

Judge Jason Luong

Former Judge, 185th Criminal District Court of Harris County, Texas
Former Presiding Judge, Harris County Felony Veterans Treatment Court

EDUCATION

THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS SCHOOL OF LAW, Austin, Texas
Doctor of Jurisprudence *with honors*, May 2000
Member, TEXAS LAW REVIEW (1998-2000)

Studied Abroad at the University of London (Fall 1999)

RICE UNIVERSITY, Houston, Texas
B.A. in Political Science and Economics *cum laude*, May 1997

ALIEF HASTINGS HIGH SCHOOL, Houston, Texas
Summa cum laude, June 1993

LEGAL EXPERIENCE

JUDGE, 185TH CRIMINAL DISTRICT COURT OF HARRIS COUNTY, TEXAS

January 1, 2019 to December 31, 2022

Preside over felony cases, certain misdemeanors (official oppression) and civil commitment trials; have presided over numerous jury trials, including jury trials for solicitation of capital murder, aggravated assault with a deadly weapon, sexual assault, and murder; routinely address pre-trial issues, including searches and seizures, competency and sanity, and suppression issues; routinely review search warrants and arrest warrants for probable cause; review applications for post-convictions writs of habeas corpus.

Co-Chair of the Harris County District Criminal Courts Bail Bond Committee and Co-Chair of the Docket Management Committee.

Presiding Judge, Felony Veterans' Treatment Court, Harris County, Texas

January 2021 to December 31, 2022

Unanimously selected by the felony district court judges to be the Presiding Judge for Harris County's Felony Veterans Treatment Court—a specialty court that handles felony criminal cases involving veterans suffering from service-connected post-traumatic stress disorder, traumatic brain injury or addiction issues. This court diverts veterans from prison to mental health and substance abuse treatment.

THE LAW OFFICES OF JASON LUONG, PLLC

Owner/Member March 2012 to December 31, 2018

Provided representation to individual and corporate clients in complex criminal and civil litigation matters in both state and federal court, including federal drug charges and federal investigations, murders, aggravated

assaults, mental health issues, and appeals; as a criminal defense attorney and as prosecutor, have tried over 50 jury trials to verdict.

HARRIS COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

Assistant District Attorney May 2008 to March 2012

Misdemeanor Prosecutor May 2008-November 2009

Felony Prosecutor November 2009-May 2011

Chief Misdemeanor Prosecutor May 2011-March 2012

Headed Harris County's prosecution of 3 white supremacists under Texas's hate crime statute—one of the only times a person has been charged under the State's hate crime law. Ultimately these cases were prosecuted by the Department of Justice, and the defendants were tried in federal court; was named as a "Rising Star" in criminal prosecution in *Texas Monthly* magazine—one of only two Harris County prosecutors to receive this recognition.

SMYSER KAPLAN & VESELKA, L.L.P., Houston, Texas

Senior Associate May 2005 to May 2008

Represented individual and corporate clients in complex state and federal civil litigation.

BECK REDDEN L.L.P., Houston, Texas

Associate November 2001 to May 2005

Represented individual and corporate clients in complex state and federal civil litigation; was part of litigation team for Enron-related ERISA class action litigation and lead associate for litigation involving Enron-related special purpose entities.

HONORABLE ROYAL FURGESON, U.S. District Court Judge for Western District of Texas, Midland, Odessa, and Pecos Divisions

Law Clerk 2000-2001

Provided legal research and assistance to U.S. District Court Judge Royal Furgeson on pending federal criminal and civil cases. During this time, the court had one of the largest criminal dockets in the nation.

HONORABLE HARRIET O'NEILL, The Supreme Court of Texas, Austin, Texas

Intern Spring 1999

Provided legal research on a variety of pending cases before The Supreme Court of Texas.

HONORABLE LYNN N. HUGHES, U.S. District Court Judge for the Southern District of Texas, Houston Division

Intern Summer 1998

Provided legal research on a variety of pending cases before the Court.

BECK REDDEN LLP

Summer Associate 1999

YETTER & COLEMAN LLP (at the time Yetter & Warden LLP)

Summer Associate 1999

BARON & BUDD LLP

Summer Associate Summer 1998

MAYOR DAY CALDWELL & KEETON

Summer Associate Summer 1998

**OTHER WORK
EXPERIENCE**

HOMETEQ REAL ESTATE, Houston, Texas

Licensed Realtor January 1995-1997

DAILY REVIEW CAFÉ, Houston, Texas

Waitstaff/Bar Manager Fall 1994–1996

Prep Cook Summer 1997

**PROFESSIONAL
MEMBERSHIPS**

TEXAS BAR FOUNDATION

Fellow April 2022-Present

Selection is based on outstanding contributions to the legal profession as well as a commitment to the community.

