

Janet Li

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Practice Areas

- Litigation
- Trusts and Estates

Overview

Janet Li devotes her practice to wills and estates litigation. She enjoys utilizing her legal skills to help families resolve important disputes. Her broad range of experience, solid writing and analytical skills, and keen attention to detail make her particularly resourceful and effective in reaching amicable settlements or handling contentious litigation. Janet counsels clients ranging from individuals and small business owners to high net worth individuals who own multiple corporations and real estate empires.

She has won multiple dispositive motions in civil litigation cases, including successfully opposing a Motion for Issue, Evidence, and Terminating Sanctions (right after substituting into the case) and a Motion for Summary Judgment against a giant Southern California real estate developer; obtaining a favorable result for a leading car rental company by winning a Motion for Summary Judgment; and vacating a Motion for Summary Judgment in a contract litigation case on an *ex parte* basis. She has successfully overseen a \$600,000 trust litigation matter from complaint through mediated settlement and administered a million-dollar probate estate with multiple beneficiaries, among other lawsuits and settlements.

Janet earned her Bachelor of Arts degree from UC Berkeley and her Juris Doctorate degree from UC Hastings College of the Law, where she was awarded Witkin and CALI Excellence Awards in Trial Advocacy. She has had the privilege to serve at California Superior Courts as a staff attorney at Probate Departments, where she performed research and analysis and made recommendations to Judges to assist them with rendering objective and just decisions.

When not fighting legal battles for clients, she loves to volunteer at bar associations, alumni organizations, and pro bono clinics. For consecutive years, as the Chairperson or Co-Chair of the Newsletter Committee at the Asian American Bar Association of the Greater Bay Area (AABA), Ms. Li managed and oversaw the editing and publication of its newsletters, which has a readership of over 800 members. As an Events Committee Member at UC Berkeley's Haas Alumni Network, she co-organized its signature "Taste of Haas" Food and Wine Gala at the Williams Sonoma flagship store in San Francisco, which drew alumni and business leaders together for an evening of friendship and networking.

Janet has a heart to give back to the community and serve the underprivileged. She participated in AABA's "Call to Community Service" Program by contributing 50 or more hours of community service within the Asian American communities. As a volunteer at the Legal Aid Society-Workers' Rights Clinic in San Francisco, Ms. Li provided necessary information and pertinent advice to low-income clients on employment and labor issues to help them fight injustice.

Janet supported research to find a cure for cancer by fundraising and running with Orange County Bar Association's "Raising the Bar" Team at the Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure 5K. As a dedicated runner with a tenacious and winning spirit, she has won top three place medals in her age/gender divisions at 5K races in Northern and Southern California.

Professional & Community Affiliations

- Member, Trusts and Estates Section, California Lawyers Association
- Member, Trusts and Estates Section, Alameda County Bar Association
- Member, East Bay Trusts and Estates Lawyers
- Member, Trusts and Estates Section, Orange County Bar Association
- Member, Asian American Bar Association of the Greater Bay Area
- Member, Orange County Asian American Bar Association
- Member, Asian Pacific American Bar Association of Silicon Valley
- Member, National Asian Pacific American Bar Association

Bar Admissions

- California

Courts

- All Courts in the State of California
- U.S. District Court, Central District of California

Languages

- Cantonese

Education

- **J.D.**, University of California, Hastings College of Law
 - Witkin Award for Academic Excellence, Trial Advocacy
 - CALI Excellence for the Future Award, Trial Advocacy
- **B.A.**, University of California, Berkeley

Recent Articles/News

- [Associate Janet Li Joins Donahue Fitzgerald](#)

Past Articles/News

- Contra Costa Lawyer- Estate Planning and Probate Edition: *Capacity and Undue Influence*, Volume 27, Number 4, July 2014, Co-Author.
- Asian American Bar Association of the Greater Bay Area Newsletter: *Interview with California Chief Justice Tani Cantil-Sakauye*, November 2011, Author.
- China Guiding Cases Project of Stanford Law School, Contributor.

Books

- Black's Law Dictionary (9th Edition), Practitioner Contributor.

Recent Speaking Engagements

- September 23, 2021, Trust Administration Boot Camp , East Bay Trusts & Estates Lawyers, Virtual

Past Speaking Engagements

- Contra Costa County Bar Association's Probate Department Update, 2013, Co-Presenter.