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A View From the Bench: A Conversation With Judge Denny Chin

The Honorable Denny Chin
Judge, U.S. Court of Appeals for the 2nd Circuit
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The Honorable Denny Chin

Denny Chin is a judge for the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 2nd Circuit. He was sworn in on April 26, 2010.

Judge Chin graduated from Princeton University magna cum laude in 1975 and received his law degree from Fordham Law School in 1978. After clerking for the Honorable Henry F. Werker, U.S. district judge for the Southern District of New York, he was associated with the law firm Davis Polk & Wardwell from 1980 to 1982. He served as an assistant U.S. attorney in the Southern District of New York from 1982 until 1986, when he and two of his colleagues from the U.S. Attorney’s Office started a law firm, Campbell, Patrick & Chin. In 1990, he joined Vladeck, Waldman, Elias & Engelhard, P.C., where he specialized in labor and employment law.

From September 13, 1994, through April 23, 2010, Judge Chin served as a U.S. district judge for the Southern District of New York. He presided over both civil and criminal cases, including cases involving Megan’s Law, the Million Youth March, Al Franken’s use of the phrase “Fair and Balanced” in the title of a book, the Naked Cowboy, the Google Books settlement and the U.N. oil-for-food program. He also presided over the trial of an Afghan warlord charged with conspiring to import heroin, and the guilty plea and sentencing of financier Bernard L. Madoff.

Judge Chin was born in Hong Kong. He was the first Asian-American appointed a U.S. district judge outside the 9th Circuit. He is one of only two active federal appellate judges of Asian-American descent in the country.