TEXAS CENTER FOR THE JUDICIARY

Member 2019-Present

TEXAS ASSOCIATION OF SPECIALTY COURTS

Member 2021-Present

STATE BAR OF TEXAS

Member 2000-Present

Vice Chair, Asian Pacific Interest Section 2007-2009

Committee member, Committee on Racial Diversity in the Profession
2007-2008

HOUSTON BAR ASSOCIATION

Member 2001-Present

HARRIS COUNTY CRIMINAL LAWYERS ASSOCIATION

Board Member 2016-2018

Member 2012-2018

TEXAS CRIMINAL DEFENSE LAWYERS ASSOCIATION

Member 2012-2018

**TEXAS COUNTY AND DISTRICT ATTORNEYS ASSOCIATION
MEMBERSHIPS**

Member 2008-2012

ASIAN AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION

Member, Board of Directors 2008-2010

Vice President of Development 2008

Corporate Counsel Committee, Co-Chair 2007

Gala & Silent Committee, Co-Chair 2006

Member 11/2003-Present

MEXICAN AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION OF HOUSTON

Member 2016-Present

Endorsed by MABAH for judge in 2016, 2018 and 2022

HOUSTON YOUNG LAWYERS ASSOCIATION

Member 11/2001-2011

Leadership Academy 2003-2004

Selected to participate in the inaugural HYL A Leadership Academy class.

Arts & Entertainment Committee Member 2002-2004

**LEADERSHIP/
COMMUNITY
ACTIVITIES**

THE MISSION CONTINUES

Member 2016-Present

A national nonprofit organization that connects military veterans and their families with volunteer opportunities in under-resourced communities

SPAY AND NEUTER ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (SNAP!) HOUSTON

Board Member 2013-2015

FRIENDS OF DEPELCHIN CHILDREN'S CENTER

Volunteer/Sponsor 2012-2017

Volunteered at and/or sponsored several events in support of DePelchin Children's Center including Annual Holiday Luncheon, Field Day, School Supply Drive and Holiday Gift Drive.

FRIENDS OF TEACH FOR AMERICA BOARD

Board Member August 2002-2005

Served on Houston Board of Friends of Teach For America to connect Teach For America with community and corporate resources; Chaired the first annual "Fill the Box" School Supply Drive collecting school supplies to benefit Teach for America Corps teachers.

SAFE PLACE MIDLAND, Midland, Texas

Volunteer 2000-2001

Served as volunteer (on a weekly basis) for Safe Place Midland's Stars Program—a program designed to provide activities and assistance to children affected by domestic violence.

ASIAN-LAW STUDENTS ASSOCIATION, The University of Texas School of Law

Social Chair 1998-99

Member 1997-98

AUSTIN TENANTS COUNCIL

Volunteer Spring 1998

Counseled callers concerning landlord-tenant disputes focusing on tenant's rights.

**PUBLICATIONS/
SPEAKING
ENGAGEMENTS**

“What Every Lawyer Needs to Know about Handling a Criminal Case,”
State Bar of Texas, Asian Pacific Interest Section Annual Meeting, May
2012, Austin, Texas.

Panel Member on Jury Trials and Litigation, National Convention of
Vietnamese American Attorneys, Annual Meeting, July 2012, Houston, Texas.

*Federal and State Courts Take Different Approaches to Damage Claims in (b)(2)
Class Actions*, International Association of Defense Counsel, (co-author).

*Choice-of-Law Analysis Applies to Nationwide Class Actions Asserting U.C.C.
Warranty Claims*, Committee on Commercial & Business Litigation, ABA
Section of Litigation (Winter 2004) (co-author)

Note, *Forcing Constraint: The Case for Amending the International Emergency
Economic Powers Act*, 78 TEXAS L. REV. 1181 (2000)

Recipient of the Best Constitutional Law Note Award 1999 & Best Published
Note Award 2000

Innovative Thinking in Jury Innovations, 18 TEXAS STATE BAR LITIG. SEC. REP. 15
(1999) (co-author).

MISCELLANEOUS

Named One of Houston's Top Lawyers by *Houstonia Magazine*, 2017

Named One of Houston's Highest Rated Lawyers by *Houstonia Magazine*, 2013

Named “Rising Star” in Criminal Prosecution by *Texas Monthly Magazine*, 2008 (One of only two prosecutors with the Harris County District Attorney’s Office to receive this distinction).

Named “Rising Star” in Business Litigation by *Texas Monthly Magazine*, 2007

REFERENCES

Honorable W. Royal Furgeson

Former U.S. District Court Judge, Western District of Texas and Northern District of Texas, former President of Federal Judges Association, founding Dean of UNT College of Law

Lee L. Kaplan

Partner, Smyser Kaplan & Veselka, LLP

Todd Mensing

Partner, AZA Law

Eric J.R. Nichols

Former Assistant U.S. Attorney, Southern District of Texas, former Deputy Attorney General for Criminal Justice for the Office of the Texas Attorney General, and partner at Snow Butler, LLP

Texas State Representative Gene Wu, District 137

Gordon Quan

Former Houston City Council Member and former *Mayor Pro Tem*