



Connecticut Asian Pacific American Bar Association E-Newsletter

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President's Message

Dear Members, Friends and Colleagues,

Our 2006-2007 bar year has certainly had a strong start with several new board members who are excited and committed to CAPABA! I would like to extend a warm, albeit belated, welcome to Secretary Doug Hirai, Vice President of Communications Calvin Woo, and Treasurer Rob Schulman.



The Honorable Marilyn Dolan Go (center) at the 6th Annual Dinner.

The bar year began with our Sixth Annual Dinner and Auction with keynote speaker Judge Marilyn Dolan Go, U.S. Magistrate, Eastern District of New York.

Judge Go reminded us that we have much work to do in promoting the interests of the Asian Pacific American (APA) community.

As President of CAPABA this year, I am committed to taking Judge Go's call-to-action one step further by promoting the interests of not only the APA community, but of all minority communities. By forging relationships with those seeking to promote diversity, we will have a more positive impact on our places of employment, our personal and professional relationships, and our communities.

We worked with Democracy Works on the Election Protection Project to protect voters' rights. We sponsored an Asian American Leadership Conference at Yale University for high school students. CAPABA is leading the efforts to establish an APA Affairs

Commission by the Connecticut legislature. By co-hosting events with other affinity bar associations, we have increased awareness and visibility of our organization as a resource for law students, attorneys, and employers. Open membership meetings continue to provide networking opportunities and a forum for discussing issues that affect all minority communities. These are all examples of what CAPABA has already done to make that positive impact. Let's see what we can do in 2007!

If you would like to be more involved in CAPABA's initiatives, please let me know. You can always contact me at smaesquire@yahoo.com. I'd love to hear from you.

With warmest regards and best wishes for 2007,
Shirley

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Efforts to Establish an APA Affairs Commission Continues: CAPABA Founder leads the Coalition

By Angel Feng, CAPABA President-Elect

In continuing the efforts to establish an APA Affairs Commission, the APA Coalition hosted its second public forum entitled “Asian Americans: From the Margin to the Center” on September 26, 2006 at the Legislative Office Building. The featured speakers included Karen K. Narasaki, President and Executive Director of the Asian American Justice Center in Washington, D.C., and Amy Lin Meyerson, CAPABA founder and Director. Ms. Narasaki’s keynote speech addressed the issues affecting the Asian American community nationally, including disparities in access to justice and health services. Ms. Meyerson spoke of those issues in the Connecticut context.

Asian Pacific Americans (APAs) constitute the fastest growing minority population in Connecticut as well as in the United States. Connecticut has the 8th fastest growing APA population in the country. APAs represent a very diverse population in Connecticut, bringing to our state over 50 different languages, cultures, histories, backgrounds and traditions. Despite this tremendous population growth, the Connecticut government has not well understood or served the APA community. An Asian Pacific American Affairs Commission would work to solve this problem by advising the Governor, the Legislature, state agencies, departments, and commissions on issues relating to the social, educational, health and economic development, rights, concerns and interests of the APA community.

Amy Lin Meyerson is leading the APA Coalition and many CAPABA officers and board members are actively involved in the efforts. Recently, Representative David McCluskey, 20th District, has introduced a bill, H.B. 6007; and Representatives William Tong, 147th District; Tom Reynolds, 42nd District; and Melissa M. Olson, 46th District, have introduced a bill, H.B. 6002, that propose the establishment of an Asian Pacific American Affairs Commission. Please let your state

representatives know that you support this important commission. If you are interested in participating in a writing campaign to state legislators or, for more information, please contact Angel Feng at afeng@ghla.org.

