders including CAPABA Board Member and Associate General Counsel of United Technologies Corporation, An-Ping Hsieh, who was the Connecticut Honoree of the Corporate Counsel Award of Excellence.

CAPABA's membership was among those who were well represented at the conference including the following board members: An-Ping Hsieh, Tanya Bovée, Calvin Woo, and John Ho, as well as members Don Liu and Asker Saeed.

The educational program centered on the theme "Stand Up and Be Counted" and featured an impressive number of timely panel discussions on such areas as public sector practice, alternative billing arrangements (which featured Tanya Bovée as a panelist), professional development (which featured John Ho as a panelist), diversity in 2010 (which featured Asker Saeed as a panelist), health care reform, and the judiciary.

In addition to the educational programming, the conference featured a great array of receptions and other fun events, thereby allowing its attendees to strengthen NAPABA's membership, visibility and influence; while also providing significant opportunities to network and reconnect with old friends.

## **An-Ping Hsieh is Connecticut Honoree of Corporate Counsel Award at the NAPABA Regional Conference**

*By Calvin Woo, President-Elect*



*An-Ping Hsieh, Associate General Counsel of UTC Fire & Security, a division of UTC and Member of CAPABA Board of Directors*

On June 11, 2010, CAPABA Director An-Ping Hsieh (Ping), Associate General Counsel of UTC Fire & Security, a division of UTC, was honored with the NAPABA Corporate Counsel Award of Excellence. The award was presented to Ping at the 2010 NAPABA Northeast Regional Conference held at the Heldrich Hotel in New Brunswick, NJ.

Ping has served as Associate General Counsel for UTC since February 2008, where he has global responsibility for all legal issues related to UTC's merger and acquisition, antitrust, supply chain, and risk management activity. Previously, he had served as Vice President and General Counsel of UTC Fire & Security, a division of UTC. In that role, Ping helped build a global legal services organization following UTC's acquisition of Chubb plc in 2003. His earlier UTC positions included Deputy General Counsel for Otis Elevator Company and Vice President-Legal for Otis' Asia Pacific Region.

In addition to his service as a CAPABA Board Member, Ping also serves on the board of the Connecticut Lawyers' Collaborative for Diversity, the Mark Twain House and the Greater Hartford Legal Aid (where he is also

the Treasurer and member of the Executive Committee).

### **Carlton Chen Presents Award At His NYU Law School 30<sup>th</sup> Reunion And Speaks At NDIA Conference**

***By Carlton Chen, Member of CAPABA Board of Directors***

Carlton Chen attended his 30th anniversary reunion at New York University School of Law in April and, at a related Law Alumni Association function, presented a Public Service Award to fellow classmate Sharon Hom, Executive Director of Human Rights in China (HRIC).



*From left, NYU Law School Dean Richard Revesz; Sharon Hom, Executive Director, HRIC; Carlton Chen, VP & GC, Colt's Mfg and CAPABA Executive Board Member; and Trish McNicholas, NYU Law Alumni Assn.*

Carlton also was a co-presenter on "Demystifying Intellectual Property and Data Rights: Government and Industry Perspectives" at a National Defense Industry Association (NDIA) Joint Armaments Conference in Dallas, TX held in May. His remarks were representative of the defense

industry's views in counterpoint to the government's in the context of federal procurement law and regulations, including the FAR and DFARS. A copy of the presentation can be downloaded at <http://www.dtic.mil/ndia/2010armament/MondayRyanDeMystify.pdf>.

### **CAPABA at the June 2010 Connecticut Bar Admission Ceremony**

***By Ed Lee, Treasurer & Jackie Leung, Secretary***

On June 4<sup>th</sup>, CAPABA sponsored the Connecticut bar admission event held in the historic Hall of the Flags in the Connecticut State Capitol. Ed Lee, CAPABA Treasurer, represented CAPABA at the bar organizations recruiting event which was held after the ceremony.

