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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 and 2020

<b>DATE</b>	<b>CHARGES</b>	<b>RESULT</b>
January 2021	San Francisco County: submission of false evidence; filing forged instrument; forgery (6 felonies)	Misdemeanor deferred entry of judgement
December 2020	San Francisco County: arson case	Misdemeanor vandalism plea, court probation, no arson
December 2020	San Francisco County: robbery, great bodily injury, felony assault, elder abuse [Moderate amount of media exposure: <a href="https://sanfrancisco.cbslocal.com/2020/04/08/third-suspect-arrested-in-brutal-assault-and-strong-arm-robbery-in-sfs-chinatown/">https://sanfrancisco.cbslocal.com/2020/04/08/third-suspect-arrested-in-brutal-assault-and-strong-arm-robbery-in-sfs-chinatown/</a>	Dismissed at PC 995 motion (procedural violation and lack of probable cause)
December 2020	San Francisco County: DUI	Dismissed after almost two years of court appearances
October 2020	San Francisco County: possession for sale cocaine and meth (one pound of drugs + sales prior)	Dismissed at 995 motion
March 2020	San Francisco County: DUI case .20 blood	Dismissed at trial call
March 2020	San Francisco County: Penal Code Section 115, Filing False or Forged Instrument	Dismissed per Penal Code Section 995 motion
March 2020	San Francisco County: three felony domestic violence charges ( 2 strike priors)	Misdemeanor probation

March 2020	San Francisco County: failure to register as a sexual offender felony with felony prior for failing to register (+ 2 strike priors)	Misdemeanor, no probation, time served
March 2020	San Mateo County: three counts of domestic violence with prior domestic violence conviction	Dismissal
March 2020	Alameda County: misdemeanor assault charges	Dismissal
March 2020	San Francisco County: felony assault weapon charges, including possessing prohibited assault weapon, silencer, concealed/loaded assault weapon	Dismissal
February 2020	Alameda County: marijuana possession for sale, marijuana cultivation (hundreds and hundreds of plants-commercial operation inside a residential house)	Dismissal
December 2019	San Francisco County: felony DUI (strike) with injury (broken bones) and felony hit and run with injury (two victims)	Non-strike probation, reduceable to a misdemeanor, outpatient alcohol program (no jail)
December 2019	San Francisco County: felony vandalism	Misdemeanor diversion dismissal
December 2019	Santa Clara County: two cases of felony tax fraud (32 felonies charged. CPA with his own taxes (6) and 26 felonies associated with charitable foundations tax preparation)	Misdemeanors with community service
November 2019	San Francisco County: two felony grand theft cases and commercial burglary (smash and grabs from Sephora)	Dismissal on both felony cases
November 2019	San Francisco County: assault with deadly weapon, misdemeanor	Dismissed at 6th pre-trial conference
November 2019	San Francisco County: 2nd DUI with 2 priors outside 10 years	Statutory Minimum, 3 years' probation, 10 days of Sheriff Work Program (will work out to 3 actual days to serve)
November 2019	San Francisco County: felony assault case	Accessory after the fact misdemeanor DEJ, will be dismissed outright in one year
October 2019	San Francisco County: felony DUI with great bodily injury with multiple victims (a strike) and a DUI prior and open DUI	Felony probation with home detention (statutory minimum)
October 2019	San Mateo County: two Fish & Game misdemeanors	One dismissed + one found "not guilty" at bench trial by judge after hearing evidence

October 2019	San Mateo County: hit and run misdemeanor	Civil compromise discharge
September 2019	San Francisco County: felon in possession of multiple firearms while on felony probation	Gun felony, no time, 18 months' probation
September 2019	San Francisco County: felony kidnapping (3 counts) and felony child concealment (3 counts)	Dismissed at preliminary hearing
September 2019	San Francisco County: felony DUI with injury (multiple injuries) with great bodily injury enhancement one prior DUI and one open DUI	Felony probation with 120 days of home detention
August 2019	San Francisco County: felony false imprisonment	Dismissal pre-preliminary hearing
July 2019	San Francisco County: felony vandalism and felony auto burglary	Misdemeanor of one year probation and then dismissal of case in its entirety
July 2019	San Mateo County: felony vandalism with insane victims	Misdemeanor with 4 days of SWAP
July 2019	San Francisco County: felony involuntary manslaughter, 3 counts of Labor Code felony violations resulting in death or impairment	Felony probation on Labor Code Violation with community service
June 2019	San Mateo County: 4 counts of rape of unconscious/intoxicated person (strike, prison mandatory charges, registration for life)	Felony probation on non-sex offense conviction, non-strike, registration for 10 yrs.
June 2019	San Mateo County: multiple strike charges: vehicular assault on police officer assistant with broken bones	Felony probation and local time (DA wanted prison), and dispo allowed Client to keep driving privilege
June 2019	San Francisco County: two counts of assault with firearm, no probation allegations	Non-strike felony gun possession, reduceable to misdemeanor, no time
June 2019	San Mateo County: resisting arrest, assault on officers	Infraction with \$88 fine
May 2019	San Francisco County: felony false imprisonment and felony domestic violence with prior DV conviction	Misdemeanor plea with no custody time
May 2019	San Francisco County: felony drug sales, felony possession for sale	Dismissed at preliminary hearing
May 2019	San Mateo: burglary theft with burglary theft prior	DA DEJ dismissal