Highlights from the NAPABA 2006 Annual Convention in Philadelphia

By Amy Lin Meyerson, CAPABA Director and 2005 NAPABA President

Over the past decade, the National Asian Pacific American Bar Association (“NAPABA”) has grown exponentially both in number and in scale. Two years ago, our convention drew over 500 participants for the first time; this year we had close to 1,000 attendees, including several CAPABA members. NAPABA’s annual convention is the largest gathering of Asian Pacific American corporate and firm lawyers, judges and law students in the country. The theme of this year’s NAPABA convention was “For a More Perfect Union,” which embodies the aspirations of the organization while paying homage to the city in which it was held from November 9-12, 2006. With numerous networking events, attendees reconnected with old friends and colleagues and established new friendships and business contacts. NAPABA has always featured prominent keynote speakers at its conventions, including Vice President Al Gore, Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O’Connor, and Senator Barrack Obama (IL). This year our convention featured US Secretary of Labor Elaine Chao, Rohm & Haas CEO Rajiv Gupta, US Senator Arlen Specter (PA), US Assistant Attorney General for Civil Rights Wan Kim, Philadelphia Common Pleas Court Judge Ida Chen and ABA President Karen Mathis. We were pleased to present a lifetime achievement award to former US Secretary of Transportation Norm Minetta, a long-time friend and supporter of NAPABA.

More than 25 CLE panels were held throughout the convention, offering multiple career development and educational opportunities. Panels such as “The Closer: Litigation Strategy and Closing Argument” and “R U

Ready 4 It? A Look at New Technologies and Employment Issues” were among numerous panels of particular interest to those looking to improve and expand their solo or small firms.

The Trailblazers Reception and Awards is one of the marquee events of the NAPABA convention. It provides the organization with an opportunity to honor its lawyers whose careers and civic involvements have paved the way for other APA lawyers. This year’s Trailblazer Reception was sponsored by Wal-Mart Stores, Inc. At the reception, Thomas A. Mars, Senior Vice President and General Counsel, Wal-Mart Stores, Inc. and Member, NAPABA Leadership Advisory Council, announced Wal-Mart’s commitment to provide \$100,000 annually for the next three years in support of NAPABA. He invited other firms and companies to follow suit. NAPABA is pleased to be working with Wal-Mart to increase opportunities for APAs.

This year our In-House Counsel and Partners Committees hosted a gala dinner event that brought together and honored, for the first-time ever, many of the APA GCs in the Fortune 1000. Honorees included Javade Chaudhri (Sempra Energy), Ivan Fong (Cardinal Health), Larry Tu (Dell), Wendy Shiba (PolyOne), Don Liu (Toll Brothers), Art Chong (Safeco), Paul Tang (Burlington Coat Factory), Simone Wu (XO Holdings) and Gordon Yamate (Knight Ridder).

Make your reservations today to attend the NAPABA 2007 Annual Convention, which will be held at the JW Marriott Resort and Spa in Summerlin, Nevada (just off the Vegas Strip) from November 15-18, 2007! Group room rate is \$189/night.

CAPABA’s 6th Annual Dinner and Auction A Success

By Tanya Wolanic, CAPABA Vice President

CAPABA held its 6th Annual Dinner and Auction on August 10, 2006, at the Royal Palace Chinese

Restaurant in New Haven. The dinner was a resounding success with the largest turnout of CAPABA members and supporters to date.

The Honorable Marilyn Dolan Go, U.S. Magistrate Judge for the Eastern District of New York, was the Keynote Speaker. Judge Go’s thoughtful presentation included insight into her personal experiences as a presiding Asian Pacific American Magistrate Judge. Judge Go also discussed the need for other Asian Pacific American judges, urging attendees to join her on the bench.

CAPABA’s Diversity Award was awarded to Pitney Bowes Inc. Michael Holmes, Director of Strategic



CAPABA President Shirley Ma with Michael Holmes of Pitney Bowes, Inc., accepting CAPABA’s Diversity Award

Talent Management, accepted with an inspiring speech about the Company’s past and present diversity efforts.

While attendees enjoyed a traditional nine course banquet, Joe Khanna of Pitney Bowes Inc. and

CAPABA’s out-going President, discussed CAPABA’s events and members’ numerous achievements throughout the year. Amy Lin Meyerson of the Law Office of Amy Lin Meyerson and then President of the National Asian Pacific American Bar Association, provided greetings from NAPABA and an update on NAPABA’s busy year.

Shirley S. Ma of Rockstar Technologies, LLC, as newly elected CAPABA President, presented the results of the 2006 CAPABA elections. Angel Y.C. Feng of Greater Hartford Legal Aid will serve as President-Elect, Tanya A. Wolanic of Jackson Lewis LLP will serve as Vice-President, Calvin K. Woo of Pepe & Hazard LLP will serve as Vice-President of Communications, Douglas Hirai of GE Commercial

Finance will serve as Secretary, and Robert Schulman of Sikorsky Support Services, Inc. will serve as Treasurer. In addition, the elected officers will serve as CAPABA's Directors, along with the Honorable Nina F. Elgo of the Connecticut Superior Court, An-Ping Hsieh of UTC Fire & Security, Joe Khanna, Amy Lin Meyerson, and Susan Kim of Bingham McCutchen LLP.

