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• ADMITTED TO THE CALIFORNIA BAR IN 1998

- San Francisco Public Defender 2001-2006
- Law Office of Jonah Chew 2006-Present
- Handled 1000's of cases: felonies, misdos, DUI's, probation/parole violations, witness representation
- Scores of jury and bench trials/125+ preliminary hearings/100+ motions to suppress/100+ DMV APS hearings
- Founding Member/Treasurer of AACTLA (Asian American Criminal Trial Lawyer's Association)
 - API Joint Judiciary Committee Member
- NAPABA Seminar "Dynamic Cross Examination", Scottsdale, Arizona, November 2014
 - USF Intensive Advocacy Program: faculty, May 2016, 2017, and 2018
- NAPABA Seminar "How to Do It All When You're a Solo or Small Firm", San Diego, CA November 2016
 - Super Lawyers Award 2019

DATE	CHARGES	RESULT
May 2015	Aggravated Mayhem (facing life in prison)	Case dismissed during jury trial
June 2015	Kidnapping, Felony Stalking, Domestic Violence	Dismissed
Aug 2015	Felony Domestic Violence Trial	Jury convicted on misdo, home detention
Sept 2015	Arson/Assault with Caustic Chemicals, etc.	Non-strike, reduce able to misdo in 1 year
Oct 2015	DUI with injury/Hit and run with serious injury	Simple hit and run misdemeanor, no jail
Oct 2015	20 counts of Felony Identify Theft and Fraud	1 felony, reduce able to a misdo in 1 year
Oct 2015	2 counts of Armed Robbery (PC 211)	Misdemeanor, no jail
Oct 2015	2 counts of Felony Insurance Fraud	Dismissed
Oct 2015	Felony Vandalism, \$15k in restitution	Misdemeanor, no jail, no restitution
Oct 2015	Grand Theft, Embezzlement	Simple theft, misdemeanor, no jail
Oct 2015	Grand Theft, Embezzlement	San Mateo DA DEJ, no conviction
Nov 2015	5 Residential Burglaries (violent felonies)	One felony, residential program
Dec 2015	Multiple Gang Felonies (serious/violent)	Misdemeanor, no jail
Dec 2015	DUI with injury, DUI prior	Motion to suppress granted, dismissed
Dec 2015	Robbery Jury Trial	Probation granted
Jan 2016	Hit and Run	Civil compromise dismissal
Jan 2016	DUI, Misdemeanor	Motion to suppress granted, dismissed
Feb 2016	Felony Assault w/knife, great bodily injury	Probation violation only
Mar 2016	Felony Robbery and Assault (two strikes)	One misdemeanor, no jail time
Mar 2016	Felony cocaine base sale to undercover	Dismissed after preliminary hearing
Mar 2016	DUI with injury	Dismissed
Mar 2016	Vehicle theft felony	Dismissed pre-PX
Apr 2016	Embezzlement of \$275k from San Mateo County local business owned	Probation and local time, Judge lectured client that this case absolutely screams out a prison commitment
Apr 2016	DUI with injury, Hit and Run with Injury	Standard DUI resolution, no jail
Apr 2016	PC 508 Embezzlement in San Mateo County	DA DEJ dismissal
Apr 2016	Felony Vandalism in San Mateo County	DA DEJ dismissal
Apr 2016	Open 2nd and 3rd DUI with probation violation for 1st DUI	One DUI was dismissed for search warrant issues, 10 SWAP and 30 day program
May 2016	University of San Francisco School of Law	Faculty in Intensive Advocacy Summer Program
June 2016	Felony heroin sale and felony possession for sale, San Francisco	Misdemeanor plea
June 2016	Battery on a Dependent Adult and Dependent Adult Abuse, San Mateo County	Dismissed in Trial
June 2016	DUI WITH INJURY WHILE ON DUI PROBATION TWO VICTIMS (.27 BAC and Victim made an in person victim)	Standard DUI (no injury), no jail, credit for time in program

	impact statement at sentencing)	
July 2016	Misdo DV PC 273.5/PC 236	Dismissed
Aug 2016	Juvi robbery two counts and felony assault	PC 242, misdemeanor and 725 dispo (informal probation and not adjudicated a ward of the court)
Sept 2016	Felony DV trial with multiple strikes	SN: no jail, treatment only (Bridges Court)
Sept 2016	Child Abuse case PC 273a(b) and 273d(a), misdos	Case dismissed after 6 month DEJ
Oct 2016	PC 653m(b)	Diversion dismissal
