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Houston Bar Foundation Marks 25th Anniversary at Annual Luncheon *Baker to Take Office as HBF Chair, Kline Keynote Speaker*

The Houston Bar Foundation will hold its 25th Anniversary Annual Meeting and Luncheon on Thursday, January 24, 2008, beginning at 11:30 a.m. at The Four Seasons Hotel Ballroom. Debra Tsuchiyama Baker of Connelly • Baker • Wotring • Jackson LLP will become the 2008 chair of the Foundation. The Foundation also will present its 2008 awards for volunteer service.

The keynote speaker will be Mark W. Kline, M.D., Professor of Pediatrics-Retrovirology at Baylor College of Medicine and Texas Children's Hospital.

Dr. Mark Kline has been treating children with HIV/AIDS since the epidemic first surfaced among these youngest of patients in the late 1980s. He has been instrumental in investigations of clinical therapies that have radically changed the outlook for children with HIV/AIDS from one of little hope to successful treatments that are allowing them to enter adulthood with a quality of life never imagined only 15 years ago.

As president of the BCM International Pediatric AIDS Initiative at Texas Children's Hospital, Dr. Kline oversees an ambitious program that encompasses HIV/AIDS care and treatment and health professional education and training programs in 20 African countries, Mexico, Romania, Ukraine and China. The program provides treatment to more children than any other organization worldwide.



Kline



Baker

Debra Tsuchiyama Baker is a founding partner at Connelly • Baker • Wotring • Jackson LLP and serves on the firm's management committee. She has focused her practice on environmental law for more than 23 years. Baker is a 1984 graduate of Georgetown University Law Center, where she received the Magoichi Kato Scholarship Award for Academic Excellence for Japanese-American students. She earned her Bachelor of Science degree, summa cum laude, from the University of Maryland in 1981.

Baker is a co-founder and past chair of the HBA Environmental Law Section and founder and past chair of the ABA's National Environmental Law Group. She serves on the board of directors of the Asian American Bar Association, as vice chair of the State Bar of Texas Standing Committee on Women in the Profession, on the Steering Committee of the 2007 State Bar of Texas Minority Counsel Program, and was co-chair of the 2006-2007 HBA Gender Fairness Committee. Baker has served as a director of the Houston Bar Foundation since 2006.

Tickets are \$50 per person. To order tickets, please send checks payable to the Houston Bar Foundation to the Houston Bar Association, 1001 Fannin, Suite 1300, Houston TX 77002 or visit the HBA Web site, www.hba.org.