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### **Hugh H. Mo | Founder and Principal**



A trailblazer in the Asian American community, Hugh H. Mo celebrates 48 years in practice and 30 years as Principal of The Law Firm of Hugh H. Mo, P. C. Mr. Mo was the first Asian-American Assistant District Attorney for the New York County District Attorney's Office ("Manhattan DA"). In 1984, he was appointed as the first Asian-American Deputy Commissioner in Charge of Trials in the New York City Police Department (NYPD). At the time, he was the highest ranking Asian-American in New York City government. Mr. Mo then continued his legal practice as Founder and Partner-In-Charge for six years of the China Practice Group of Whitman & Ransom and represented Chinese government, state-owned entities, and private corporations in banking, corporate, litigation and real estate matters in the U.S. and overseas. Over the past 30 years, Mr. Mo served as outside legal counsel to the Permanent Mission of the People's Republic of China to the United Nations, the Chinese Consulate General in New York, and currently for the Xinhua News Agency, NA, and the People's Daily Overseas Edition.

Mr. Mo has extensive investigative and jury trial experience, including supervising numerous complex financial fraud and internal police corruption investigations and first chairing over fifty federal/state criminal and civil jury trials. He also presided as Chief Administrative Judge in over 300 administrative trials in the NYPD. For the last 15 years, he has served as a Referee for the New York State Commission on Judicial Conduct, in which he presides at investigative and due process hearings involving judicial misconduct. He is the Founder/President Emeritus/Chair of the NYPD Asian American Police Executives Council (AAPEX), with the mission to inculcate leadership development of Asian police executives in the NYPD. He also served on the NYPD Training Advisory Committee. He was also a legal commentator on Court TV (now TruTV) and for various Chinese-language news media.

Mr. Mo's extensive community and political involvement includes serving as an "outside validator" at the request of The Clinton White House during Supreme Court Associate Justice Sonia Sotomayor's June 2009 Senate confirmation hearings (see [politico.com](http://politico.com), 06/02/2009, Real-World Skill Prepped Nominee); serving on the transition committees of Manhattan District Attorney Cyrus Vance, Jr., Queens District Attorney Melinda Katz, New York City Comptroller John C. Liu (currently New York State Senator), and serving as both chairman of the Criminal

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Justice Advisory Council for David N. Dinkins's Mayoral Campaign and subsequently as a member of Mayor-elect Dinkins's transition committee.

Over the past 50 years, Mr. Mo has also served as a board member of a variety of community and social engagement organizations, including Community Board No. 1 in Manhattan, Flushing YMCA, member of the National Committee on U.S.-China Relations, as well as various government policy committees. He also co-founded various civic and community organizations, including the Chinatown Health Clinic (predecessor to the Charles B. Wang Community Health Center), NYPD Asian Jade Society, and the Asian American Bar Association of New York (AABANY).

Mr. Mo is a life-member of the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers and has served as a member of various committees with the New York City Bar Association, including the Judiciary Committee. He was born in Shanghai, China, came to the States at the age of 9, grew up on the Lower East Side of New York, and attended Stuyvesant High School. He received his B.A. in History and Political Science from New York University, University Heights College, and J.D. from Boston University School of Law. He is married and has three children, two of which are members of the Bar and also graduates of BU Law. His daughter Elizabeth served as a Manhattan ADA for almost six years, his older son Hugh Jr. is an entrepreneur, and his younger son Douglas is a litigator in BigLaw. Mr. Mo is fluent in Chinese Mandarin, and has traveled extensively on business to China, Taiwan, and Hong Kong.

### **Education**

- Cornell Institute on Organized Crime, Certificate, 08/1978
- Boston University School of Law, J.D., 05/1976
- New York University, University Heights College, B.A., 05/1973
- Stuyvesant High School, 06/1969

### **Admissions**

- New York
- U.S. Supreme Court
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Second Circuit
- U.S. District Court, S.D.N.Y
- U.S. District Court, E.D.N.Y
- U.S. Court of International Trade
- U.S. Tax Court

## **Associations**

- Founder/President Emeritus/Chair, NYPD Asian-American Police Executives Council (AAPEX)
- Referee, NYS Commission on Judicial Conduct
- Legal Advisor, Public Safety Department, City of White Plains, NY
- Member, Transition Committee, Queens DA, Melinda Katz, 2019
- Member, NYPD Training Advisory Committee
- Chair, Transition Legal Committee, NYC Comptroller John Liu, 2009
- Member, Transition Committee, Manhattan DA Cyrus Vance, 2009
- Member, Transition Committee, Mayor-elect, David N. Dinkins, 1989
- Chair, Criminal Justice Committee, David N. Dinkins, 1989 Mayoral Campaign
- Former Board President, Chinese-American Planning Council
- Co-Founder, Asian-American Bar Association of New York (AABANY)
- Member, National Asian Pacific American Bar Association (NAPABA)
- Life Member, National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers (NACDL)
- Member, New York City Bar
- Member, New York County Lawyers Association
- Member, Queens County Bar Association
- Member, The Friars Club

## **Professional / Government / Civic Associations**

- Former Member, Judiciary and Supreme Court Committees – New York City Bar
- Community Board No. 1, Manhattan
- NYC Garment Industry and Economic Development Board
- National Committee on U.S.-China Relations

## **Awards**

- November, 2023 – National Asian Pacific American Bar Association (NAPABA) “2023 APA-Owned Law Firm of the Year”
- September, 2023 – National Asian Pacific Islander Prosecutors Association (NAPIPA) “Lifetime Achievement Award”
- August, 2022 – American Chinese United Association (NY Chapter), “Mount Tai Shan Award”
- September, 2019, Asian-American Police Executives Council, “Recognition and Appreciation for Outstanding Support and Commitment to the Formation of AAPEX”
- June, 2011 – Asian-American Bar Association of New York, Prosecutors Committee, “Trailblazer Award”

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- March, 2010 – Boston University School of Law, “APALSA Trailblazer Award”
- June, 1988 – Metropolitan Asian-American Community, “Award for Dedicated Impartial Service to Chinatown and Continued Leadership”
- February, 1987 – Chinese Methodist Center Corporation, “Man of the Year Award”
- February, 1985 – NYPD Asian Jade Society, “Man of the Year Award – Deputy Commissioner – Trials – Hugh H. Mo”
- April, 1984 – New York County DA, Trial Bureau 50, “Award for Outstanding and Dedicated Service to The People of New York County”

### Hearing Video/Articles/Interviews of Interest

- [https://nystateassembly.granicus.com/player/clip/7107?view\\_id=8&redirect=true&h=1d097ebf215a9f27239270ae3345ce23](https://nystateassembly.granicus.com/player/clip/7107?view_id=8&redirect=true&h=1d097ebf215a9f27239270ae3345ce23)
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