

LAW OFFICES OF TONI J. JARAMILLA



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TONI JARAMILLA DEVOTES 100% OF HER PRACTICE to employment law, advocating primarily for the rights of workers who have been discriminated against or harassed because of the color of their skin, or because of their national origin, age, chosen religion, sexual orientation, or disability.

Her passion for advocating for equal justice dates back to her college days at UCLA where she helped organize student rallies to support tenure for professors of color and for affirmative action. In law school, she continued her activism by resurrecting the Asian Pacific Islander Law Students Association and other student support groups to increase the retention rate of minority law students.

As a lawyer, Jaramilla is described by colleagues as a “fierce advocate who refuses to be bullied.” She takes on cases in which she believes strongly that her client was wronged and she pursues justice relentlessly, no matter how big or small the case. She has been profiled and quoted several times in

“OUR DUTY IN LIFE IS TO PROMOTE THE UNIVERSAL RESPECT FOR, AND OBSERVANCE OF, HUMAN RIGHTS AND FUNDAMENTAL FREEDOMS FOR ALL WITHOUT DISTINCTION AS TO RACE, SEX, LANGUAGE, OR RELIGION.”

—JUSTICE THURGOOD MARSHALL

the Los Angeles Daily Journal for her accomplishments and for cases she has handled successfully.

For her entire legal career, Jaramilla has taken leadership roles in local and state organizations. In 1999, she was selected for the Executive Board of the Labor and Employment Law Section of the California State Bar, one of the youngest attorneys ever appointed. She now serves as Chairperson for the Labor & Employment Section, one of the

state bar’s largest sections. That same year, she spearheaded the Diversity Outreach Subcommittee, an outreach project that today devotes \$70,000 in grant awards to fund multi-cultural organizations in a state wide effort to educate on employment law and to increase diversity in the practice of employment law. She is currently a Board Member of the California Employment Lawyers Association and has served as President of the Philippine American Bar Association.

Jaramilla loves the thrill of the courtroom battles. But she is most satisfied when her clients call her, as they often do, years after the end of their case to let her know that they are doing well and that their lives have changed for the better. “That makes my work all worth it,” she says.

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