An-Ping Hsieh announced the Silent Auction results which were graciously donated by Bingham McCutchen LLP, Charles Fine Wine, Charlotte Secol, Bond Schoeneck & King, PLC, An-Ping Hsieh, Jackson Lewis LLP, Pearls of Newport Luxury Inns, Susan Seseske Wolanic, and Zoar Outdoor.

The success of the event could not have happened without the generous support of the sponsors of the dinner. Jade Sponsors who donated at the \$1000.00 level include Bingham McCutchen LLP; Day, Berry & Howard LLP; Jackson Lewis LLP; Pepe & Hazard LLP; Pitney Bowes Inc.; Shipman & Goodwin LLP; UBS; UTC Fire & Security; and Murtha Cullina LLP. Gold Sponsors who donated at the \$750.00 level include Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton & Garrison LLP; Robinson & Cole LLP; and United Technologies Corporation.

CAPABA uses funds generated from its annual dinner and auction to support the professional and community activities undertaken by CAPABA. Thank you to all for attending and supporting CAPABA's 6th Annual Dinner and Auction.

CAPABA Holds Its Second Annual Luau

By the Honorable Nina F. Elgo, CAPABA Director

On September 23, 2006, CAPABA held its second annual Luau, attracting over fifty people to Winding Trails in Farmington CT, notwithstanding the threat of rain. Co-sponsored by the CBA's Young Lawyers Section, the Connecticut Hispanic Bar Association, the Southeast Asian Bar Association and Crawford Black Bar Association, the event mirrored similar initiatives

to hold joint events with diversity bar organizations in order to pool our resources and provide greater opportunities for networking and collegiality. As an event which welcomes legal professionals and law students with their families and significant others, the Luau offered a unique opportunity to socialize and network in a more comfortable, picturesque and informal setting with good food, as well as recreational and family friendly activities. This event's growing popularity makes it a sure bet for next year.

The East Coast Asian American Student Union Conference at Yale University

By Nancy Liang, Undergraduate Student at Yale University

The East Coast Asian American Student Union (ECAASU) Conference, one of the largest inter-collegiate APA conferences in the nation, comes to Yale this February 9-10, 2007. This year, over 1000 students from over 100 colleges are expected to attend. Every year, students come together to help each other strengthen the Asian American organizations on their campus and to build a tighter east coast inter-collegiate Asian American network. This year, Yale prepares to help realize this vision by bringing speakers like Nusrat Durrani, the General Manager of MTV World, and Wenda Fong, Vice President of Creative Diversity Development Department; performers like Jin, one of the only Chinese American established rappers; and workshops and panels discussing subjects ranging from affirmative action to Asian American studies to interracial dating. ECAASU also welcomes CAPABA Director, Connecticut Superior Court Judge Nina Elgo to present a workshop on Asian Americans working in law. Through these workshops, panels, and keynotes, ECAASU has, year after year, inspired college students to coalesce into a stronger Asian American community through activism and education. With CAPABA's support, Yale is proud to continue this tradition. For more information about the conference and sponsorship opportunities, please visit the conference website at <http://www.ecaasu2007.org>.

CAPABA Joins In The Election Day Voter Rights Project

By Shirley S. Ma, CAPABA President

This past fall, CAPABA joined together with Democracy Works, the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU), the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), and other groups to provide information to voters on Election Day 2006. A toll free hotline was organized at the NAACP office in Hartford to field calls from any voter with questions about the voting process or concerns about voter irregularities. Oftentimes, there is confusion regarding provisional balloting and being at the wrong polling place.

During this past election, many Connecticut towns used new voting machines, and individuals with disabilities were able to cast their vote independently using the IVS telephone system. According to Secretary of the State Susan Bysiewicz, more than 53,000 new voters had registered between the August 8, 2006, primary and the October 31, 2006, voter registration deadline. The impressive number of newly registered voters brought the state's total population of registered voters to 1,937,692, the highest it had ever been for an election for statewide office.

