



**Name in English:** Brian Sun  
**Name in Chinese:** 孙自骅 [孫自驊]  
**Name in Pinyin:** Sūn Zìhuá  
**Gender:** Male  
**Birth Year:** 1955  
**Birth Place:** Monterey, California

**Profession (s):** Lawyer, Community Advocate

**Education:** B.A., 1976, University of Southern California; J.D., 1979, University of Southern California

**Award(s):** 2001, American Jewish Congress Award for pro bono work on behalf of Dr. Wen Ho Lee; 2003, named Defense Attorney of the Year by the Los Angeles County Bar Association's Criminal Justice Section; 2003, Distinguished Service Award from the Southern California Chinese Lawyers Association; 2005, named one of America's 500 leading lawyers by Lawdragon Magazine, Phi Beta Kappa

**Contribution(s):** Distinguished trial lawyer, specializing in business litigation and white-collar criminal defense. He was a former Assistant United States Attorney for the Central District of California. He has lectured and written on trial practice, ethics, white-collar crime, and corporate compliance with government regulations.

Brian Sun represented Dr. Wen Ho Lee in his civil lawsuit against the US Government. Dr. Lee had pleaded guilty to one charge of mishandling classified information even though he'd originally faced much more serious charges. The media vilification he suffered and government misconduct in the case resulted in a \$1.6 million settlement from the federal government and five media organizations in June 2006. He also represented former FBI agent J.J. Smith, who admitted in a 2004 plea deal to concealing his 20-year sexual relationship with Katrina Leung, who was convicted (later overturned due to prosecutor misconduct) of handling and copying unauthorized classified documents obtained from Mr. Smith. She was suspected of spying for the Chinese Ministry of State Security while being paid as an FBI informant. Sun served as attorney for Johnny Chung in the 1996 US presidential campaign finance scandal. In 1992, Sun was appointed deputy general counsel for the investigation of the Rodney King incident in Los Angeles. As an Assistant US Attorney, he pioneered the passage of anti-money laundering legislation.

Brian Sun is currently a partner at Jones Day law firm in Los Angeles. He is a former president of the Southern California Chinese Lawyers Association, the National Asian Pacific American Bar Association, the Los Angeles Regional Foodbank, and is a trustee of Southwestern Law School.

**External Links:**

<http://www.jonesday.com/basun/>

<http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/pages/frontline/shows/spy/interviews/sun.html>

<http://www.jonesday.com/basun/>