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SABA-DC Mentorship Program is Back!

Mentorship Program

With the help of our new SABA-DC student liaisons we are proud to announce that our Mentorship Program is back. We are asking for all la students and attorneys interested in participating as a mentee or mentor to email us at sabastudents@gmail.com by February 29, 2008.

Please provide your contact information and your practice area and/or interests. We will attempt to group mentors and mentees based on practice area/interest of law. Feel free to provide any additional information that you feel is pertinent to the program.

We hope that the Mentorship Program will provide an outlet for mentees and mentors to engage in a mutual exchange of information.

SABA-DC Student Liaisons

SABA-DC is proud to announce its student liaisons for the 2008 term: Pinal Patel from Georgetown University Law School; Shivani Poddar from American University Law School and Puneet Cheema from George Washington University Law School. SABA-DC looks forward to building its relationship with law schools and assisting law students with the help of its new liaisons.

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Law Student Outreach

To kick off our Mentorship program SABA-DC will be hosting a meet and greet event sometime in March where we hope all of our mentors and mentees can meet and mingle among each other.

In the coming weeks, please check the SABA-DC website at www.sabadc.org for date and location information.

Cyclone Fundraiser

We would like to thank everyone who attended the Bangladesh Cyclone Fundraiser on January 31, 2008 at the Science Club with a special thanks to those who made donations.



SABA - DC Dinner Series, February 27, 2008 at 7:00 PM

WORK-LIFE BALANCE STRATEGIES FOR ATTORNEYS

Are the trials of legal practice taking its toll? Trying to figure out how to balance a satisfying legal career with your personal life? Come have dinner with Professional Coach, Lopa Banerjee and learn how you can have it all.

Location: Bombay Palace
2020 K Street, NW
Foggy Bottom Metro (orange and blue lines),
Farragut North (red line)
Cost: The cost of your dinner



SABA-DC members preferred. Seating is limited so please RSVP to Anuradha Banerjee at abanerjee@dowlohn.com to reserve your place at the dinner.

This month's guest:
Lopa Banerjee
Certified Professional Coach
deltat3

Lopa Banerjee is the founder president of deltat3, an organization providing coaching services to individuals seeking to integrate all aspects of their life to achieve true work-life balance. She is a graduate of Leadership York, Comprehensive Coaching U, and The Coaching Institute, a premier coaching institute, and its organizational behavior program. She is an invited mentor for The Coaching Institute's signature-coaching program

DC Bar Pro Bono Program Advice and Referral Clinic

SABA-DC provides pro bono assistance on a quarterly basis to the monthly DC Bar Pro Bono Program's Advice and Referral Clinics. We are currently seeking four to five volunteer attorneys to staff the Saturday, March 8th clinic. Attorneys with limited experience are welcome to volunteer; expert mentors and other resources will be available on site.

When: Saturday, March 8 from 9:30am-1:00pm

Where: Bread for the City

1525 Seventh Street, NW

Washington, DC 20001

(Green Line to Shaw/Howard University)

ABOUT THE CLINIC: The Brief Advice and Referral Clinic provides individuals with brief general information and advice on most legal matters governed by DC Law, including debt counseling and bankruptcy, immigration, family law, probate, tax, employment housing, public benefits, and consumer fraud. The Clinic is held on the second Saturday of each month at two sites (Bread for the City's NW and SE locations). The clinic is staffed by volunteers from law firms, government agencies, voluntary bar associations, and DC Bar Sections. In the event individuals require more than information and advice, or assistance completing pro se pleadings, volunteers attempt to locate referrals to other legal service agencies to provide representation. During the past year, nearly 1,000 low income individuals were served through the Clinic. Pro Bono Program staff and expert mentors are available on-site, as well as reference manuals and guidebooks. A follow-up letter or phone call may be appropriate in certain circumstances if a volunteer wishes to check a point of law.

PLEASE NOTE: Attorneys that work in the federal government and/or barred in DC are allowed to provide brief advice at this clinic. Unless you are barred in DC or have an application pending, the DC Bar Pro Bono Program's malpractice insurance cannot cover you. If you are not barred in DC, you can still attend the clinic and provide non-legal assistance in the form of interviewing clients prior to their consultations. Regardless of your practice area or lack of experience, this is a great opportunity to donate your legal skills to people that really need assistance.

To volunteer/register or for more information, please contact:

Padma Shah

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Representing Victims of Domestic Violence

PRO BONO PROGRAM and Archdiocesan Legal Network;
AYUDA Bread for the City DV LEAP;
Georgetown University Law Center's Domestic Violence Clinic; Legal Aid Society of DC,
Women Empowered Against Violence (WEAVE)
with
D.C. Affairs Section; Litigation Section; Family Law Section; The South Asian Bar Association of Washington DC
Present
Representing Victims of Domestic Violence
Friday, March 14, 2008
9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
D.C. Bar Conference Center
1250 H St., NW, Level B-1
(Metro Center)

Thousands of victims of domestic violence seek Civil Protection Orders (CPOs) each year, and only a small percentage of them are able to obtain legal representation. This program is designed to prepare attorneys to represent domestic violence victims pro bono in CPO cases and actions to modify and enforce CPOs in D.C. Superior Court, as well as to staff WEAVE's walk-in legal advice and information clinic for survivors of domestic violence. Trainers will provide an overview of the relevant law and procedures. A comprehensive 170-page litigation manual that includes step-by-step guidance, including sample forms, fact investigation tips, sample direct examinations, and background readings is included in the cost of registration. WEAVE will also facilitate an observation session in the Domestic Violence Unit of DC Superior Court in the weeks following the training. This program is appropriate for attorneys, attorney/paralegal teams (paralegals must attend with an attorney), and law students doing clinical work.

