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AEF ANNOUNCES DATE OF 2010 ANNUAL BENEFIT DINNER

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The Board of the Asian Pacific American Bar Association Educational Fund (AEF) is pleased to announce that the 2010 Annual Benefit Dinner will take place on the evening of **Friday, March 19, 2010** at the National Press Club, in Washington, D.C.

AEF is honored that Acting Chair of the E.E.O.C. **Stuart Ishimaru** will be the keynote speaker for the event.

"We are most excited to have Chair Ishimaru as our Keynote at this year's dinner," said AEF President, Christopher Y. Chan. "He has been a mentor and strong supporter to Asian Pacific America (APA) attorneys in the district and we look forward to hearing about the important work he is undertaking to ensure equal rights across the Nation."

The Board is also excited to acknowledge the six law students and two recent graduates to whom it awarded over \$25,000 in fellowships and grants to undertake public interest work in 2009.

The Dinner will feature both a live and silent auction; recognition of AEF's 2010 Community Service Award winner; and much more.

"In difficult economic times, it is even more important for us to support public interest work," said Chan. "AEF is grateful to the law firms, corporate sponsors and individuals who support our mission."

• For details regarding sponsorship opportunities for the 2010 Annual Benefit Dinner, please see the back page of this newsletter, visit www.aefdc.org, or contact AEF's President <christopher.chan@finnegan.com>.



Emcee Sherri Ly of Fox5 News and D.C. Public Schools Chancellor Michelle Rhee at the 2009 AEF Benefit Dinner which raised over \$60,000 for the Foundation



Jim Cho, Senior Manager of Asian Marketing & Community Relations for Anheuser Busch and AEF Fellows, Delphina Yuen, Anjali Subbarao, Shiwali Patel, Andrea Yang, and Parag Khandar. Anheuser Busch has generously endowed the Norman Y. Mineta Fellowship for over a decade and is a strong supporter of AEF and the APA community

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- AEF hosted three events for law students in Fall 2009.
- AEF Board is planning career event for law students in January 2010.
- 2010 Annual Benefit Dinner is slated for March 19, 2010.
- 2009 Matsui Writing Competition Winner Announced.

2009 Bar Assistance Grant Recipients

Grants for recent graduates to pursue public interest



Laura Newland
Georgetown Univ.
Bar Assistance Grant - Legal Counsel for the Elderly



Christina Nguyen
Thomas Cooley School of Law
Bar Assistance Grant—APALRC

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2009 Fellowship Recipients Summer Fellowships for Law Students



Tania Shahani
Univ. of New Mexico
 Anheuser-Busch
Norman Y. Mineta Fellow



Wendy Lau
Catholic Univ.
Robert E. Wone Fellow



Alyce Ahn
Georgetown Univ.
AEF Fellow



Jessica Flores
American Univ.
AEF Fellow



Zahra Khan
American Univ.
AEF Fellow



Atasi Satpathy
Univ. of Michigan
AEF Fellow

In 2009, AEF awarded six public interest fellowships to law students and two Bar Assistance Grants. Since 1993, AEF has awarded over \$150,000 in fellowships, and nearly \$100,000 since 2003 alone.

APPLY FOR AEF FELLOWSHIP & GRANTS — Deadline for the 2010 Fellowship applications will be on April 30, 2010. More details available at www.aefdc.org

SCENES FROM SUMMER/FALL 2009 EVENTS

On September 17, AEF put on its inaugural **Wine and Cheese Rooftop Welcome Reception for Law Students**.

The event was hosted by former AEF Board Member, **Jessie Liu**, and her firm, **Jenner & Block**. Over 50 attorneys and local law students attended this event.



On November 12, AEF held its **Speed Networking Reception at Finnegan Henderson**. Over 70 students and attorneys attended and participated in the mentoring process and associated mentorship program. **Keith Earley**, Finnegan's Diversity Director, provided opening remarks and networking advice.