The Career Development Workshop at UConn Law School

By Miri Lim, CAPABA Law Student Member

On November 4, 2006, I attended the Career Development, Racial and Ethnic Diversity in the Legal Profession Workshop at the Davis Courtroom at the University of Connecticut Law School. In the midst of doing outlines, Moot Court competitions, and on-campus interviews, I looked forward to meeting the panelists and having the opportunity to hear about life beyond law school.

The Workshop consisted of a panel discussion on career development strategies, practicing law as lawyers

of color, and balancing a successful career with personal life. The six panelists invited to the workshop represented a broad range of different areas of law. The panelists included Kristin Hoffman, a solo practitioner in immigration law, An-Ping Hsieh, Vice President & General Counsel for the United Technologies Corporation Fire & Security Corp., Steven Samalot, a counsel for the Office of the Attorney General, Carolyn Ikari, a counsel for the U.S. Attorney's Office, and Kevin Rasch, a counsel for Robinson & Cole.

After the welcome remarks and introduction by Angel Feng, president-elect of CAPABA, the panelists were asked questions by Maria Rivera, Director of Career Services at the University of Connecticut Law School. The questions primarily focused on the panelists' career development, and their views on racial and ethnic diversity in the workplace. They were asked about the transition from law school to starting a career, their experiences interviewing candidates and insights on interviewing skills, and balancing their workload with family and personal life. The panelists were also asked to share their views on course selection during law school and opportunities to work internationally.

The students attending the event were able to ask more questions at the end of the panel discussion, at which time I was able to engage in interesting conversations with the panelists. The panelists stayed long after the event to meet with students, and to give advice and share their experiences. I personally enjoyed my conversation with Mr. An-Ping Hsieh, who has worked abroad for a few years before coming to Connecticut to work for UTC. In response to my interest in working abroad, he advised me to always seek opportunities that will allow me to learn and do more. He also offered valuable tips that were very useful during my interviews.

Another memorable discussion was with Ms. Carolyn Ikari. She shared her experiences with the interns at the U.S. Attorney's Office, while emphasizing the importance of effective writing skills for law students. She also shared her experience as a female minority U.S. Attorney, and her positive outlook on diversity in Connecticut's legal community.

Leaving Davis Courtroom, I felt very positive about my uncertain future beyond graduation. I felt the workshop helped me worry less about my future career and to focus more on my current activities at school. The panelists were very helpful in sharing their personal insights and experiences with the students. They offered interviewing tips and to review resumes. I look forward to attending future events and hopefully someday I will be able to share my experiences as a panelist.

The Asian American Leadership Conference at Yale University

By Nancy Liang, Undergraduate Student at Yale University

On October 14th, 2006, high school students in Connecticut and New York congregated at Yale University to participate in the first annual Asian American Leadership Conference at Yale (AALCY). Throughout the day, AALCY delegates participated in numerous workshops ranging from topics on identity to Asian American history to networking and leadership development. “The purpose of the conference was to provide future leaders of the Asian American community with a sampling of Asian American culture, activism, and identity,” said Conference Co-Chair Steven Tan, Yale ’08. “Through this glimpse, we hope they will utilize what they learned to form a stronger, more united Asian American community.” The conference concluded with a keynote address by CAPABA Director, Connecticut Superior Court Judge Nina Elgo. Judge Elgo wrapped up the conference through her personal anecdotes accounting her struggles with identity and the importance of overcoming stereotypes through pursuing one’s dreams. After the conference, many delegates expressed interest in returning to next year’s conference and, more importantly, taking what they have learned back to their schools. Days after the conference, the delegates from Montville High School rallied together and started their school’s Asian American Society. AALCY would like to thank CAPABA for their generous support and Judge Elgo for taking time out of her busy schedule to share her experiences with us. Thank you for helping us create a “stronger, more united Asian American community.”