Oct 2016	2 separate robberies (6 strikes charged total, including 211 x 2; 245(a)(1); 422; 12022(b)(1))	PC 487 (c) reducible to a misdemeanor in 6 months
Nov 2016	Felon in possession of multiple guns, felony charges	Dismissed at preliminary hearing
Nov 2016	NAPABA Conference:	Moderator on How to Run Solo/Small Firm Panel
Jan 2017	Two counts felony insurance fraud	Dismissed at holding order at preliminary hearing
Jan 2017	20+ felony auto burglary charges + felony probation	Probation and a residential program
Jan 2017	Robbery with personal use of firearm	4 years served in local county jail, no prison
Feb 2017	DUI .14/.14 PAS .14/.14 breath	Wet with 18 months court probation, no time
Feb 2017	13 counts of felony wage theft (\$10s of 1000's of dollars)	Dismissed per demurrer
Feb 2017	Assault with car, elder abuse, hit and run	Diversion dismissal
March 2017	2nd Degree Burglary while on probation with strike prior	Misdemeanor for 17 days jail
March 2017	Two counts of felony insurance fraud	Misdemeanor hit and run probation and community service
March 2017	Santa Clara County: Attorney General Attempt to Suspend CPA license during defense of 6 felony tax evasion counts	Successfully defended this attempt, client kept CPA license
March 2017	San Mateo assault with force likely to cause great bodily injury	Dismissed at first trial call
March 2017	Felony sexual offenses with minor, multiple counts	Attempted sexual battery, no jail, reduceable to a misdemeanor
April 2017	San Mateo County misdemeanor theft offenses	Infraction, fine only (\$250)
April 2017	SF County: 100 pounds possession for sale of marijuana, case filed in 2014	Infraction, fine only (\$200)
April 2017	San Mateo County: DUI-drugs with accident, (very high levels)	Wet reckless, no jail
April 2017	San Mateo County-DUI .20 BAC with accident	No jail, 3 month DUI school
April 2017	SF County: felony robbery case	Dismissed in preliminary hearing
April 2017	SF County: 19 total felony counts: 13 felony wage theft/multiple insurance fraud counts	Dismissed after 11 months of litigation
April 2017	SF DUI	DMV APS Set Aside on .17 blood result
May 2017	SF County: Kidnapping, gun assault, domestic violence, multiple felon in gun charges (13 total felonies)	16 months paper commitment, no time in state prison
May 2017	SF County: robbery felony probation violation on very strict ESS	Avoided state prison, probation reinstated
May 2017	San Mateo County: Appellate Division overturns trial court to grant motion to suppress evidence	Our case is published by 1st District Court of Appeals People v. Ling (2017)
May 2017	San Francisco: faculty at USF School of Law	Intensive Advocacy Program
May 2017	University of San Francisco School of Law	Faculty in Intensive Advocacy Summer Program
June 2017	Alameda County: TWO open DUIs with a prior within 10 years, high BAC's (one with an accident)	Both DUI's dismissed pursuant to successful completion of Veteran's Diversion
June 2017	SF County: 4 counts of assault with deadly weapon, terrorist threats, possession of illegal dirk/dagger; brandishing	Misdemeanor, immigration safe deal
June 2017	Santa Clara County: 1st Degree Homicide Preliminary Hearing	
June 2017	Alameda County: 2nd DUI within 4 years, many b/f	1st DUI with standard terms
July 2017	San Mateo County: multiple counts of child molestation	Misdemeanor probation
July 2017	San Francisco County: two felony probation	6 months in a residential program

	violations: both acts of violence	
July 2017	San Francisco County: oral arguments in front of SF Appellate Division re: search warrant case	
July 2017	San Mateo County: domestic violence charges	Dismissed at trial
August 2017	San Francisco County: DUI drugs	402 hearings (very interesting issues)
August 2017	San Francisco County: juvenile case robbery and felony assault	Diversion, no sustained conviction, case sealed