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 Francisco County: terrorist threats, firearms offense, child endangerment	Plea to immigration safe misdemeanor, probation
April 2019	San Francisco County: sex abuse of a minor	Plea to immigration safe conviction, no jail time, probation
March 2019	San Francisco County: two strikes felony assault case	Plea to immigration safe misdemeanor, no jail time, one-year informal probation
March 2019	San Mateo County: two strikes felony domestic violence charges	Plea to immigration safe misdemeanor and 10 days SWAP
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
January 2019	San Francisco County: felony vandalism	Pre-trial diversion dismissal
January 2019	San Mateo County: withdrawal of 1998 conviction and dismissal	Motion granted per immigration advisement issues Penal Code Sec 1473.7 and 1016.5:
January 2019	San Francisco County: felony auto burglary	Dismissed at preliminary hearing
January 2019	San Francisco County: felony auto burglary; misdemeanor: trespass/theft/battery	Dismissed (both)
January 2019	San Francisco County: DUI drugs	Dismissed after winning motion to suppress on appeal
December 2018	San Francisco County: two counts of felony child abuse	Dismissed at preliminary hearing
December 2018	San Francisco County: possession for sale heroin, fentanyl, crack cocaine, ecstasy	Discharged after preliminary hearing
December 2018	San Mateo County: felony embezzlement	Misdemeanor possession of stolen property/2 years court probation/10 days SWAP
December 2018	San Francisco County: DUI blood .21	Dismissed on speedy trial grounds

<b>December 2018</b>	<b>San Francisco County: 7 possession for sale of drugs felony counts, assault weapon felony</b>	<b>Dismissed at preliminary hearing</b>
<b>November 2018</b>	<b>San Francisco County: Felony evasion of peace officer/resisting arrest</b>	<b>Dismissal</b>
<b>November 2018</b>	<b>San Francisco County: PC 245(a)(4) assault with GBI enhancement (strike) and criminal terrorist threat (strike)</b>	<b>Pre-trial diversion dismissal</b>
<b>October 2018</b>	<b>Alameda County: .11 BAC</b>	<b>Dry reckless</b>
<b>September 2018</b>	<b>San Mateo County: DUI .17/.16 PAS and .15 blood, (driving past CHP patrol car on the freeway)</b>	<b>Wet reckless</b>
<b>September 2018</b>	<b>Alameda County: marijuana possession for sale and cultivation (700 plus plants, 3 plus pounds processed)</b>	<b>Deferred prosecution (no plea, stay arrest free for 12 months and then dismissed)</b>
<b>July 2018</b>	<b>San Francisco County: Battery and False Imprisonment (Uber driver on female passenger)</b>	<b>Pre-Trial Diversion Dismissal</b>
<b>July 2018</b>	<b>San Mateo County: felon in possession of multiple firearms (in his bedroom) and ammunition (8 charged felonies with 3 prior felony convictions)</b>	<b>Dismissed at jury trial</b>
<b>June 2018</b>	<b>San Francisco County: felony child abuse with great bodily injury alleged (one year old child)</b>	<b>Dismissed</b>
<b>June 2018</b>	<b>San Francisco County: felony auto burglary with open felony auto burglary</b>	<b>Misdemeanor informal probation, no jail, to be dismissed in one year</b>
<b>June 2018</b>	<b>San Francisco County: Felon in possession of firearm with two strike priors (one for voluntary manslaughter)</b>	<b>Felony probation (two years) no jail</b>
<b>May 2018</b>	<b>University of San Francisco School of Law</b>	<b>Faculty in Intensive Advocacy Summer Program</b>
<b>May 2018</b>	<b>San Francisco County: 2nd DUI, blood case with resisting arrest</b>	<b>Dismissed at trial (litigated motions for 4 years)</b>
<b>April 2018</b>	<b>San Mateo County: DUI case, motion to suppress granted on appeal</b>	<b>Blood result suppressed; case reopened</b>
<b>April 2018</b>	<b>San Francisco County: Possession for sale: meth (one ounce), cocaine, cocaine base (one ounce), and heroin (2 ounces)</b>	<b>Dismissed at preliminary hearing</b>