China Dolls: Sex And The City Meets Chinatown

*Novel by Michelle Yu and Blossom Kan
Book Review by Shirley S. Ma, CAPABA President*

Certainly being of Chinese descent may well spark a raised eyebrow when presented with an opportunity to read Asian chick lit. However, *China Dolls* was an entertaining story about three best friends, who happen to be Chinese women, in their twenties and early thirties, trying to come to grips with life, love, and, of course, careers. Mix in cultural references that only an APA (Asian Pacific American) would understand and you’ve got a heck of a story not to mention a good laugh.

Hey, we’ve all been there and some of us are still there! The *moon yut* banquets to celebrate the arrival of a relative’s baby where everyone there harasses you as to when you’ll be the one to spawn. Blind dates set up by parents whose sole wish is for you to get married and give them grandchildren so that *you* will be happy (not them). Constantly having to prove yourself to older, predominantly white, male counterparts in the professional arena to show that you really do speak English fluently, don’t eat rice all the time, and can kick their ass with one hand tied behind your back. It was hilarious to read all these trials and tribulations as they are handled by M.J., Alex, and Lin, three not so typical China Dolls.

I think we can all relate to Alex, the lawyer in the group. I can only imagine the parallels between her life and that of co-author Blossom Kan, an attorney in New York City and member of the Asian American Bar Association of New York. Alex’s struggle to find that balance between work and personal life is shared by many, if not all, of us. However, the sisterhood she shares with M.J. and Lin are what keeps her sane. We should all be so lucky to have friends like that to not only support us, but to share in that occasional and much needed cocktail, and the standing appointment for dim sum.

China Dolls is a thoroughly entertaining read for anyone, but especially for those of us who can relate only too well to the cultural overtones and laugh out loud for their absurdities. Then again, almost every culture has overbearing parents and stereotypes to overcome.

Come and meet the authors of the novel, "China Dolls," NY1 sports reporter Michelle Yu and attorney Blossom Kan. Attorney Kan is a member of the Asian American Bar Association of New York and the Asian American Legal Defense and Education Fund.

When: Monday, February 12, 2007

Where: Corner Bookstore

1313 Madison Avenue

New York, NY 10127

*Wine reception and Q&A to follow reading

Time: 6:00 pm

When: Tuesday, February 20, 2007

Where: Barnes & Noble

675 6th Avenue

New York, NY 10010

Time: 7:00 pm

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CAPABA Educational Foundation Scholarship

The CAPABA Educational Foundation is very pleased to announce the inauguration of its First Annual Scholarship Award. The Foundation will award one law student a scholarship in the total amount of \$1,000 which will be awarded at CAPABA's Seventh Annual Dinner. The Scholarship is intended to be presented to an Asian American law student who demonstrates

leadership potential, excellence in academia, and a firm commitment and involvement with the Asian American community in Connecticut. The CAPABA Educational Foundation has been established to recognize and encourage those law students who demonstrate a strong sense of community service coupled with professional, academic and personal excellence.

All interested candidates must be enrolled at an accredited law school within the State of Connecticut for the 2006-2007 academic year and must submit a completed Scholarship Application Form which will be available through CAPABA's website by the end of the month. Finalists will be interviewed by one or more members of the Foundation's Scholarship Committee.

Anyone interested in making contributions to the CAPABA Educational Foundation should contact Shirley Ma at smaesquire@yahoo.com for more information.

John S. Ho Has Been Elected to Membership In The Law Firm of Bond, Schoeneck & King, PLLC

John S. Ho is a graduate of the University of Connecticut (B.A., 1992) and St. John's University School of Law (J.D., *cum laude*, 1997) where he was a member of the American Bankruptcy Law Review (1993-1994).

Mr. Ho, a resident in the New York City Office of Bond, Schoeneck & King, PLLC (BS&K), represents management in all aspects of Labor and Employment Law, with specific experience in wage and hour matters, OSHA, FMLA, discrimination claims, labor audits, collective bargaining and workplace investigations. He served as a prosecutor with the United States Department of Labor, Office of the Solicitor. Mr. Ho frequently lectures on FLSA and OSHA compliance and has been a contributing editor to The Fair Labor Standards Act, Cumulative Supplement published by BNA from 2002-2006.

With nearly 60 labor, employment law and employee benefits attorneys devoted to the representation of management, BS&K, a full-service firm headquartered in Syracuse, NY, has one of the largest Labor and Employment Law practices in the Northeast. BS&K attorneys are recognized leaders in this field, representing both small and Fortune 500 companies across the country.

