

**ASSOCIATION OF RICE ALUMNI
MERITORIOUS SERVICE AWARD NOMINATION FORM**

Nominee Harry Gee Phone (713) 781-0071 Fax _____
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 City/State/Zip Houston, Tx. 77024 Rice Class Year(s) 1960
 Degrees/Majors/Years/Institutions UT Law School, J.D., 1963
 Occupation/Professional Field Attorney
 Current Title/Position Managing Partner, Harry Gee & Associates

The Meritorious Service Award is designed to recognize Rice alumni, faculty, staff, or friends who rendered significant, sustained voluntary contributions of energy, time, and creativity towards the advancement of the university. The following criteria will be considered:

- a) enrichment of some aspect of the Rice community through ongoing dedication and support
- b) commitment to the lifelong vitality of the University

Please attach a letter of recommendation describing the merits of the nominee. Consider the following question in support of the above criteria: **Does this candidate exemplify someone who would be described as a tireless ambassador or emissary on Rice's behalf.**

* letter of recommendation forthcoming.

Please note that incomplete nomination forms cannot be considered.

Nominated by Peter Ku Phone (425) 443-1029 Fax _____
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Please list two other people (i.e., colleague, classmate) whom you have asked to write a letter of support to further validate your nomination.

Name Harry Reasoner Relationship Friend
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Office of Alumni Affairs - MS 520
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September 27, 2012

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ARA Awards Nominations Committee
Office of Alumni Affairs – MS 520
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Dear ARA Awards Nominations Committee:

I am writing this letter in strong and enthusiastic support of Harry Gee, Jr. (*B.A. Business Administration and Economics '60*) for the Association of Rice Alumni's Meritorious Service Award. Harry is the founder and principal of Harry Gee & Associates PLLC, one of the country's leading immigration law firms.

After graduating from Rice University, Harry attended the University of Texas School of Law, and obtained his Bachelor of Law in January of 1963.

In May of 1963, Harry was appointed as Assistant Attorney General of the State of Texas where he served in the taxation, bonds, insurance and banking and the highway divisions under Attorney General Waggoner Carr. In 1966, he began the private practice of law in Houston, Texas. When the State Bar of Texas adopted board certification, he was among the first group of attorneys to be qualified as a Board Certified Specialist in Immigration and Nationality Law in 1979 and subsequently, he chaired the Examination Committee for Immigration Board Specialization for five years. Harry is a nationally recognized authority in the field of immigration law, not only having lectured at seminars and institutes conducted by Rice University, University of Oklahoma, Texas Tech University, University of Houston and the American and the Texas Immigration Lawyers Association but also having chaired two immigration law conferences at his alma mater, The University of Texas.

Actively involved in various legal organizations, Harry served as President of the National Asian Pacific American Bar Association (NAPABA), 1990-91, an organization comprised of over 45,000 attorneys of Asian ancestry throughout the country. During his term as President, NAPABA established the Thomas Tang Moot Court competition which has become a prestigious international moot court competition with the finals being held every year at the annual NAPABA conference. He has been recognized for his service and leadership having been awarded the NAPABA Trailblazers Award in 1994. He has also served as a member of the Board

of Governors of the American Immigration Lawyers Association, Chairman of the Texas Chapter of AILA for two years, Chairman of the Immigration and the Law Day Committees of the Houston Bar Association, and as President of the Asian American Bar Association of Houston. In 2005, the Asian Bar of Houston honored him with its inaugural Impact Award. In 1993, Harry was honored by his colleagues in his election to the Board of Directors of the State Bar of Texas and chaired the Texas Board of Legal Specialization. His family has established a Presidential Scholarship at the University of Texas in the field of Immigration Law in honor of his parents, a Red Rose scholarship at the University of Houston-Downtown, a scholarship at the University of Texas Health, and a Chinese Professional Club academic scholarship. In 2005, the Houston Bar Association Women's Auxiliary presented Mr. Gee the prestigious Leon Jaworski Award for his significant community service, the first minority to receive this honor. In Chicago, the American Bar Association presented him with the Spirit of Excellence Award in 2006.

