

Hon. Christine J. Gonong

The Honorable Christine J. Gonong is a Commissioner of the Los Angeles Superior Court. Christine took her oath of office on April 1, 2022.

Prior to joining the bench, Christine was the Director of Law and Motion at Nguyen Lawyers, ALC, a boutique plaintiff-side firm in Long Beach that specializes in complex civil litigation involving catastrophic injuries. Christine was appointed by the California Supreme Court as Trustee for the California State Bar in 2020 and has served in this capacity until March of 2022. Christine was also an Adjunct Professor at University of Southern California Gould School of Law from 2017 to 2022.

Christine has dedicated her life to public service. Christine was an active member of the Philippine American Bar Association's (PABA) Board of Governors from 2007 to 2019. Christine served as PABA Secretary in 2008 and PABA President in 2015. In addition, in 2018, Christine served as Secretary of the National Filipino American Lawyers Association (NFALA).

Christine is a Fellow of the American Bar Foundation and a Member of the Asian Pacific American Women Lawyers Alliance (APAWLA) Board of Governors. While in private practice, Christine was a member of the California Lawyers Association's (CLA) Committee on Administration of Justice, Anti-Defamation League's (ADL) Asian Jewish Initiative Planning Committee, Consumer Attorneys' Association of Los Angeles' (CAALA) Advertising Committee, Asian Pacific American Bar Association's (APABA) Board of Governors, Los Angeles Trial Lawyers' (LATLC) Charities Honorary Board of Governors, American Association for Justice (AAJ), and Consumer Attorneys of California (CAOC).

Aside from her leadership roles in various bar associations, since 2006, Christine has served as a member of the UCLA College Honors Scholarship Selection Committee. She also regularly participates as a judge for UCLA Law's moot court competitions. From 2017 to 2019, Christine also served as Chair for the Advisory Board for Cabrillo High School's Academy of Law and Justice (CALJ). CALJ provides students with the opportunity to explore the fields of law, criminal justice, or law enforcement through a series of rigorous and thematic classes focused on topics and issues relevant to the pathway. As Chair, Christine led the planning of mentorship events to uplift, inspire, and provide guidance to hundreds of students in Cabrillo High School, who were mostly from low-income backgrounds.

Christine clerked for Justice Mario R. Ramil of the Hawaii Supreme Court, Judge S. James Otero, Judge Dale S. Fischer, Judge Otis D. Wright II and Judge Jacqueline H. Nguyen of the U.S. District Court for the Central District of California; and Circuit Judge Jacqueline H. Nguyen of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit. Christine was a commercial litigation associate at Jones Day's Trial Practice Group. Prior to joining the Los Angeles Superior Court, Christine was admitted to practice before all state and federal courts in the State of California and the U.S. Supreme Court.

Christine earned her J.D. from the University of California, Hastings College of the Law in 2002. She was a Notes and Managing Editor for the Hastings Law Journal and was the first recipient of the Filipino Bar Association of Northern California's (FBANC) Raymond L. Ocampo, Jr. Scholarship.

While in law school, Christine served as a member of the UC Hastings Admissions Committee. Christine received her B.A. in Political Science, *magna cum laude*, from UCLA, where she was awarded with College Honors and the Morgan Harris Scholarship Award.