Ed had a great time trying to recruit new members and reported that it was a good event to allow various bar organizations to make the new CT Bar admittees aware of the educational and networking opportunities that the different bar organizations offer. Although there were not as many admittees as in prior years, Ed expressed that "it was good for CAPABA to be there to connect with other bar associations." I spoke to a few people from other bar associations about our respective experiences and it was an enjoyable experience."

### **CAPABA Members Volunteer at the Haiti TPS Project**

***By Angel Feng, Member of CAPABA Board of Directors***

On Saturday, February 6, 2010, CAPABA co-sponsored the Haiti TPS Project free legal clinics, which were organized by the Connecticut Chapter of the American Immigration Lawyer's Association and the Lawyer's Guild. CAPABA members were

among the volunteers at the clinics. Volunteers helped 75 to 100 Haitians fill out temporary protected status (TPS) applications.

TPS is a temporary status granted to people currently in the United States from countries that have suffered a catastrophic war or “an environmental disaster” that would make it dangerous to deport their citizens back home. On Friday, January 15, 2010, the Obama administration designated TPS for Haitian nationals who were in the United States as of January 12, 2010. Haitians who receive the temporary status will be able to obtain documents allowing them to live and work legally for a period of 18 months.

One of the benefits of the program is that Haitians working in the U.S. will likely pay for part of the rebuilding of their home country. Statistics indicate that a large portion of the money earned by immigrants in the TPS program gets sent to family members in their home country.

CAPABA was proud to support, and provide volunteers and legal assistance to Haitians and indirectly help the rebuilding efforts in Haiti.

### **CAPABA’s Law Day Events** *By Angel Feng, Member of CAPABA Board of Directors*

CAPABA, in collaboration with the Connecticut Hispanic Bar Association (CHBA), conducted two Law Day events at Connecticut high schools. This year, we made presentations at Hartford High School’s Law & Government Academy on Friday, May 14, 2010, and at Bulkeley High School on Monday, May 17, 2010. The students who attended our presentations were honor students and students who expressed a desire to have a career in the law.

Susan Kim, Partner at Bingham McCutchen LLP and Member of CAPABA Board of Directors, presented at Hartford High School’s Law & Government Academy. She spoke about some of her more famous cases while incorporating educational lessons for the students. CAPABA members Samuel Lee, Toni Smith-Rosario, and Angel Feng spoke at Bulkeley High School. They discussed how they became lawyers and described some of their most interesting cases. CAPABA members found many bright and eager children in the Hartford schools who needed some mentoring and guidance.

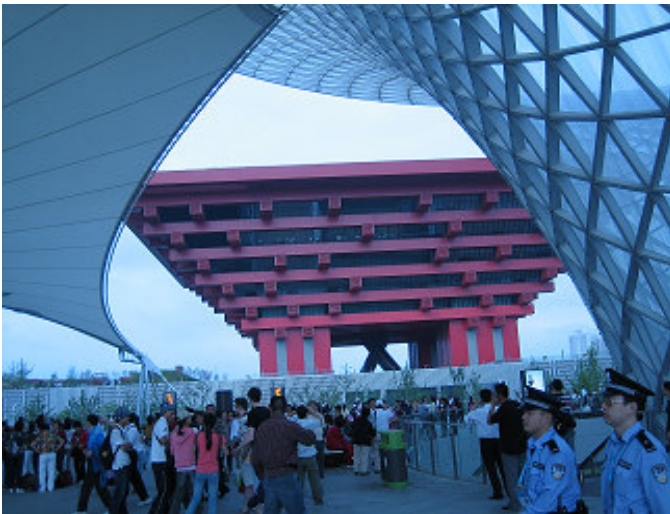
CAPABA hopes to build on our outreach to these schools and speak at schools in other towns. We welcome suggestions for next year’s law day events.

