



225th Anniversary
1789-2014



Denny Chin

Born:

1954

Kowloon, Hong Kong

Received Commission:

August 10, 1994

Resigned on April 23, 2010 upon appointment to the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit.

Judge Chin was appointed United States District Judge for the Southern District of New York on August 20, 1994 and entered on duty on September 13, 1994. On April 26, 2010, he became a Judge of the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit.

Judge Chin received a B.A. degree magna cum laude from Princeton University in 1975 and a J.D. from Fordham Law School in 1978. After graduating from Fordham, Judge Chin clerked for the Honorable Henry F. Werker, United States District Judge for the Southern District of New York, from 1978 to 1980. He was an associate at Davis Polk & Wardwell from 1980 to 1982. In 1982, Judge Chin was appointed an Assistant United States Attorney for the Southern District of New York and served in that position until 1986, when he became a partner at Campbell, Patrick & Chin. In 1990, he became counsel to Vladeck, Waldman, Elias & Engelhard, P.C., becoming a partner at that firm in 1991.

Judge Chin has presided over cases involving Megan's Law, the Naked Cowboy, the United Nations Oil for Food Program, and Google Books, as well as the guilty plea and sentencing of financier Bernard Madoff.

Judge Chin has been an Adjunct Professor teaching legal writing at Fordham Law School since 1986. He was the first Asian American appointed a United States District Judge outside the Ninth Circuit.