Mayor Bob Lanier appointed Harry as a founding member of the Steering Committee of Imagine Houston and appointed him as the first Asian to the board of the Metropolitan Transit Authority. Mayor Lee Brown appointed Harry to the Board of Houston 2012, a non-profit foundation which promoted Houston as the site of the 2012 Olympics. Harry served on the Super Bowl Host Committee as Chair of the Community Relations Committee responsible for the establishment of the Youth Education Town (YET Center) resulting in contributions of over \$2,000,000 to the Houston community from the National Football League and the Houston Host Committee to create two YET centers in the community, the first time the NFL created two centers in the same year.

Harry's contributions to Rice University, in particular, are numerous and distinguished:

- Harry's family has established a scholarship in honor of Antje Gee for Rice women athletes.
- Harry was class chairman of the Rice University Alumni Fund Drive.
- Harry was President of the drive to renovate Fondren Library.
- Harry was President of the Rice University Chinese Alumni Association.
- Harry was on the Rice Alumni Board and President of the Rice Alumni Board from July 1, 2006 to June 30, 2007.

Harry has been married to Antje Wuelfrath for more than 40 years, and all three of their children (Andrew '97, Claudia '99 and Sophia '01) are Rice University graduates.

I have known Harry Gee for some twenty-five (25) years. When I was a much younger man working as an entry level electrical engineer in Houston, Texas, Harry encouraged me to attend graduate school; in particular, he encouraged me to pursue the study of law and that made all the difference. Throughout my professional career and the professional careers of countless others (far too many to name), Harry has been a strong, steady, reliable, caring and trustworthy supporter. He has provided advice when asked, support whenever he could (irrespective of whether he was asked), and he has shared his experience and his wisdom selflessly, time and time again. Over the years, he has not only been an extraordinary mentor, but a good friend as

well. Harry never told me, but I eventually found out that he was the one who had repeatedly submitted my nomination for a position on the Board of the Association of Rice Alumni, where I eventually served for three years (2009 – 2012).

Harry embodies the very finest qualities of Rice University – service, selflessness, generosity, intelligence, dedication, quality of heart, and integrity at the highest level. I can recommend Harry Gee for the Association of Rice Alumni's Meritorious Service Award without hesitation or qualification.

Please do not hesitate to call me if you have any additional questions.

Very sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "P.C. Ku". The letters are cursive and fluid, with a large "K" at the end.

Peter C. Ku
B.S.E.E.
Hanzen College 1985

September 28, 2012

ARA Awards Nominations Committee
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RE: Harry Gee, Jr. – ARA Meritorious Service Award

Dear Sir/Madam,

It is my greatest pleasure to nominate my good friend, Mr. Harry Gee Jr., to be the recipient of Rice University's Meritorious Service Award this year. As one of the few Asians in his graduating class at Rice in 1960, Harry has performed great service to the university in his many capacities over the years, and this award will confirm the appreciation of his beloved university and of his peers for his devotion.

Harry's impressive resume attests to the fact that he has dedicated his professional and civic commitments to the service of others. He is one of the most prominent leaders of the Asian American community. Over the years Harry has contributed greatly to the life of Rice, by creating a Gee family scholarship in the Asian Studies program, by co-founding and nurturing the development of the Rice University Chinese Alumni Association, now renamed Rice University Community for Asian Alumni, and by serving as president of the Rice University Alumni Association. These are just a few of the activities in which I have personally interacted with Harry.

In his day job, Harry is a prominent immigration lawyer, and his personal story of success is awe-inspiring. As a historian who is studying the Gee family for the Houston Asian American Archive project, I have interviewed many members of Harry's extended clan, and have developed a growing appreciation for the grit and courage that it took for the Gee family to succeed in such a short time since arriving in this country.

Harry's father, Harry Sr., came to Houston in the 1940s as a young man and worked in a restaurant owned by a distant relative. He eventually saved enough money to open his own restaurants, and mentored many young relatives from his village to start their own business in Houston. Harry Jr. grew up working in the family restaurants, but managed to succeed academically to attend Rice. He recalled that in the old days, discrimination was a constant part of life. But instead of being bitter, he was very grateful that Rice allowed Chinese students to enroll.