### **CAPABA at the 2010 Connecticut Bar Association Annual Dinner** *By Ed Lee, Treasurer*

I had the privilege of representing CAPABA at the head table at the 2010 Connecticut Bar Association Annual dinner which was held at the Connecticut Convention Center in Hartford on June 14. It was an excellent opportunity to increase the awareness of CAPABA in the state and I was honored to be there on behalf of our association. In addition to the installation of the new officers for the CBA, several awards were given out to various individuals for their distinguished services in the legal profession. The public service award was given out to Jim Calhoun, coach of the UCONN men basketball, not for his achievements as a basketball coach but for his charitable work both in Connecticut and nationally. He gave an inspiring speech on the gift of giving to others and it was a perfect speech to close the event.

## Exploits At The Shanghai Expo *By Carlton Chen, Member of CAPABA Board of Directors*

Expo 2010 Shanghai China was memorable but not fun. I visited Expo in early June with my wife Susan and son Randy but we cut it short because of long lines. Expo counted over 450,000 visitors on the Thursday we were there. It took an hour to enter the gates and another 3 hours just to see the Luxembourg and Italy pavilions. The next day, we were with over 500,000 visitors and we spent 3 hours on line just to see the Japan pavilion. While good, it was not worth the wait. When they predicted that over 600,000 visitors would be there on Saturday, we decided not to return.



*The China Pavilion at the Shanghai Expo. (Photo Courtesy of Carlton Chen)*

If you plan to visit Expo, which ends on October 31, 2010, here are some pointers:

- Avoid the peak season during July and August, as well as weekends and Chinese holidays. The Chinese government gives away free tickets to employers to give to their workers, which accounted for 90% of the Expo visitors being Chinese nationals while we were there.

- Free tickets to performances at Expo Center in the afternoon and evening are handed out on a first come, first served basis at the ticket booth in Expo Center in Zone B. So, go there first. While there, obtain a schedule of the day's events that is handed out but beware that it is written only in Chinese.
- "Must see" pavilions in Zone A are China, Japan and Saudi Arabia; in Zone C are United Kingdom and Mexico; in Zone E is Information and Communication. Forget China unless you are lucky to get tickets handed out each day at the eight entry gates when opened at 9 AM.
- You are at a definite disadvantage unless you speak and understand Mandarin, as many of the volunteer guides and those who work there that we encountered do not speak English.
- Use free buses and ferries to get from one Zone to another and save your feet for standing on line.

If you decide to go despite the above, deflate your expectations of what you will see, take things in stride, and try to have a good time. As for us, we can say we were there but far enjoyed day three because we toured the City instead. We took the Metro train to Lujiazui, ate Japanese sashimi at the Hyatt Regency atop the Jin Mao Tower overlooking Pudong and the Huangpu River, got back on the train, leisurely strolled along the Bund and Nanjing Road, and topped the evening by enjoying a traditional Shanghainese banquet at Shen's Family Restaurant with a relative and friends.

## **CAPABA's June 30<sup>th</sup> Open Membership Meeting And Collaboration With The Pro Bono Partnership, Inc.**

***By Carlton Chen, Member of CAPABA Board of Directors***

Priya Morganstern, a lawyer and Director, Hartford Program, of Pro Bono Partnership, Inc. (The Partnership), spoke at the June 30<sup>th</sup> open membership meeting of CAPABA hosted by the Hartford office of Jackson Lewis. The Partnership offers attorneys to provide business and transactional legal assistance to qualified nonprofit organizations that cannot afford legal assistance.

Priya mentioned that available projects are regularly sent to The Partnership volunteer attorneys by email, and also posts them on The Partnership website. She remarked that, "Volunteering with The Partnership is a wonderful way for business attorneys to give back to the community, particularly if they prefer work that does not take them inside a courtroom."

She described interesting pro bono service opportunities that covered such areas as corporate structure and governance, contract and lease reviews, real estate, employment law, tax law and tax exempt status, environmental law, intellectual property, mergers and dissolutions, Internet and e-commerce. She said that service also could be provided by presenting a training seminar to an audience of nonprofit executives and directors; drafting a short article on a legal topic; or briefly counseling a client on the phone.