Cost: \$35 for attorneys; \$15 for paralegals and law students; free for legal service providers.
Registration: Online at www.dcbar.org/probono, or complete and send the registration form below with payment.

Training participants must agree to accept two pro bono referrals from one of the sponsoring organizations.*
Please note that pro bono training sessions are not MCLE-accredited.

-----REGISTRATION FORM-----

No phone reservations will be accepted.*

Send to:
Representing Victims of Domestic Violence (03.14.08)
D.C. Bar Pro Bono Program
1250 H Street NW, 6th Floor
Washington, DC 20005-5937

Or Fax to: 202-942-9752 (secure line)
Credit card payments only.
Must be received at least 24 hours prior to event. Those participants registering on or before 03/11/2008 will receive their manuals on the day of the training; all other participants will receive their manuals in the mail.

Please reserve _____ space(s). Enclosed is my payment of _____.

Method of payment:

Check made payable to the D.C. Bar. Check No. _____

MC VISA Credit Card Acct. No. _____ Exp. _____

Name _____ Bar No. and State: _____

Address _____ City/State/Zip _____

Phone No. _____ email _____

If you require a physical accommodation or have questions, please contact the DC Bar Pro Bono Program at 202-737-4700, ext. 293.

*For complete pro bono training program policies, please visit www.dcbar.org/probono.

Future SABA-DC Dinner Series

MARCH

What: Human Rights Law and Policy in the Nation's Capital

When: March 20, 2008 at 7PM

Who: Featuring Ajay Bhatt, Human Rights Law Division at the Department of Homeland Security

Where: TBD

APRIL

What: A Conversation about Climate Change

When: TBD

Who: Featuring Seema Kakade

Where: TBD

NASABA Convention

Where: Chicago, Illinois

When: June 26-28, 2008

The North American South Asian Bar Association (NASABA) cordially invites you to attend their Fifth National Convention at the Westin Michigan Avenue and Navy Pier Grand Ballroom in Chicago, Illinois, from June 26-28, 2008.

To register and for more information please visit:

<http://www.nasabaconvention.org>



Referrals and Jobs

ACLU-DE Seeks Cooperating Attorney in First Amendment Case

ACLU-DE has a strong First Amendment case involving two protestors and a municipal police department, and is looking for a cooperating attorney to help us file suit very soon. Please contact Umbreen S. Bhatti immediately if you are interested:

Umbreen S. Bhatti
Staff Attorney
ACLU of Delaware
100 W. 10th Street, Suite 309
Wilmington, DE 19801

APALRC seeking Executive Director

The Asian Pacific American Legal Resource Center (APALRC) -- a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization dedicated to advancing the legal and civil rights of Asian Americans in the Washington, D.C. metropolitan community -- is seeking applications for its Executive Director position. Currently employing nine full-time staff (in addition to the Executive Director), the APALRC's goals are two-fold: (1) to address the individual legal needs of low-income and limited-English proficient Asian Americans; and (2) to advocate for broad-based systemic change on civil rights issues impacting Asian Americans.

To Apply: Send cover letter and resume as attached Word or PDF documents to EDSearch@apalrc.org (Attn: John Yang) with "Executive Director Search" in the subject line.

Please direct all inquiries related to this position to the same email address.

First Annual Asian Pacific Americans and the Law Dinner

Co-sponsored by WCL's Asian Pacific American Law Students Association and the Asian Pacific American Bar Association of DC

Wednesday, March 19, 2008 6:30-8:30pm at American University Washington College of Law
4801 Massachusetts Avenue, NW, Sixth Floor Washington, DC 20016

WCL's APALSA and the DC chapter of APABA will host a dinner to explore the continuing need to empower Asian Pacific American participation in the practice of law and to recognize WCL alumni and students who are committed to serving the APA community. The keynote speaker, William "Bill" Tamayo, regional attorney with the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission and former managing attorney for the Asian Law Caucus, will discuss the important legacy of APAs to the legal field and the persistent issues that hold meaning for APA attorneys of color.

Please RSVP to: secl@wcl.american.edu

American University Washington College of Law, Office Of Special Events & Continuing Legal Education
Phone 202.274.4075 Fax 202.274.4079.

Website www.wcl.american.edu/secl

For further information, please contact apalsa@wcl.american.edu

2008 AEF Annual Benefit Dinner

The 2008 Annual Benefit Dinner will mark AEF's 15th Anniversary. This special event will take place on the evening of Friday, March 28, 2008 at the National Press Club, in Washington, D.C.

Keynote Speaker: The Honorable William Tong, Connecticut State Representative

Community Service Award Recipient: Carol Izumi, Professor, George Washington University

Emcee: Eun Yang, NBC4 Newsreporter and Anchor

National Press Club

529 Fourteenth Street, N.W.

Washington, D.C. 20045

Metro Center Metro Station (Red, Orange, and Blue Lines)

Cocktail Reception & Silent Auction at 6:00 p.m.

Dinner & Live Auction at 7:00 p.m.

For further information about the AEF Benefit Dinner or AEF, visit www.aefdc.org.