## 2017 Diversity Trailblazer Award to U.S. Circuit Judge Denny Chin



Denny Chin is a United States Circuit Judge for the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit. Judge Chin graduated from Princeton University magna cum laude and received his law degree from Fordham Law School. After clerking for the Honorable Henry F. Werker, United States District Judge for the Southern District of New York, he was associated with the law firm Davis Polk & Wardwell. He served as an Assistant United States Attorney in the Southern District of New York, and thereafter he and two of his colleagues from the U.S. Attorney's Office started a law firm, Campbell, Patrick & Chin. From September 13, 1994, through April 23, 2010, Judge Chin served as a United States 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 project, and the United Nations Oil for Food Program. He 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 United States District Judge outside the Ninth Circuit.