



## Committees

**Business Development Committee** provides programs and networking opportunities for private practitioners interested in developing a book of business. This committee hosts quarterly business development meetings featuring a trained professional to provide coaching and practical advice for private practitioners.

**Communications Committee** plans, coordinates, and supervises all communications (emails, newsletters, website) that keep members informed of activities, events, and issues affecting the legal profession and community. This committee also maintains the AABA website, issues press releases, and drafts the AABA monthly newsletter.

**Community Service/Pro Bono Legal Clinic Committee** operates AABA's Pro Bono Legal Clinics that serves the legal needs of the low-income Asian American immigrant community in Chicago. In 2010 AABA launched a new pro bono legal clinic in Chinatown through a partnership with the Chinese American Service League, Quarles & Brady LLP and Chicago Volunteer Legal Services ("CVLS"). AABA volunteers provide pro bono services at the Asian Legal Services Clinic, partnering with DLA Piper, Asian Human Services, and CVLS.

**Continuing Legal Education Committee** develops diverse programs that offer members the opportunity to earn CLE credits in areas ranging from improving litigation skills to learning how to become a judge. AABA is an Accredited Provider with the Minimum Continuing Legal Education Board of the Supreme Court of Illinois.

**In House Counsel/Law Firm Partners Committee** works to bring together In-House Counsel and Law Firm Partners. This committee is a networking and business development group that hosts two networking dinners each year. The In-House Counsel side of this committee explores the unique professional development needs and challenges faced by in-house attorneys in corporate departments and offers programs to address such needs.

**Judicial Development Committee** addresses the shortage of Asian Americans in the judiciary. Its purpose is to: (1) educate AABA members & the community about the judicial appointment and election process; (2) encourage & prepare qualified candidates to submit their names for consideration for judicial vacancies or run for election; (3) provide mentoring opportunities to qualified candidates; and (4) serve as a resource to decision-makers by providing ready access to qualified judicial candidates. The Committee is responsible for organizing an annual Judges' Reception to foster opportunities to meet members of the bench. This committee also evaluates and participates in interviews with judicial candidates requesting letters of support from AABA.

**Judicial Evaluations Committee** evaluates state and federal candidates for the judiciary including Cook County Associate Judge vacancies, judicial primaries, and retention elections. After undergoing extensive investigation and an interview process, each judicial candidate is rated, and ratings are published to the public-at-large. AABA is a member of the Alliance of Bar Associations for Judicial Screening, which also includes, Black Women Lawyers' Association of Greater Chicago (BWL), Chicago Council of Lawyers (CCL), Cook County Bar Association (CCBA), Decalogue Society of Lawyers (DSL), Hellenic Bar Association (HBA), Illinois State Bar Association (ISBA), Lesbian and Gay Bar Association of Chicago (LAGBAC), Puerto Rican Bar Association of Illinois (PRBA), and Women's Bar Association of Illinois (WBAI).

**Law Student Services and Mentoring Committee** Law Student Services and Mentoring Committee works to forge mentoring relationships between law students and experienced attorneys. AABA hosts an annual Law Student Career Forum featuring one-on-one mentoring and resume review and informative panel discussions, followed by a networking reception. Also, AABA and various governmental entities have partnered to provide paid summer internships for Asian American law students.

**Membership and Young Lawyers' Committee** recruits and retains new members by planning events that encourage professional development and create networking opportunities. The Young Attorneys' Subcommittee focuses on attorneys in their first five years of practice.

**Small Firm/Solo Practitioner Committee** provides programs and networking opportunities directed to the unique needs of solo practitioners and attorneys in small law firms.