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: felony vandalism case	Reduced to misdemeanor over kicking and screaming DA's objection
April 2018	San Francisco County: first degree felony murder preliminary hearing (week long)	The fight continues
March 2018	San Mateo County: .14 BAC checkpoint DUI case	Wet reckless plea
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: DUI with accident blood draw .20 BAC	Motion To Suppress granted
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
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 Mateo County: DUI and Hit and Run	DUI dismissed and Hit and Run discharged per Civil Compromise
February 2018	San Mateo County: felony firearms and drug possession	Immigration safe deal, probation, no jail
February 2018	San Mateo County: DUI Case	First District Court of Appeals accepted transfer for Defense appeal on DUI checkpoint case
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: felony gun with drug possession charges	Immigration safe probation deal
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 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: possession for sale methamphetamine with sales prior (2.5 lbs.)	Dismissed before preliminary hearing
February 2018	San Francisco County: Commercial vehicle illegally overloaded	Dismissed at trial
January 2018	San Francisco County Case: felony trial case	California Supreme Court accepted briefing on Defense request to transfer writ issue to them
January 2018	University of San Francisco: Race in the Jury Box Seminar	Moderator for this half day seminar sponsored by Asian American Criminal Trial Lawyers Association
December 2017	San Francisco County: VC 20001(b) hit and run with injury	Case dismissed per PC 1385 defense motion
December 2017	San Mateo County: DUI blood case	Motion to suppress granted (blood)
December 2017	San Francisco County: Parole/PRCS Violation Hearing based on Domestic Violence allegations	Client not violated on DV allegations, PRCS reinstated
October 2017	San Mateo County: misdemeanor DUI with hit and run	Motion to suppress granted: DUI dismissed
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 Francisco County: misdemeanor DUI	Dismissed by Judge on Defense motion
September 2017	San Francisco County: minor in possession of alcohol and fake ID	Dismissed
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: felony vandalism	Diversion dismissal, no conviction
August 2017	San Francisco County: juvenile case robbery and felony assault	Diversion, no sustained conviction, case sealed
August 2017	San Francisco County: DUI drugs	Trial: 402 hearings (very interesting issues) Dismissed on APPEAL

July 2017	San Mateo County: domestic violence charges	Dismissed at trial
July 2017	San Francisco County: oral arguments in front of SF Appellate Division re: search warrant case	
July 2017	San Francisco County: two felony probation violations (both acts of violence)	6 months in a residential program
July 2017	San Mateo County: multiple counts of child molestation	Misdemeanor probation
June 2017	Alameda County: 2nd DUI within 4 years, many b/f	1st DUI with standard terms
June 2017	Santa Clara County: 1st Degree Homicide Preliminary Hearing	
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	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
May 2017	University of San Francisco School of Law	Faculty in Intensive Advocacy Summer Program
May 2017	San Francisco: faculty at USF School of Law	Intensive Advocacy Program
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	SF County: robbery felony probation violation on very strict ESS	Avoided state prison, probation reinstated
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
April 2017	SF DUI	DMV APS Set Aside on .17 blood result
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 County: felony robbery case	Dismissed in preliminary hearing
April 2017	San Mateo County-DUI .20 BAC with accident	No jail, 3-month DUI school
April 2017	San Mateo County: DUI-drugs with accident, (very high levels)	Wet reckless, no jail
April 2017	SF County: 100 pounds possession for sale of marijuana, case filed in 2014	Infraction, fine only (\$200)
April 2017	San Mateo County misdemeanor theft offenses	Infraction, fine only (\$250)
March 2017	Felony sexual offenses with minor, multiple counts	Attempted sexual battery, no jail, reduceable to a misdemeanor
March 2017	San Mateo assault with force likely to cause great bodily injury	Dismissed at first trial call
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	Two counts of felony insurance fraud	Misdemeanor hit and run probation and community service
March 2017	2nd Degree Burglary while on probation with strike prior	Misdemeanor for 17 days jail
Feb 2017	Assault with car, elder abuse, hit and run	Diversion dismissal
Feb 2017	13 counts of felony wage theft (\$10s of 1000's of dollars)	Dismissed per demurrer
Feb 2017	DUI .14/.14 PAS .14/.14 breath	Wet with 18 months court probation, no time
Jan 2017	Robbery with personal use of firearm	4 years served in local county jail, no prison
Jan 2017	20+ felony auto burglary charges + felony probation	Probation and a residential program