On July 25, 2009, **Jones Day** hosted **Law Students: Know Thy Career Options** panel discussion for law students highlighting possible career options. APABA-DC President, **Tacie Yoon**, APABA-DC President, moderated the panel including **Emily Mao** (Alston and Bird), **Kris Dighe** (EPA), **Janelle Hu** (House of Rep. Staff), and **Maribeth Raffinan** (DC Public Defenders Office). The event was co-sponsored by APABA-DC, SABA-DC, and VABA-DC.



On October 17, AEF co-sponsored the **Robert E. Wone Judicial Clerkship Conference at American University Washington College of Law**. The Conference introduced law students to judicial clerkships and explained the process for applying for them. The students were fortunate to hear panels of D.C.-area state and federal judges and former Supreme Court clerks. Over 130 law students attended. Many thanks to **Judge Laura Cordero**, D.C. Superior Court; **Judge Jeannie Hong**, Baltimore City District Court; **Judge Michele Hotten**, Prince George's County Circuit Court; **Judge Brian Kim**, Montgomery County District Court; **Judge Florence Pan**, D.C. Superior Court; **Judge Reggie Walton**, U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia; **Judge Andre Davis**, U.S. District Court for the District of Maryland; and **Judge John Fisher**, D.C. Court of Appeals.



DI ZHANG WINS MATSUI WRITING COMPETITION



AEF is pleased to announce **Di Zhang** as the winner of the 2009 Robert T. Matsui Writing Competition. Di's piece on "Intercountry Adoption: Better Viewed in Black and White or Technicolor" earned him a \$1,500 cash prize, and will be published in an upcoming volume of UCLA's Asian Pacific American Law Journal (APALJ).

Di states: "In writing this paper, I wanted to survey the racial policies inherent in intercountry adoption and highlight the relevant legal and Constitutional arguments in support of appropriate racial sensitivity in the adoption process."

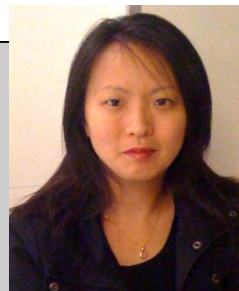
Previous Winners of the Matsui Writing Competition:

Z.W. Julius Chen - "Diverse Among Ourselves: Critiquing Asian Americans' Supposed Gains in College Admissions Under Percentage Plans" 14 UCLA Asian Pac. Am. L. J. (2009).

Angela Riya Kuo - "Let Her Will Be Done," 13 UCLA Asian Pac. Am. L. J. 72 (2007/2008).

Mai-Trang D. Dang - "The Blight of the Bourgeoisie," 12 UCLA Asian Pac. Am. L. J. 69 (2007).

Darren Seiji Teshima - "A Hardy Handshake Sort of Guy," 11 UCLA Asian Pac. Am. L. J. 122 (2006).



FORMER AEF FELLOW SPOTLIGHT (2001)

Seon Jeong Lee - Principal Court Attorney to a Supreme Court Justice in Bronx, New York.

How did you first get involved with AEF? I applied for the AEF Fellowship after accepting an internship at the National Asian Pacific American Legal Consortium (NAPALC), which has since been renamed Asian American Justice Center (AAJC), in Washington, D.C.

How did you get to your current position in your career? I began my legal career as a public defender at the Office of the Public Defender in New Jersey, specializing in appellate litigation. Desiring to practice law in New York, three-and-a-half years later, I moved to a non-profit New York office, Center for Appellate Litigation. After six years of advocating on behalf of indigent clients, I have now moved on to working for the court as a judge's advisor.

Why do you think AEF is important? AEF provided me an opportunity to work on interesting current issues facing the APA community at the time. One of the hot issues was detention of immigrants and the strain it caused detainees, their families and communities. A group of us, including activists from the Hmong community, lobbied congresspersons to amend the harsh law. In addition to immigrant rights, I worked on voting rights issues. Other activities included attending press conferences on Capitol Hill, participating in rallies, one of which involved seeking redress for "Comfort Women," women enslaved by the Imperial Japanese Army during the World War II for forced prostitution.

