



# OCKABA Newsletter

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## Happy New Year!

Happy New Year OC KABA Members and Friends!!

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Did everyone enjoy the long holiday weekend with your family and loved ones? I hope everyone had some good rest. It's now time to get our mind out of the "vacation mode" and start billing!! ☺

On a serious note, I can't believe it's already 2009. Life seems to get faster as you age. Don't you agree Ryul? ☺

As we ring in the New Year, I'm sure everyone has some kind of New Year resolution(s). If not, then allow me to provide you with one: **to set aside some time for OCKABA and contribute in anyway I possibly can.** We need every member's involvement and contribution so we can continue to grow and be able to launch more new and successful programs to benefit our members and the community.

As always, if any members know of any attorneys who are interested in joining our organization please spread the word and circulate this newsletter.

If you have any ideas to put in this newsletter, please feel free to contact me ([Hhoelpark@gmail.com](mailto:Hhoelpark@gmail.com))

Yours truly,  
Ho-El

### ABOUT US: Orange County Korean American Bar Association

*OC KABA was established in November 2005 to promote networking among minority attorneys, to provide effective legal counsel to the local Orange County community, to serve the Korean American community's legal needs with pro bono services, to promote the appointment of Korean American judges, and to assist law students in making the transition into full-time law practice.*

*There are currently 20 attorneys on the OC KABA Board of Directors and there are about 200-250 Korean American attorneys registered in Orange County.*

## 1. NEW YEAR RESOLUTIONS (By Some of Our Officers)

"To go to bed before midnight every night so I can be the early bird that gets the worm, or at least just be up when my kid is up" *Mary H. Kim OCKABA Secretary*

"I would like to see OC KABA establish and award a scholarship to a deserving law school student each year (that way we lock in future members! Chi-Ching! ☺)" *John Yi, OCKABA Treasurer*

"To make lots and lots of money (meaning, receive good, current and available funds - Instead of: bunch of NSF checks/post dated checks to a date uncertain/checks payable to '&#%^ Park', making impossible for even a high priced handwriting expert to decipher/checks from banks that are closed or the account is closed/forged checks/Korean money, etc.).... As I am writing this, I change my mind as said resolution seems hard to achieve without the cooperation of my clients. Thus, my new resolution is: 'to just stay sane with Korean clients, stay out of trouble, be healthy and content with my life'"

*Ho El Park, OCKABA VP of Communication/Marketing.*

## 2. PAST EVENTS

### A. DINNER WITH SUKHEE KANG, THE NEW IRVINE MAYOR

On Wednesday, December 17, 2008, some of our OCKABA members had the privilege to have a private dinner with the new mayor of the City of Irvine, the Hon. Sukhee Kang at "il fornaio" restaurant in Irvine.



*(From Right to Left: Min Chai, Sukhee Kang, Jenny Park, Angela Pak, Sonny Koo, Christian Kim, Eileen Chung, and Ted Kim)*

## **B. BOARD OF DIRECTORS HOLIDAY PARTY**

One of the many benefits of becoming an officer and/or a board member of OCKABA is that we get to have our own holiday party. Well, actually, our president, Min Chai has graciously invited the board members to her house for a small holiday "get together" on December 13, 2008 to thank the board for all their hard work and contribution to OCKABA in 2008. Hopefully, this will be a new tradition to be implemented as our annual event (subject to the approval of the next president, Christian Kim, obviously - no pressure Christian! ☺). Unfortunately, rather than indulging ourselves in the holiday spirit and not thinking about OCKABA, as workaholics we are, the board members discussed extensively about our upcoming events and ideas to further develop OCKABA. The highlight of the event was the viewing of the photo slideshow which was intended to be shown at the OCKABA Installation Dinner in November 2008 (for those who missed the slideshow, you can request one from Ho-Ei ([hoelpark@gmail.com](mailto:hoelpark@gmail.com)) with minimum donation of \$10 payable to "OCKABA"). However, all in all, the event turned out to be great, with great food and wine and best of all, good company. Thank you Min for hosting this party! Below are some pictures from the party:



### **3. UPCOMING OCKABA EVENTS**

#### **A. GENERAL MEETING!**

To kick off the new year, we'll hold our first general meeting of 2009 on *January 8, 2009 at 6:00 PM* at Kring & Chung, LLP, 38 Corporate Park, Irvine, CA. Please try to attend! Please be reminded that general meetings are not limited to just board members but to all members!

#### **B. Community Law School**

OCKABA will hold its Fourth Annual Community Law School Day on March 21, 2009 at KIA Motors Corporate Office in Irvine CA. Save this Date! We will plan early so please volunteer! If you are interested in speaking at the event, or volunteer in any other way, please contact Star Lopez at [star.lopez@gmail.com](mailto:star.lopez@gmail.com). If you or your firm or anyone you know is interested in sponsoring this event, please contact any of our officers.

### **4. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **A. Looking for Website Administrator!**

OCKABA is looking for someone to volunteer a small portion of his/her time to keep our website maintained and updated. If interested, please email Star Lopez ([Star.Lopez@gmail.com](mailto:Star.Lopez@gmail.com)).

#### **B. Need volunteers for newsletter!**

We are looking for few volunteers who are willing to contribute their time for our monthly newsletters. Please contact Ho-El if interested at [hoelpark@gmail.com](mailto:hoelpark@gmail.com).

#### **C. Membership Application and Dues**

As the New Year rolls in, OCKABA is once again collecting dues from its current/prospective members. For all those who became attorneys within the past 0-3 years (regardless of which state), the fee is \$50. For everyone else, the fee is \$100. If you are a law student, there is no fee; however, you must fill out an application. Also, whether or not you are a new member, all OCKABA members must fill out a membership application each year. All checks should be made payable to "OC KABA".

Please mail your completed application and membership fees to:  
HCC Surety Group, 9841 Airport Blvd., Ninth Floor, Los Angeles, CA 90045  
(Attention "John C. Yi"; RE: 2008 OC KABA Membership Application)

A copy of the *membership application* is being sent concurrently with this newsletter to all of our current members.

#### **D. Get Published in Our Newsletter**

Please share your success/horror stories with your fellow members. We want to know more about each of our members and their experiences as an attorney. Advice and tips are greatly appreciated to help our members become better attorneys. Let us know and we'll add your stories and thoughts in our next newsletter. Contact: Ho-El Park [hoelpark@gmail.com](mailto:hoelpark@gmail.com).

#### **E. Questions and Comments**

We're here for you! Any and all ideas/comments/ criticisms are all appreciated. Please email/call any of our board members and officers for any questions/comments. Thank you. If you find any errors in this newsletter, please email me at [hoelpark@gmail.com](mailto:hoelpark@gmail.com)