
Executive Biography

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Carol C. Lam is Senior Vice President and Deputy General Counsel at QUALCOMM Incorporated in San Diego, California.

From 2002 to 2007, she was the United States Attorney for the Southern District of California. Prior to her confirmation as United States Attorney, Ms. Lam was a judge of the Superior Court in San Diego, where she presided over a criminal trial calendar. From 1986 to 2000, she served as an Assistant U.S. Attorney in the Southern District of California, where she was Chief of the Major Frauds Section. As a federal prosecutor, Ms. Lam convicted several high-ranking members of the Chicago organized crime family La Cosa Nostra; obtained a guilty plea and a civil settlement of \$110 million from National Health Laboratories, Inc. in a Medicare fraud case; and briefed and argued the first appellate case upholding the constitutionality of “roving” wiretaps.

Ms. Lam is a recipient of the Attorney General’s Award for Distinguished Service and the Director’s Award for Superior Performance as an Assistant United States Attorney. In 2007 she was named one of California’s Top 100 Attorneys and one of California’s Top 75 Women Litigators by the Los Angeles Daily Journal, as well as Outstanding Attorney of the Year by the San Diego County Bar Association. In 2011, she received the Orange County Asian American Bar Association’s Trailblazer Award and in 2012, Ms. Lam received both the National Asian Pacific American Bar Association’s Trailblazer Award, and Legal Momentum’s Women of Achievement Award.

Ms. Lam received her B.A. in Philosophy from Yale University, and graduated from Stanford Law School. She served as a law clerk to the Honorable Irving R. Kaufman of the Second Circuit Court of Appeals.