Jan 2017	Two counts felony insurance fraud	Dismissed at holding order at preliminary hearing
Nov 2016	NAPABA Conference:	Moderator on How to Run Solo/Small Firm Panel
Nov 2016	Felon in possession of multiple guns, felony charges	Dismissed at preliminary hearing
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
Oct 2016	PC 653m(b)	Diversion dismissal
Sept 2016	Child Abuse case PC 273a(b) and 273d(a), misdos	Case dismissed after 6-month DEJ
Sept 2016	Felony DV trial with multiple strikes	SN: no jail, treatment only (Bridges Court)
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)
July 2016	Misdo DV PC 273.5/PC 236	Dismissed
June 2016	DUI WITH INJURY WHILE ON DUI PROBATION TWO VICTIMS (.27 BAC and Victim made an in-person victim impact statement at sentencing)	Standard DUI (no injury), no jail, credit for time in program
June 2016	Battery on a Dependent Adult and Dependent Adult Abuse, San Mateo County	Dismissed in Trial
June 2016	Felony heroin sale and felony possession for sale, San Francisco	Misdemeanor plea
May 2016	University of San Francisco School of Law	Faculty in Intensive Advocacy Summer Program
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
Apr 2016	Felony Vandalism in San Mateo County	DA DEJ dismissal

<b>Apr 2016</b>	<b>PC 508 Embezzlement in San Mateo County</b>	<b>DA DEJ dismissal</b>
<b>Apr 2016</b>	<b>DUI with injury, Hit and Run with Injury</b>	<b>Standard DUI resolution, no jail</b>
<b>Apr 2016</b>	<b>Embezzlement of \$275k from San Mateo County local business owned</b>	<b>Probation and local time, Judge lectured client that this case absolutely screams out a prison commitment</b>
<b>Mar 2016</b>	<b>Vehicle theft felony</b>	<b>Dismissed pre-PX</b>
<b>Mar 2016</b>	<b>DUI with injury</b>	<b>Dismissed</b>
<b>Mar 2016</b>	<b>Felony cocaine base sale to undercover</b>	<b>Dismissed after preliminary hearing</b>
<b>Mar 2016</b>	<b>Felony Robbery and Assault (two strikes)</b>	<b>One misdemeanor, no jail time</b>
<b>Feb 2016</b>	<b>Felony Assault w/knife, great bodily injury</b>	<b>Probation violation only</b>
<b>Jan 2016</b>	<b>DUI, Misdemeanor</b>	<b>Motion to suppress granted, dismissed</b>
<b>Jan 2016</b>	<b>Hit and Run</b>	<b>Civil compromise dismissal</b>
<b>Dec 2015</b>	<b>Robbery Jury Trial</b>	<b>Probation granted</b>
<b>Dec 2015</b>	<b>DUI with injury, DUI prior</b>	<b>Motion to suppress granted, dismissed</b>
<b>Dec 2015</b>	<b>Multiple Gang Felonies (serious/violent)</b>	<b>Misdemeanor, no jail</b>
<b>Nov 2015</b>	<b>5 Residential Burglaries (violent felonies)</b>	<b>One felony, residential program</b>
<b>Oct 2015</b>	<b>Grand Theft, Embezzlement</b>	<b>San Mateo DA DEJ, no conviction</b>

<b>Oct 2015</b>	<b>Grand Theft, Embezzlement</b>	<b>Simple theft, misdemeanor, no jail</b>
<b>Oct 2015</b>	<b>Felony Vandalism, \$15k in restitution</b>	<b>Misdemeanor, no jail, no restitution</b>
<b>Oct 2015</b>	<b>2 counts of Felony Insurance Fraud</b>	<b>Dismissed</b>
<b>Oct 2015</b>	<b>2 counts of Armed Robbery (PC 211)</b>	<b>Misdemeanor, no jail</b>
<b>Oct 2015</b>	<b>20 counts of Felony Identify Theft and Fraud</b>	<b>1 felony, reduce able to a misdo in 1 year</b>
<b>Oct 2015</b>	<b>DUI with injury/Hit and run with serious injury</b>	<b>Simple hit and run misdemeanor, no jail</b>
<b>Sept 2015</b>	<b>Arson/Assault with Caustic Chemicals, etc.</b>	<b>Non-strike, reduce able to misdo in 1 year</b>
<b>Aug 2015</b>	<b>Felony Domestic Violence Trial</b>	<b>Jury convicted on misdo, home detention</b>
<b>June 2015</b>	<b>Kidnapping, Felony Stalking, Domestic Violence</b>	<b>Dismissed</b>
<b>May 2015</b>	<b>Aggravated Mayhem (facing life in prison)</b>	<b>Case dismissed during jury trial</b>