




# Additional APIA Judges



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## FROM DEFENDANTS IN THE COURTROOM TO JUDGES PRESIDING OVER COURT CASES

Judge		Court Case
<p><b>Patrick Joseph Bumatay</b></p> <p>Filipino American</p> <p>United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit (Federal)</p>		<p><i>Edmo v. Idaho</i> (2018)</p> <p>This case was about Adree Edmo being denied gender confirmation surgery when he was incarcerated at the Idaho Department of Correction.</p>
<p><b>Denny Chin</b></p> <p>Chinese American</p> <p>United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit (Federal)</p>		<p><i>United States v. Madoff</i> (2009)</p> <p>Bernard (“Bernie”) Madoff’s company created false trading reports; the estimated amount from Madoff’s scheme is \$65 billion.</p>
<p><b>Jennifer Choe-Groves</b></p> <p>Asian American</p> <p>United States Court of International Trade (Federal)</p>		<p><i>Primesource Building Products, Inc. v. United States</i> (2020)</p> <p>A US importer of steel derivative products argued that former President Trump’s proclamation to expand tariffs under Section 232 of the Trade Expansion Act of 1962 was unlawful and unconstitutional.</p>

<p><b>James C. Ho</b></p> <p>Taiwanese American</p> <p>United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit (Federal)</p>		<p><i>Texas League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC) v. Hughs</i> (2020)</p> <p>The Texas LULAC challenged whether the Texas governor's order to limit absentee ballot dropboxes to one per county violated the 14<sup>th</sup> Amendment.</p>
<p><b>Anthony W. Ishii</b></p> <p>Asian American</p> <p>United States District Court for the Eastern District of California (Federal)</p>		<p><i>Silvester v. Becerra</i> (2018)</p> <p>California's ten-day waiting period for firearm purchasers was challenged.</p>
<p><b>Ronald S.W. Lew</b></p> <p>Chinese American</p> <p>United States District Court for the Central District of California (Federal)</p>		<p><i>Agudath Israel of America v. Andrew M. Cuomo</i> (2020)</p> <p>Agudath Israel argued that NY Governor Cuomo's singling out of Jewish synagogues during the COVID-19 pandemic was unconstitutional.</p>

<p><b>Goodwin Liu</b></p> <p>Taiwanese American</p> <p>Associate Justice of the California Supreme Court (State)</p>		<p><i>United Teachers-LA v. Los Angeles Unified School District</i> (1994)</p> <p>United Teachers-LA petitioned to grant part-time status to eligible employees, allowing them to receive benefits and shorten their work hours.</p>
<p><b>Kiyo A. Matsumoto</b></p> <p>Japanese American (Nisei)</p> <p>United States District Court for the Eastern District of New York (Federal)</p>		<p><i>Martin Shkreli v. United States</i> (2019)</p> <p>Letitia James filed a suit against Martin Shkreli that would permanently ban him from working in the pharmaceutical industry.</p>
<p><b>Amit Priyavadan Mehta</b></p> <p>Indian American</p> <p>United States District Court for the District of Columbia (Federal)</p>		<p><i>Trump v. Mazars USA, LLP</i> (2019)</p> <p>This court case involves subpoenas made by the US House of Representatives to obtain the tax returns of former President Donald Trump.</p>

<p><b>Susan Oki Mollway</b></p> <p>Japanese American</p> <p>United States District Court for the District of Hawaii (Federal)</p>		<p><i>Atay v. County of Maui</i> (2016)</p> <p>A Maui County ordinance was challenged regarding the ban of cultivation and testing of genetically engineered (GE) plants.</p>
<p><b>Nicholas J. Ranjan</b></p> <p>Asian American</p> <p>United States District Court for the Western District of Pennsylvania (Federal)</p>		<p><i>Donald J. Trump for President, Inc. v. Boockvar</i> (2020)</p> <p>Accommodations made by Pennsylvania elections for the COVID-19 pandemic were questioned whether they violated state election law and the US Constitution.</p>
<p><b>Amul Roger Thapar</b></p> <p>South Asian American</p> <p>United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit (Federal)</p>		<p><i>United States v. Walli</i> (2012)</p> <p>Three activists trespassed and vandalized a government building that stores uranium, causing about \$8,000 worth of damages.</p>