



# HON. CHARLES CARTER LEE

*Los Angeles County Superior Court, Retired*

A Superior Court Judge for nearly two decades, Judge Lee retired from the bench in 2008. During his many years of civil assignments in Pasadena, Alhambra, Glendale, and downtown, he was highly regarded for his ability to settle the most difficult of cases. Additionally, Judge Lee, a Mandarin speaker and expert on Asian culture, was appointed by the United States Olympic Committee as the “Chef de Mission” and leader of the United States delegation at the 2008 Beijing Olympics. He also acted as Envoy to China’s team at the 1984 Los Angeles Games, its first participation in a modern Olympics.

## PRACTICE AREAS

Complex national and international business/commercial disputes, construction defect, discovery, medical malpractice, employment discrimination, probate, asbestos.

## CONFLICT RESOLUTION EXPERIENCE

Judge Charles Carter Lee was appointed by Gov. George Deukmejian to the Superior Court in December 1989. He held a variety of civil and criminal assignments with the court and served as Presiding Judge of the Appellate Division. Judge Lee’s first legal job was with the law firm of Latham & Watkins in Los Angeles. He also served as an Assistant United States Attorney in Los Angeles.

Judge Lee was well-known for his ability to settle cases and frequently resolved particularly difficult cases referred to him by colleagues. Both litigants and counsel felt that Judge Lee understood and appreciated their positions and worked very hard, in a relaxed but serious way, to bring costly and time-consuming litigations to a close.

In 1972, Judge Lee took a leave of absence from law school to study Mandarin Chinese in Taipei at the Taiwan National Normal University’s Mandarin Center. In early 1984, Judge Lee was named Envoy to the People’s Republic of China for the Los Angeles Olympic Games. After the Soviet Union announced its boycott of the Games, he headed a delegation to China for talks in May 1984, which concluded with China’s formal agreement in writing to participate in the 1984 Games. In early 2008, he received a Fulbright Senior Specialist Grant to give a series of lectures over a two-week period at the China University of Political Science and Law in Beijing. The lectures were delivered in Mandarin.

*Judge Lee is available nationally and internationally.*

## ACHIEVEMENTS

Judge Lee received a Specialist Grant in 2008 from the U.S. Department of State and gave lectures in Mandarin in these cities and locations:

- **Beijing:** Renmin University Law School; China University of Political Science and Law; Beijing High People’s Court and National Procuratorate College;
- **Changchun:** Jilin Procuratorate; Jilin University Law School and Changchun University of Science and Technology;
- **Shanghai:** Shanghai Normal University Law School and Shanghai Procurator Training Center;
- **Hangzhou:** Zhejiang University Law School;
- **Chongqing:** Chongqing Academy of Social Justice; Chongqing University of Technology and Business; Southwest University of Political Science and Law (old campus); Southwest University of Political Science and Law (new campus); and
- **Guangzhou:** Consulate office; Guangzhou Bar Association; Beijing Normal University, Zhuhai branch and H.J.M. International Law Office.

## EDUCATION & TRAINING

- J.D., 1976, University of Virginia Law School; member of Virginia Law Review
- B.A., 1967, Washington and Lee University
- Speaks Mandarin



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