After graduating from Rice University, Harry obtained his law degree from the University of Texas Law School, and opened a private practice in Houston upon

graduation. He thought that he would have a ready group of clients from his large extended clan, but quickly realized that his relatives did not want Harry to learn of their private problems! These were lean years that Harry remembered, surviving on referrals from fellow law school classmates, such as Harry Reasoner (former Manager Partner at Vinson & Elkins). Harry soon found success in the immigration field, and has nurtured many young lawyers in his private practice. All three of his children attended Rice University, and his son-in-law is now working with President Leebron. One could say that Rice runs in Harry's blood.

Harry credits his Rice education for his successful career, and has given back to his alma mater in many ways and as often as he can. I don't think that we can find a more loyal alumnus, and one who exemplifies as much strength of character, determination, and generosity of spirit necessary to overcome the challenges of growing up with racial discrimination. For all of the above reasons, I believe that he is a most worthy recipient of the Meritorious Serve Award.

Thank you for your attention.

Yours sincerely,

Anne Chao

Signed by Peter C. Ku on behalf of Anne Chao.

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September 27, 2012

Selection Committee
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Dear Committee Members:

Re: Harry Gee, Jr., Nomination for Meritorious Service Award

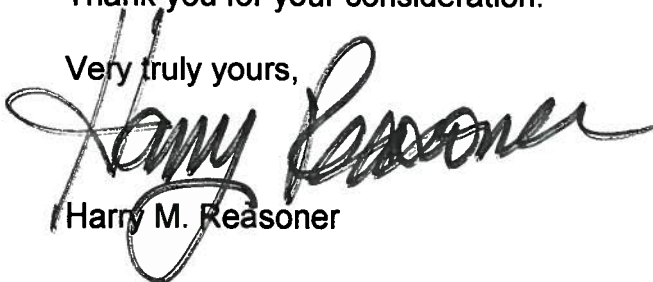
I write in support of the nomination for Harry Gee, Jr., for the Meritorious Service Award.

I have known Harry since we were at Rice together. He has been, in the decades since, tirelessly dedicated to Rice, education, and human rights. He has been a leader in all these areas, and, in addition, is a nationally recognized immigration lawyer. I have attached a copy of his Firm biography and a biography from Committee 100.

Harry is an alumnus of whom Rice can be proud and one worthy of this award.

Thank you for your consideration.

Very truly yours,



Harry M. Reasoner



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HARRY GEE, JR.



Licensure & Legal Background

- Board Certified Specialist in Immigration and Nationality Law (1979)
- Admitted to the State Bar of Texas (1963)
- Licensed to practice before the Southern, Western and Eastern Districts of Texas, Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals and the United States Supreme Court

Education & Work History

- University of Texas School of Law (J.D. 1963).
 - Member of the Board of Governors, Vice President of the Mid-Law Class, Associate Editor of the Legal Research Board, Phi Alpha Delta
- Rice University (B.A. in Business Administration and Economics 1960)
- Assistant Attorney General of the State of Texas (1963-1966)

Professional Associations

- Member of the Board of Governors of the American Immigration Lawyers Association
- Chair, Board of Texas Board of Legal Specialization (1996-1998)
- Board of Directors of the State Bar of Texas (1993-1996)
- President of the National Asian Pacific American Bar Association (1990-1991)
- President of the Asian American Bar Association of Houston (1988-1990)
- Chairman of the Immigration and the Law Day Committees of the Houston Bar Association (1983-1984)
- Chairman of the Texas Chapter of AILA (1974-1976)

Community Activities & Associations

- Board of Directors of the Greater Houston Partnership (2005-2010)
- Senior Fellow of the American Leadership Forum
 - Chairman of the Board (2004-2006)
- Board of Directors of Leadership Education for Asian Pacifics
 - Chairman of the Board (1999)
- Southern Regional Advisory Board of the International Institute of Education
- Development Board, University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston (since 1998)
- Board of Directors of the Metropolitan Transit Authority (1994-1998)
- President of the Houston-Taipai Society, Inc. (1992-1996)
- Past President of Sister Cities of Houston
- Founding Member of the Steering Committee of Imagine Houston

