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Superior Court Judge Lillian Y. Lim Retires

San Diego Superior Court Judge Lillian Y. Lim retires on August 1, 2007 after serving almost 22 years on the bench. Originally appointed to the Municipal Court by then-Governor George Deukmejian in 1986, Judge Lim succeeded to the Superior Court bench in 1998.

Described as a patient, calm judge with excellent knowledge of the law, Judge Lim, 55, worked as a Deputy Attorney General for the California Department of Justice from 1977 to 1986 prior to joining the court. She spent part of her Justice Department career working as a trial attorney in the Medi-Cal Fraud Unit.

Judge Lim was born in Berkeley, California and received her law degree from Western State University College of Law (now the Thomas Jefferson School of Law), San Diego (1977) and a Bachelor's degree in political science from Brown University, Providence, Rhode Island (1973).

Active in numerous organizations throughout her career, Judge Lim has served as president of the California Asian Judges Association (1986), is a founding officer of the Asian Pacific American Bar Association of California and is a founding member of and has been involved in the Pan Asian Lawyers of San Diego and the Filipino-American Lawyers of San Diego. She is a recipient of the National Asian Pacific American Bar Association Trail Blazer Award. In 2004, she was the recipient of woman of the year award for her California State

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Assembly District and, in 2007, she was named the San Diego County Bar Association's Judge of the Year. She also served on the Judicial Council's Access and Fairness Committee, chairing conferences related to women of color in court leadership and tribal courts.

Judge Lim has shared her knowledge with future lawyers as an Adjunct Faculty Member at the Thomas Jefferson School of Law, as a speaker at colleges throughout the United States and served as the Commencement Speaker at the 2007 Thomas Jefferson Law School graduation.

In discussing her retirement from the Superior Court, Judge Lim remarks, with a smile, "I have been blessed by being part of a wonderful profession, good health, wonderful friends and a loving Filipino American family. I'm taking this current opportunity to lead a less structured life, continue to teach, hope to do some writing, anticipate serving on assignment as a Judge and eventually to return to the practice law. Of course, if the Governor chose to appoint me to the Court of Appeal, I would put some of those plans on hold."

"Judge Lim has been an outstanding member of our court. In addition to handling all assignments exceptionally well, she has been a model judge in the areas of community outreach and mentoring of new lawyers. We all wish her well in the next phase of her career," say San Diego Superior Court Presiding Judge Janis Sammartino.

Judge Lim is married to Judge E. Mac Amos (*retired from the San Diego Superior Court and currently serving as a private mediator*) and is the mother of 5 adult children.

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