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Ling-Cohan Appointed To Appellate Term

JUSTICE DORIS LING-COHAN has been appointed to the Appellate Term, First Department. She is the first woman of Asian descent to be appointed to an appellate panel in New York state and in 2002 became the first woman of Asian descent to be elected to the Supreme Court.

Ling-Cohan was elected to New York City Civil Court in 1995, from the Chinatown district. In 2005, she became the first trial judge in the state to decide in favor of marriage equality in *Hernandez v. Robles*.

A former law professor, Legal Services managing attorney and assistant attorney general, Ling-Cohan received a B.A. summa cum laude from Brooklyn College in 1976 and J.D. from New York University School of Law in 1979. She is a founding member and officer of the Asian American Bar Association, serves on the New York State Bar Association's House of Delegates, the international affairs committee of the New York City Bar, the Chief Judge's Judicial Advisory Committee and the Franklin H. Williams Judicial Commission, which advises the court system on issues affecting both employees and litigants of color.

Appellate Terms judges in the First Department hear appeals from civil and criminal cases originating in the Civil and Criminal Courts.



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Justice Ling-Cohan