Awards & Recognition

- Spirit of Excellence Award, American Bar Association (2006)
- Leon Jaworski Award, Houston Bar Association Women's Auxiliary (2005)
- Impact Award, Asian American Bar Association (2005)
- Honorary Alumnus, University of Houston Law Center (2004)
- Humanitarian Award, National Conference of Christians and Jews (1998)
- Trailblazer Award, National Asian Pacific American Bar Association (1994)



Harry Gee, Jr.
Principal
Harry Gee, Jr. and Associates

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EDUCATION

Harry Gee, Jr. graduated from Rice University with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Business Administration and Economics in 1960. He enrolled at the University of Texas School of Law and attained his Bachelor of Law degree in 29 months when he graduated in January of 1963.

CIVIC ORGANIZATIONS

Mr. Gee is a Senior Fellow of The American Leadership Forum and served as Chair of the organization. He is also a member of the board of the Greater Houston Partnership, the Institute of International Education, the University of Houston Law School Advisory Board, the United Way, the Blood Bank, the Advisory Board of JPMorgan Chase Bank, Houston and the University of Texas Health Science Board.

For four years, he served as President of Sister Cities of Houston, Inc., an organization dedicated to the promotion of cultural, educational and economic interests between Houston and its sixteen sister cities throughout the world. He had previously served as president of the Houston Taipei Society for three years. Also, he chaired the Houston Council on Foreign Relations.

Mr. Gee has served the community as the President and Chairman of the Friends of the Houston Public Library. During his chairmanship, the format of the annual book sale was established so as to substantially increase the revenues. He has also served as President of the Chinese Professional Club and during his term of office the club raised and made its largest contribution to its scholarship fund. He had also served as President of the Chinese American Citizens Alliance for two years. Among the many other boards he has served on are the National Conference of Christians and Jews, the Mickey Leland Kibbutz Program, the Greater Houston Community Foundation, the Child Abuse Prevention Council, the Asian American Coalition and the Institute of Chinese Culture.

In 1999, Mr. Gee was elected as chair of LEAP, a national organization promoting the advancement of Asians into positions of leadership within their companies, educational institutions and communities and instituting research and publication of public policy analysis germane to the Asian community. He is one of a select few Chinese to have been invited to join the prestigious Committee of 100.

Because of his concern about education, he has served as a member of the Board of Directors of St. Thomas University, the Annenberg Challenge, the Concerned Houstonians for Effective and Superior Schools Committee, the Citizen's Initiative for Higher Education, Class Chairman of the Rice University Alumni Fund Drive, President of the Rice University Chinese Alumni Association and as an Executive Advisory Committee Member of the University of Houston Creative Partnerships Campaign and the Chancellor's National Advisory Committee. He was on the Board of the Association of Rice Alumni and is President Elect of the ARA and will serve as president from July 1, 2006 to June 30 2007.

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October 15, 2012

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Support Letter for Harry Gee

Dear Carrie,

I'm writing to support the nomination of Harry Gee for the Meritorious Service Award. Harry has been a strong supporter of Rice University for many years. He has been the Class Chairman of the Rice University Alumni Fund Drive, President of the Rice University Chinese Alumni Association. Harry was on the Board of the Association of Rice Alumni and served as its president. A few years ago, I was fortunate to be on the same Leadership Conference Committee with Harry. I had a chance to observe first hand. He was very effective and contributed a great deal to the success of that conference. Harry has also been very generous to Rice University. He and Antje have established a scholarship in honor of Antje Gee for rice women athletes.

In addition to all Harry has done for Rice University, he is also a great representative of Rice in the Houston community. We serve on the same Common Grounds Committee organized by the Greater Houston Partnership. Once again I have an opportunity to see Harry in action. He is always very thoughtful and creative in formulating solutions to the problems we are facing in our community. Harry has been recognized by various organizations for his hard work and efforts. I think it is high time we recognize Harry for all he has done for us at Rice University. I support Harry's nomination for the Meritorious service Award without hesitation.

If you need further information, please feel free to call me at 713-874-1613.

Very truly yours,
YPS
Y. Ping Sun