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Gender: Male
Birth Year:
Birth Place: Los Angeles, CA
Philanthropy: Y

Profession (s): Lawyer

Education: BA, Psychology pre-med, UCLA; Juris Doctorate, UCLA Law School

Award(s): In 2007, Stewart Kwoh received the Loren Miller Legal Services Award for his long-term commitment to providing legal services for the poor. In 1998, Kwoh was the first Asian American to receive the MacArthur Foundation Fellowship; an investment towards his exceptional merit and creativity in the legal field. In the same year, Kwoh was named Lawyer of the year by California Lawyer magazine. In 1996 he was also the recipient of the Mayor's Award in LA, City Human Relations Commission, CORO Public Affairs Award, and the ACLU award in 1993.

Contribution(s): Stewart Kwoh's entire public and private career has been so intertwined with worthy causes and charity that it is impossible to differentiate between his philanthropy and contributions to the world. He has been a strong leader of the Asian Pacific Islander community for more than 25 years. A longtime volunteer and civil rights advocate, Kwoh, founded the Asian Pacific American Legal Center in 1983. He has fought to establish cohesion among ethnic communities, businesses, government, and legal service organizations. Kwoh is also the vice-chair of the board of directors for the National Asian Pacific American Legal Consortium (NAPALC). From 1988-1989, Kwoh served as president of the Southern California Chinese Lawyers Association.

Philanthropy: Kwoh was named as a trustee of the California Wellness Foundation, Methodist Urban Foundation, and the Fannie Mae Foundation, all charitable foundations with assets of a billion or more dollars. He also serves on the board of the United Way of Greater Los Angeles, as well as on the boards of American Public Media, KCET-TV, and SCPR-TV. His leadership and ability to raise large donations means that there is more demand for him to serve on boards than he has time for. Yet he regularly shares his expertise in charitable fundraising and leadership with speaking engagements at educational institutions such as the University of Southern California, American Jewish University, and the University of California, Santa Cruz and in interviews for publications such as the Los Angeles Times and New York Times.

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