Priya noted that The Partnership has been providing these services for over 12 years in the New York, Connecticut and New Jersey and only two years ago expanded to include the entire state of Connecticut. She

stated that the benefits of volunteering as an attorney at The Partnership includes being covered with professional liability insurance for client work performed, opportunities to pair with other attorneys on appropriate matters, and obtaining forms, supervision, backup and coordination by in-house attorneys experienced in the law of nonprofit and tax-exempt organizations.

Carlton Chen thanked Priya for her presentation and remarked, "CAPABA is interested in adopting The Partnership's services and the recruitment of CAPABA members to provide volunteer services to nonprofit organizations that in particular provide assistance to the APA communities based in Connecticut."

For more information, contact Priya at 280 Trumbull Street 28th Floor, Hartford, CT 06103, [Pmorganstern@Probonopartner.Org](mailto:Pmorganstern@Probonopartner.Org), Tel: 860 541-4950 or visit The Partnership website at [www.probonopartner.org](http://www.probonopartner.org).

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## **Amy Lin Meyerson, CAPABA Founder and Member of CAPABA Board of Directors, Appointed to APA Affairs Commission of Connecticut**

Amy Lin Meyerson, CAPABA Founder and Member of CAPABA Board of Directors was recently appointed to the Asian Pacific American Affairs Commission of Connecticut. The Commission usually holds its meetings on the first Monday of each month.

**Tanya Bovée, CAPABA  
Immediate Past President,  
Elevated to Partner at Jackson  
Lewis LLP**



*Tanya Bovée, Partner at Jackson Lewis LLP.*

Tanya Bovée, CAPABA Immediate Past President, was elevated to partner at Jackson Lewis LLP in January 2010. Tanya is located in the Hartford office of Jackson Lewis LLP.

**Doug Hirai, CAPABA President  
Joins JPMorgan Chase Bank**

Doug Hirai, CAPABA President, recently joined JPMorgan Chase Bank's Treasury and Securities Services business as Vice President & Assistant General counsel, providing legal counsel to the Treasury Services Global Trade group.

**Joe Khanna, Member of CAPABA  
Board of Directors, Joins  
Mastercard Worldwide**

Joe Khanna, Member of CAPABA Board of Directors, recently joined MasterCard Worldwide in Purchase, NY as Core Products & Marketing Counsel.

**John S. Ho, CAPABA Vice  
President, Reappointed to the  
NYSBA House of Delegates**

Bond, Schoeneck & King is pleased to announce the reappointment of Labor and Employment Law Attorney John S. Ho to

serve as a member of the New York State Bar Association's House of Delegates representing persons of racial and ethnic diversity. In this leadership position, Mr. Ho will continue to play an integral role in the NYSBA's continued mission to increase the diversity of the Association and the profession of law. His second term will run from June 1, 2010 to May 31, 2011.

**Carlton Chen, Member of  
CAPABA Board of Directors,  
Elected to the West Hartford  
Chamber of Commerce Board of  
Directors**

Carlton Chen, Vice President & General Counsel, Colt Manufacturing, Inc. and Member of CAPABA Board of Directors, was recently elected to the West Hartford Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors.

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**CAPABA'S Annual Luau**

CAPABA's Annual Luau will take place in **October 2010** at Lyman Orchards in Middlefield, Connecticut. Stay tuned for an exact date and additional details.

**CAPABA's 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Dinner**

The 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Dinner and Silent Auction will be held on **Thursday, September 23, 2010** at the Holiday Inn in Stamford, Connecticut. Features speakers will include The Honorable Denny Chin, U.S. Second Circuit Court of Appeals, Ivan K. Fong, General Counsel, U.S. Department of Homeland Security and Don H. Liu, Senior Vice President, General Counsel and Corporate Secretary, Xerox Corporation.

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