



RAVI SUBRAMANIAN
District Court Executive
Clerk of Court

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

**WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
OFFICE OF THE CLERK
1717 PACIFIC AVE., ROOM 3100
TACOMA, WASHINGTON 98402
(253) 882-3800**

ERIC SMITS
Chief Deputy
PATRICK SHERWOOD
Deputy in Charge

December 10, 2021

THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON WELCOMES DISTRICT JUDGE TANA LIN

On December 8, 2021, before her family, friends, judges, and court staff, Judge Tana Lin was sworn in by Chief Judge Ricardo S. Martinez to be a United States District Judge for the Western District of Washington, seated in Seattle. Judge Lin's appointment fills a judgeship vacant since February 6, 2016, when District Judge Marsha J. Pechman assumed senior status. Judge Lin is the first Asian American Article III judge and the first woman of Asian descent appointed in the district.

Judge Lin, born in Taiwan, immigrated to the United States with her family when she was three years old. She received her Juris Doctor in 1991 from New York University School of Law, where she was a Root Tilden Snow Scholar, and her Bachelor of Arts from Cornell University in 1988. Judge Lin served as a staff attorney for the Public Defender Service for the District of Columbia from 1991 to 1995. Judge Lin was a trial attorney at the U.S. Department of Justice from 1995-1999 receiving the U.S. DOJ's Special Achievement Award in 1997. Judge Lin served as a senior trial attorney for the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission from 1999 to 2001. She was the litigation coordinator for the Michigan Poverty Law Program in Ann Arbor, Michigan, from 2001 to 2004. Judge Lin has been of counsel since 2020 at Keller Rohrback LLP in Seattle, where she was previously a partner and has practiced since 2004. She also taught as an adjunct professor at Seattle University School of Law in 2020.

Judge Lin served as board president of the American Civil Liberties Union of Washington, board president of the ACLU of Washington Foundation, and a council member of the Michigan Prisoner Reentry Advisory Council of the Michigan Prisoner Reentry Initiative.

A formal investiture ceremony will be scheduled at a future date.