



“Attracts praise for his ‘amazing advocacy style’ and ‘broad strategic view’” and is “recognized by peers as being one of the most talented appellate attorneys in California.”

—*Chambers USA*

Kevin Fong has helped Pillsbury shape the law and establish important precedents for more than four decades.

A former president of the prestigious California Academy of Appellate Lawyers, Kevin has appeared in 135 published decisions in California and federal appellate courts, won five of six California Supreme Court arguments, and handled several groundbreaking matters. He authored briefs for the lead petitioner in *Chevron v. Natural Resources Defense Council*, a landmark U.S. Supreme Court case and “the most cited case in modern public law.”

REPRESENTATIVE EXPERIENCE

- Convinced the Ninth Circuit that the owner of a smelter cannot be liable under CERCLA for cleanup costs for emissions that are blown downwind.
- Achieved precedent-setting win for the Chehalis Tribe, with the Ninth Circuit holding that state and local governments may not tax permanent improvements on land held by the U.S. in trust for an Indian tribe.
- Successfully secured Ninth Circuit’s affirmance of a judgment following a jury’s finding of infringement of our client’s “Comic-Con” trademarks and an award of nearly \$4 million in attorney’s fees.

- Obtained a California Supreme Court reversal of a \$6 million libel judgment against a newspaper that published articles asserting misconduct in conviction of a Chinatown gang murderer.

PROFESSIONAL HIGHLIGHTS

- Honored by *Chambers USA* for Appellate-California (2000–2021).
 - Recognized by *Best Lawyers* (published by BL Rankings LLC), Appellate Practice (2007–2022); Lawyer of the Year, Appellate-San Francisco (2022).
 - Featured speaker at national and regional conferences on issues of constitutional law, appellate advocacy, health care, real estate, diversity and career development.
- Honors & Awards**
- National Asian Pacific American Bar Association, Trailblazer Award, (2008)
 - Asian Law Caucus, Annual Dinner Honoree (2006)

EDUCATION

J.D., Harvard Law School, 1979

cum laude, Editor-in-Chief, *Harvard Civil Rights - Civil Liberties Law Review*

A.B., Harvard College, 1976

magna cum laude

ADMISSIONS

California

CLERKSHIPS

Law Clerk to Chief Judge Constance Baker Motley of the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York