FORMER AEF BOARD MEMBER SPOTLIGHT (2003-05)

James C. Ho—First APA Solicitor General of Texas

Former Chief Counsel to Senator John Cornyn, Of Counsel at Gibson Dunn & Crutcher, and Law Clerk to Justice Clarence Thomas

How did you first get involved with AEF? Since I first met him through the law firm recruiting process well over a decade ago, John Yang has been a wonderful mentor to me—as he has been to so many young APA lawyers. And it was years ago that he first told me about all the wonderful work that AEF does.

How did you get to your current position in your career? A combination of excellent mentors and sheer dumb luck. I've long been interested in appellate and constitutional law and litigating with/against the government, and that certainly helped, too.

Why do you think AEF is important? AEF provides inspiration and guidance to so many young APA lawyers and law students who are smart, hardworking, and know they want to do something important and meaningful with their legal careers, but perhaps don't know exactly what to do or who can help them do it. AEF brings people together in a profoundly important way in order to achieve wonderful things for the community. The APA community is better off because of AEF.



Matsui Writing Competition Judging Panel

AEF would like to acknowledge the judges of the 2009 Matsui Writing Competition:

Hon. Ming W. Chin, Associate Justice, Supreme Court of California

Mr. Michael P. Chu, Shareholder, Brinks Hofer Gilson & Lione

Mr. Vincent A. Eng, Deputy Director, Asian American Justice Center

Ms. Jennifer Choe Groves, Director of Intellectual Property, USTR

Mr. James C. Ho, Solicitor General of Texas

Hon. Paul M. Igasaki, Deputy Chief Executive Officer, Equal Justice Works

Mr. Gary K. Li, APALJ Representative

Mr. Sujit M. Raman, US Attorney, Baltimore

Ms. Kelu L. Sullivan, AEF Representative

Mr. Jason Wu, APALJ Representative

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APPLY FOR THE
ROBERT T. MATSUI
WRITING COMPETITION

DEADLINE: JUNE 1, 2010

The competition is open to all law students nationwide in the United States. Submissions for the 2010 competition must be received by June 1, 2010, and the winner will be announced by September 1, 2010. Submissions must be original works and not previously published. The winner of the 2010 competition will receive a monetary award of fifteen hundred dollars (\$1,500), and the winning entry will be published by the Asian Pacific American Law Journal (APALJ) at the University of California, Los Angeles School of Law, subject to the journal's standard editorial process and copyright policy.

For more information or an application, visit www.aefdc.org or contact sullivan@bakerlaw.com.

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EVENTS CALENDAR

- **January 28 — "A Career Planning Seminar"**
A Practical Tutorial On What It Takes To Land The Job You Want
Hosted by Kirkpatrick & Lockhart Preston Gates Ellis LLP.
- **March 19 — Annual Benefit Dinner**
Featuring Keynote Speaker, Stuart Ishimaru
National Press Club, Washington, D.C.
- **April 30 — AEF Summer Fellowship Application Deadline**
Each year AEF awards summer fellowships to law students performing public interest work. The primary purpose of the fellowships is to fund a student's unpaid internship with a public interest organization that benefits either the APA community or the D.C. metro area at large. Applications are available on our website.
- **May 2 — AEF Board of Directors Application Deadline**
Interested in joining our Board? Application details are available on our website.
- **June 25 — "Law Students: Know Thy Career Options"**
Hear D.C.-area attorneys talk about their career paths.
Hosted by Jones Day.
- **June 1 — Robert T. Matsui Writing Competition Deadline**



invites all law students to:

"A Career Planning Seminar"

January 28, 2010

6:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.



1601 K Street, N.W.

(Near Farragut North or Farragut West Metro Stations)

Law students and recent graduates are invited to hear from a panel of legal recruiters about what law firms and corporations are looking for in their prospective lawyers and have their resumes reviewed by a professional. The dress code is business attire. Refreshments will be provided.

RSVP on our website at www.aefdc.org.

For more information, e-mail Lauren Sun at <lauren.sun@gmail.com>.

Visit us on the web:

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c/o Ms. Ada Loo, Pillsbury
2300 N Street NW
Washington, DC 20037-1122

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