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Gender: Female
Birth Year: 1959
Birth Place:
Philanthropy: Yes

Profession (s): Attorney

Education: B.S. 1981, Yale University; J.D., 1985, Stanford University Law School

Awards: During her tenure as U.S. Attorney, Ms. Lam received two of the most prestigious and coveted national achievement awards, the Director's Award for Superior Performance and the Attorney General's Award for Distinguished Service. In 2007, Ms. Lam was named Attorney of the Year by the San Diego County Bar Association. In addition, Los Angeles Daily Journal named Ms. Lam to the list of "Top 75 Women Litigators."

Contribution (s): Ms. Lam was formerly a United States Attorney for the Southern District of California. She began her legal career as a law clerk in the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit from 1985 to 1986. From 1986 to 1997, she served as an Assistant U.S. Attorney in the Southern District of California and was Chief of the Major Frauds Section from 1997 to 2000. She then served as a criminal trial judge in the Superior Court in San Diego. In 2002, she was sworn in as interim United States Attorney for the Southern District of California, and later in 2002, was appointed as a United States Attorney.

Ms. Lam worked on numerous cases, notably one involving Congressman Randy Cunningham who had accepted bribes from a military contractor. Cunningham resigned in 2005 and was sentenced to 100 months in prison. In late 2006, at the direction of the Executive branch, Ms. Lam, along with 17 other U.S. attorneys, was told to turn in her resignation without any apparent justification. In her official Department of Justice resignation announcement, Lam was lavishly praised by the US Customs and Border Protection Service, the Immigration and Customs Enforcement organization, the Naval Criminal Investigations Service, the Drug Enforcement Agency, the Internal Revenue Service Criminal Investigations section, and the San Diego Police Department for her professionalism, leadership, dedication and efficiency in prosecuting a large variety of cases as a US Attorney. (See www.usdoj.gov/usao/cas/press/cas70116-Lam.pdf)

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