Susan Kim Elected Partner at Bingham McCutchen LLP

Financial Institutions Attorney Represents Clients in Complex Commercial Cases

Susan Kim of Bingham McCutchen's Hartford office is one of 11 U.S.-based attorneys who have been elected to the firm's partnership, effective January 1, 2007.

Ms. Kim is a member of the Financial Institutions Litigation Practice Group, where she concentrates on financial services and insolvency litigation, as well as a wide variety of commercial and bankruptcy cases at the trial and appellate levels. She represents lenders, sureties and other creditors in complex commercial and Chapter 11 cases in numerous jurisdictions. Ms. Kim has worked on several seminal appeals in the United States Supreme Court as well as cases in the First, Second, Third, Fourth, Sixth, Seventh and Ninth Circuits, including *Federal Communications Commission v. Nextwave*, *In re Vickie Lynn Marshall, a/k/a Anna Nicole Smith*, *In re Cybergenics*, *In re Kmart Corp.*, and *In re Pacific Gas & Electric*. Ms. Kim has also participated in appeals to the Connecticut Appellate and Supreme Courts.

Ms. Kim is currently on the board of directors of the Connecticut Asian Pacific American Bar Association. She is also a member of the National Asian Pacific American Bar Association. Named one of Connecticut's "New Leaders of the Law," by the *Connecticut Law Tribune*, Ms. Kim was nominated recently to be a fellow of the American Bar Foundation.

She is a 1998 *cum laude* graduate of the Syracuse University College of Law and a 1994 graduate of Tufts University.

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William Tong Elected As State Representative

William Tong, an attorney at Finn Dixon & Herling LLP who practices corporate law, was elected to the 147th District House Seat, which includes parts of Stamford and New Canaan, and includes several of Fairfield County's great neighborhoods, such as Westover, North Stamford, Scofieldtown, and the west side of New Canaan. Mr. Tong is Connecticut's first Asian American State Representative.

Calvin K. Woo Elected to Partnership of Pepe & Hazard LLP

Pepe & Hazard LLP is pleased to announce that Calvin K. Woo has been elected to the firm's partnership.

Mr. Woo is a resident in the firm's Southport, Connecticut office where his practice focuses on commercial litigation and white collar criminal defense. Mr. Woo represents institutions and individuals in a variety of areas at both the trial and appellate level, which include complex commercial and civil disputes, business torts, and real property. He also represents individuals and entities in the defense of governmental investigations and prosecutions involving a wide range of criminal matters, which include financial crimes, racketeering, and fraud. Prior to entering private practice, Mr. Woo served as an Assistant District Attorney for the Bronx County District Attorney's Office in the Arson/Economic

Crimes Bureau of the Investigations Division. He has practiced before the Second Circuit for the United States Court of Appeals, the United States District Court for the District of Connecticut, the Southern and Eastern Districts of New York, and the Connecticut and New York state trial and appellate courts.

Mr. Woo is a member of the firm's Diversity Committee and is currently on the Executive Board of the Connecticut Asian Pacific American Bar Association. He is also an active volunteer for the Eastern Fairfield County Chapter of the United Way.

Mr. Woo received his J.D. from the George Washington University Law School and his B.A. *cum laude* from the University of Rochester.

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CBA/YLS Liaison for CAPABA

CAPABA is currently seeking someone to serve as its liaison for the Young Lawyers Section for the Connecticut Bar Association. Anyone interested in serving should contact CAPABA Vice President Tanya Wolanic by phone at (860) 522-0404 or by email at: wolanict@jacksonlewis.com.

JOB OPPORTUNITIES

Deputy Assistant State's Attorney - Judicial District of Tolland

The Division of Criminal Justice has the following employment opportunities:

Deputy Assistant State's Attorney for the Judicial District of Tolland, GA #19 Deputy Assistant State's Attorney, Domestic Violence for the Judicial District of Bew Britain, GA #15.

Please refer to the Division's Website @ www.ct.gov/csao for applications and information.

Internships with the Office of the Chief State's Attorney Division of Criminal Justice

The Office of the Chief State's Attorney's Office - Division of Criminal Justice offers an internship program to acquaint law students with Connecticut's criminal justice system, in particular, the role of the prosecutor. The internship program is an important component of the Division of Criminal Justice Affirmative Action initiative and outreach to the community. Both summer internships and for-credit internships during the academic year are available.

