

Biographical Summary of Tsiwen M. Law

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Mr. Law has worked in a factory as a machine surface refinisher, in the auto shops as automotive welder, and in a dealership as truck mechanic, in California, Colorado, and Michigan. He was a union steward for the Amalgamated Clothing and Textile Workers as well as the Machinists Union. Before being admitted to the bar, he worked as an industrial hygienist for the Philadelphia Health Department and as a health scientist for the Occupational Safety and Health Administration in the U.S. Department of Labor.

While in law school, Mr. Law volunteered for the Philadelphia Project on Occupational Safety and Health as a technical resource. Upon graduation from the University of Pennsylvania Law School, he went to work for the law firm of Galfand Berger, which represented union workers. He participated in the founding of the Asian American Bar Association of the Delaware Valley and the National Asian Pacific American Bar Association which lobbied Congress for justice for the Wards Cove Packing House workers who had suffered from decades of racial discrimination on the job. Through these organizations, he also spoke out against the legislative attacks on immigrant workers covered under the “welfare reform” laws. During Mayor Wilson Goode’s second term, Mr. Law served as chairman of the Philadelphia Commission on Asian American Affairs which examined the City’s services to the Asian American communities. For two years, he served on the Environmental Justice Working Group of the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection to design guidelines which would protect minority communities in the Commonwealth from environmental contamination. Then Mayor Ed Rendell appointed Mr. Law to the Private Industry Council in 1995. He has been a member of the Philadelphia Business Economics Council.

Currently, Mr. Law is a civil trial lawyer with his law firm, Law & Zaslow, L.L.C. He has served on the boards of the Pennsylvania Bar Association, the Philadelphia Bar Association, the Historical Society of Pennsylvania, Organization of Chinese Americans, Greater Philadelphia, and the Philadelphia Workforce Investment Board. He also served as co-chair of the legal committee of the Stadium Out of Chinatown Coalition, which stopped a baseball stadium from being built in Philadelphia north of Vine Street.

Mr. Law is a graduate of the University of California Berkeley, the University of Michigan School of Public Health, and the University of Pennsylvania Law School. He was an adjunct instructor of Asian American Studies at Penn and American Studies at Temple University. He has testified before Congress on census issues, before the Pennsylvania State Senate on court interpreters, before the State Assembly opposing English Only bills, and before the Philadelphia City Council on the need for a police oversight board.