



Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office Asian American & Pacific Islander Advisory Board

Diane M. L. Tan

Board Member

Diane M. L. Tan is a retired Administrative Law Judge (ALJ). She was an ALJ in the State Hearings Division of the California Department of Social Services in Los Angeles. During her over 30 years of state service, she also was a Deputy Attorney General in the Health Quality Enforcement Section and the Licensing Section of the Attorney General's Office of the California Department of Justice; a Deputy State Public Defender at the California State Public Defender's Office; and a Fair Employment and Housing Counsel at the California Department of Fair Employment and Housing. She began her practice of law in private practice with a solo practitioner in Los Angeles Chinatown. Ms. Tan is Vice-President (Historian), a founding member, and a former Co-Chair and Treasurer of the Asian Pacific American Women Lawyers Alliance (APAWLA). She also has served as an Affiliate Governor for APAWLA in California Women Lawyers (CWL). She is a current board member and a former President and Secretary of the Japanese American Bar Association (JABA); a board member of JABA's Educational Foundation; a member of the Advisory Board, former board member, and founding member of the Asian Pacific American Bar Association (APABA); and a current advisor, former Co-Chair and founding member of the Multicultural Bar Alliance (MCBA). She also has served as a board member of the Southern California Chinese Lawyers Association (SCCLA); a member of the Diversity in the Profession Committee of the L.A. County Bar Association; and a member of the California State Bar Committees on Women in the Law, Ethnic Minority Relations, Human Rights, and Juvenile Justice. She is a Co-Founder and Co-Chairperson of the Asian Pacific American (APA) Community Holiday Toy Drive Committee, which was started in 2000.

Ms. Tan is a volunteer in various community-based organizations, including the Chinatown Community for Equitable Development (CCED), the Chinatown Sustainability Dialogue Group (CSDG), Save Our Seniors (SOS) Network, and others. For over 15 years, she was a Board member of the Friends of the Chinese American Museum (FCAM) in Los Angeles. Currently, she serves as a Board member of OCA-Greater Los Angeles.

Ms. Tan received her J.D. Degree from University of Southern California Law School, and a B.A. Degree in Asian Studies and International Relations from USC. She was a graduate student at USC in East Asian Languages and Cultures.

In 2001, Ms. Tan received a distinguished alumni award from the Council on Legal Education Opportunity (CLEO). She also has received certificates of commendation or recognition for her service as a board member of the various AAPI bar associations. In May 2018, she was a recipient of APAWLA's Public Service Award.

Her hobbies include Asian and Italian cooking, watching Korean dramas, and a renewed interest in pottery/ceramics.