An intern may be placed in a Bureau in the Office of the Chief State's Attorney in Rocky Hill or in any of the approximately fifty Division of Criminal Justice offices around the state — preferably close to the student's residence. Mileage and parking reimbursements are provided. Subject to interest and availability, intern field trips may be scheduled to the Connecticut State Police Forensic Laboratory, a correctional facility, and the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner.

Basic Requirements for an Internship:

- The applicant must have completed one full year of law school and must be in good academic standing. All students applying for an internship are subject to a background check.
- A summer intern must commit to a minimum of three days a week for six weeks.
- Students who are doing a for-credit internship during the academic year must comply with their law school's requirements for academic credit

and be supervised by a law professor and a prosecutor.

- Interns must maintain strict confidentiality about the contents of the prosecutors' files and about cases they hear discussed in the prosecutors' offices.
- Interns at all times must dress appropriately, act professionally and show respect for crime victims, witnesses, court personnel, office staff, defendants and their attorneys.
- All summer interns must attend an orientation session at the Office of the Chief State's Attorney.

An Intern's Duties

Depending on a student's aptitude, level of legal education, and designated office, and in compliance with Connecticut Practice Book Rules, the following experiences are available under the supervision of a prosecutor: calling the docket, handling arraignments, preparing and arguing bond motions, performing legal research, writing memos, attending pre-trial conferences and plea negotiations, assisting at jury selection, meeting with witnesses and victims.

How To Apply

Interested law school students should send a letter of interest with an updated resume and their most recent academic transcript to the **Office of the Chief State's Attorney, 300 Corporate Place, Rocky Hill, CT 06067** to the attention of Patricia Alston-Tyson or Judith Rossi. The letter should indicate your present year in law school, why you are interested in an internship with the Division of Criminal Justice, and the office or Bureau in which you would like to work (more than one choice is preferable).

UPCOMING EVENTS

CAPABA'S Open Membership Meeting/ Lunar New Year Celebration

When: Thursday, February 22, 2007

Where: Pepe & Hazard LLP
30 Jelliff Lane, 3rd Floor
Southport, CT

Time: 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm

Come and join us for an evening of networking and fun as we celebrate the Lunar New Year with APA leaders in our community. Dinner and drinks will be provided.

Please RSVP to Kristin Wargo at (203) 319-4044 or at kwargo@pepehazard.com by February 16, 2007.

Celebration for State Legislator William Tong

When: Saturday, January 20, 2007

Where: The Maderazo residence
78 Blue Ridge Drive
Manchester, CT

Time: 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm

Come and celebrate the election of William Tong, Connecticut's first and only Asian American state legislator. The Maderazos are opening their home for a reception to celebrate this historic first for our community.

Please RSVP to Bill Howe at bill@billhowe.org.

**New Year's Party of the Organization
of Chinese Americans, Inc. of
Fairfield County**

When: Saturday, February 10, 2007

Where: Chatham Manor
493 Connecticut Avenue
Norwalk, CT

Time: 5:00 pm to 11:00 pm

Cost: Adult Members: \$50, Adult Non-Members: \$65,
Children: \$15/ separate menu

This exciting evening will include a 10-course Chinese dinner feast catered by Jasmine Restaurant of Westport, performances by classical Chinese folk dancers, Peking Opera, children's performances by our own Chinese Language School, Lion Dance, Service Awards, DJ and Dancing. Our keynote speaker will be William Tong, first elected Asian American to the Connecticut legislature.

Please contact Miriam Yeung, President of OCA-FC at 860-677-9442 to RSVP.

Please send any articles or information, such as news or announcements, that you would like to have published in the next issue of the CAPABA E-Newsletter to Calvin Woo at cwoo@pepehazard.com. Please also feel free to provide suggestions for future articles or comments on what you read. Note: The opinions expressed in the CAPABA E-Newsletter are those of the authors and do not necessarily reflect association policy or editorial concurrence. Publication of any written materials or advertisements does not constitute an endorsement. The editors reserve the right to accept, reject, or edit materials or advertisements in accordance with their editorial judgment.