September 2017	San Francisco County: felony vandalism	Diversion dismissal, no conviction
September 2017	San Mateo County: pre-filing domestic violence	DA decided not to file against Client after extensive pre-filing work
September 2017	San Francisco County: minor in possession of alcohol and fake ID	Dismissed
October 2017	San Francisco County: misdemeanor DUI	Dismissed by Judge on Defense motion
October 2017	San Francisco County: felony robbery probation violation proceeding	DA and Probation asked for state prison, Client sentenced to 30 days and anger management
October 2017	San Mateo County: misdemeanor DUI with hit and run	Motion to suppress granted: DUI dismissed
December 2017	San Francisco County: Parole/PRCS Violation Hearing based on Domestic Violence allegations	Client not violated on DV allegations, PRCS reinstated
December 2017	San Mateo County: DUI blood case	Motion to suppress granted (blood)
December 2017	San Francisco County: VC 20001(b) hit and run with injury	Case dismissed per PC 1385 defense motion
January 2018	University of San Francisco: Race in the Jury Box Seminar	Moderator for this half day seminar sponsored by Asian American Criminal Trial Lawyer's Association
January 2018	San Francisco County Case: felony trial case	California Supreme Court accepted briefing on Defense request to transfer writ issue to them
February 2018	San Francisco County: Commercial vehicle illegally overloaded	Dismissed at trial
February 2018	San Francisco County: possession for sale methamphetamine with sales prior (2.5 lbs.)	Dismissed before preliminary hearing
February 2018	San Francisco County: drug sale to undercover (heroin) + possession for sale (cocaine base) with 3 prior sales convictions	Probation and 3 months jail
February 2018	San Francisco County: Criminal Terrorist Threats, Use of Deadly Weapon, 3 counts of assault with deadly weapon, and prison prior	Misdemeanor immigration safe conviction, no probation
February 2018	San Mateo County: felony gun with drug possession charges	Immigration safe probation deal
February 2018	San Francisco County: felony assault with great bodily injury/battery serious bodily injury/criminal terrorist threats	All strikes dismissed and all charges reduced to misdemeanors
February 2018	San Mateo County: DUI Case	First District Court of Appeals accepted transfer for Defense appeal on DUI checkpoint case
February 2018	San Mateo County: felony firearms and drug possession	Immigration safe deal, probation, no jail
February 2018	San Mateo County: DUI and Hit and Run	DUI dismissed and Hit and Run discharged per Civil Compromise
February 2018	Asian American Bar Association: Garrick S. Lew scholarship committee	Selected candidates for interview, conducting interviews, and selected recipient of \$10k scholarship
February 2018	San Francisco County: Felony auto burglary committed while on a 5 year 8 month ESS probation	Modified to one year in a program and a misdemeanor plea
March 2018	San Mateo County: DUI with accident blood draw .20 BAC	Motion To Suppress granted
March 2018	San Francisco County: misdemeanor driving on suspended license due to a DUI conviction	Motion to Dismiss based on Speedy Trial violation granted

March 2018	San Mateo County: .14 BAC checkpoint DUI case	Wet reckless plea
April 2018	San Francisco County: first degree felony murder preliminary hearing (week long)	The fight continues
April 2018	San Francisco County: felony vandalism case	Reduced to misdemeanor over kicking and screaming DA's objection
April 2018	San Francisco County: multiple strikes originally charged: felony assault with great bodily injury and criminal terrorist threats	Pre-trial diversion (case will be dismissed once counseling is completed)
April 2018	San Francisco County: Possession for sale: meth (one ounce), cocaine, cocaine base (one ounce), and heroin (2 ounces)	Dismissed at preliminary hearing
