

Bryant Y. Yang is a Los Angeles County Superior Court Judge, assigned to the Family Law Division and sitting in Department H of the Pomona Courthouse. Prior to his appointment to the bench, he was an Assistant U.S. Attorney in the Criminal Division of the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Central District of California, where he prosecuted federal cases involving public corruption, international drug trafficking and cartels, money laundering, and financial crimes. He also served as a senior litigation attorney at Irell & Manella, LLP, specializing in criminal defense and business litigation. He was the Deputy Director of Voter Protection for Organizing for America in Nevada. Judge Yang was a judicial law clerk for U.S. Ninth Circuit Judge Barry G. Silverman and U.S. District Judge S. James Otero. He also served as a Special Prosecutor and Special Counsel for the City Attorneys' Offices of Burbank and Glendale, respectively. He started his career as an associate at Morrison & Foerster LLP, practicing patent litigation. Judge Yang received his B.A. from U.C. Berkeley, where he graduated with High Distinction and was elected to Phi Beta Kappa. He obtained his J.D. from U.C. Berkeley School of Law. He is the first Burmese American judge in the United States.

Judge Yang is a past President of the Asian Pacific American Bar Association of Los Angeles County, past President of the Greater Los Angeles Chapter of OCA-Asian Pacific American Advocates, past Chair of the City of Monterey Park's Recreation and Parks Commission, past Chair of the State Bar's Committee on the Administration of Justice, and past Chair of the Los Angeles Bar Association's Criminal Justice Section. In 2007, he founded the Jeff Yang Memorial Scholarship, which gives scholarships to immigrants and children of immigrants graduating from a high school in the San Gabriel Valley. He is currently the Chair of the American Bar Association's Standing Committee on Legal Aid and Indigent Defense. He sits on the State Bar Legal Services Trust Fund Commission and the Family Law Curriculum Committee as an appointee of the Judicial Council.

He is a recipient of the Daily Journal's California Lawyer Attorneys of the Year Award (2016) and the USC Public Interest Law Foundation's Pro Bono Attorney of the Year Award (2015) for securing the first-ever resentencing under the California Fair Sentencing for Youth Act and winning the release of a pro bono client who had been sentenced to life without the possibility of parole as a juvenile. The Western Center on Law and Poverty honored him with the "Rock Star" Award (2015) for winning a dramatic overhaul of Kern County's general assistance program on behalf of hundreds of homeless and disabled residents unlawfully denied public assistance. The California State Bar awarded him the Jack Berman Award of Achievement for Distinguished Service to the Profession and the Public (2015) for his precedent-setting legal victories, his efforts to diversify the legal profession and the bench, and his work to increase access to justice through programs like a fellowship to increase diversity in the Intellectual Property bar and a post-judgment enforcement clinic. Judge Yang has been bestowed the Russell Sakaguchi Award for Distinguished Leader in Philanthropy (2010), the National Asian Pacific American Bar Association's "Best Under 40" Award (2019), the American Bar Association's "On the Rise - Top 40 Young Lawyers" Award (2017), the Asian Pacific American Bar Association of Los Angeles County's "Trailblazer in the Law" Award (2021), "Judge of the Year" from the Eastern (District) Bar Association of Los Angeles County (2022), and the "Young Alumni" Award from U.C. Berkeley School of Law (2023).