

77th Annual State Bar Convention Award Winner

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Judicial Award of Excellence:

Roxanne K. Song Ong

Recognizes a judicial officer for outstanding dedication and commitment to improving the justice system.

Roxanne Song Ong, the first Asian woman judge in Arizona and first woman and minority to be named as Phoenix chief judge, has served in the Phoenix Municipal Court for 19 years.

She has served as chair to the Arizona Supreme Court's Committee on Judicial Education and Training and Commission on Minorities. She serves as a faculty member of the Arizona Supreme Court's New Judge Orientation Program and for the Arizona Judicial College.

Additionally, she is a board member of the State Bar of Arizona's Leadership Institute and is an officer with the Arizona Minority Judges' Caucus.

She is recognized in "Arizona's Pioneering Women in Law," published by the Women Law Students' Association of the Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law at Arizona State University. She has received many awards and distinctions during her career, including being honored as one of 100 outstanding "Women and Minorities" of the state of Arizona

Prior to becoming a judge, she practiced in the areas of criminal prosecution, defense and immigration law. She began her tenure with the court in 1991, and was appointed chief presiding judge in 2005.