April 2018	San Mateo County: DUI case, motion to suppress granted on appeal	Blood result suppressed, case reopened
May 2018	San Francisco County: 2 nd DUI, blood case with resisting arrest	Dismissed at trial (litigated motions for 4 years)
May 2018	University of San Francisco School of Law	Faculty in Intensive Advocacy Summer Program
June 2018	San Francisco County: Felon in possession of firearm with two strike priors (one for voluntary manslaughter)	Felony probation (two years) no jail
June 2018	San Francisco County: felony auto burglary with open felony auto burglary	Misdemeanor informal probation, no jail, to be dismissed in one year
June 2018	San Francisco County: felony child abuse with great bodily injury alleged (one year old child)	Dismissed
July 2018	San Mateo County: felon in possession of multiple firearms (in his bedroom) and ammunition (8 charged felonies with 3 prior felony convictions)	Dismissed at jury trial
July 2018	San Francisco County: Battery and False Imprisonment (Uber driver on female passenger)	Pre-Trial Diversion Dismissal
September 2018	Alameda County: marijuana possession for sale and cultivation (700 plus plants, 3 plus pounds processed)	Deferred prosecution (no plea, stay arrest free for 12 months and then dismissed)
September 2018	San Mateo County: DUI .17/.16 PAS and .15 blood, (driving past CHP patrol car on the freeway)	Wet reckless
October 2018	Alameda County: .11 BAC	Dry reckless
November 2018	San Francisco County: PC 245(a)(4) assault with GBI enhancement (strike) and criminal terrorist threat (strike)	Pre-trial diversion dismissal
November 2018	San Francisco County: Felony evasion of peace officer/resisting arrest	Dismissal
December 2018	San Francisco County: 7 possession for sale of drugs felony counts, assault weapon felony	Dismissed at preliminary hearing
December 2018	San Francisco County: DUI blood .21	Dismissed on speedy trial grounds
December 2018	San Mateo County: felony embezzlement	Misdemeanor possession of stolen property/2 years court probation/10 days SWAP
December 2018	San Francisco County: possession for sale heroin, fentanyl, crack cocaine, ecstasy	Discharged after preliminary hearing
December 2018	San Francisco County: two counts of felony child abuse	Dismissed at preliminary hearing
January 2019	San Francisco County: DUI drugs	Dismissed after winning motion to suppress on appeal
January 2019	San Francisco County: felony auto burglary; misdemeanor: trespass/theft/battery	Dismissed (both)
January 2019	San Francisco County: felony auto burglary	Dismissed at preliminary hearing
January	San Mateo County: withdrawal of 1998 conviction	Motion granted per immigration advisement issues:

2019	and dismissal	Penal Code Sec 1473.7 and 1016.5
January 2019	San Francisco County: felony vandalism	Pre-trial diversion dismissal
February 2019	San Francisco County: gun with robbery and battery with serious bodily injury (facing 15+ year)	Discharged at preliminary hearing after testimony by victim and detective
March 2019	San Mateo County: two strikes felony domestic violence charges	Plea to immigration safe misdemeanor and 10 days SWAP
March 2019	San Francisco County: two strikes felony assault case	Plea to immigration safe misdemeanor, no jail time, one year informal probation
April 2019	San Francisco County: sex abuse of a minor	Plea to immigration safe conviction, no jail time, probation
May 2019	San Francisco County: terrorist threats, firearms offense, child endangerment	Plea to immigration safe misdemeanor, probation
May 2019	San Francisco County: assault with deadly weapon, felony weapons charges, felony assault, and probation violation	Simple assault misdemeanor, no jail, no probation violation
May 2019	San Mateo: burglary theft with burglary theft prior	DA DEJ dismissal
May 2019	San Francisco County: felony drug sales, felony possession for sale	Dismissed at preliminary hearing