



## **Integrity**

Keith is a second generation Asian-American and a native Angeleno. His mother and father immigrated to the United States from different cultures but shared the American Dream – to seek better lives and futures. As individuals who arrived with only their good names and incredible work ethic, they shaped Keith’s integrity and morality, the most important character traits in a judge.

## **Diversity**

Keith’s multi-ethnic heritage – Filipino, Chinese, and Japanese – and experiences growing up in Los Angeles amidst the Cold War, a perceived Japanese industrial takeover, and the 1992 riots gave him insight into interactions of people from various backgrounds and cultures. His formative years broadened his perspectives and taught him empathy and consideration which he will show every person who appears before him.

## **Compassion**

Keith’s broad range of experience includes cases ranging from criminally-charged individuals who are better-served through mental health diversion, rehabilitative services, and substance addition programs to those encompassing victims forced to cope with great bodily injury or the loss of slain loved ones. He views each party to a case as a human being with individual circumstances and treats them with dignity and respect. This respect fosters trust in the courtroom and effectively serves the interests of the community at large.

## **Intellect**

Keith’s analytical skills and critical thinking evolved from his background in economics, experience as a defense attorney, and trial attorney in the D.A.’s Office completing 80 jury trials. His areas of working knowledge include:

- California alternative sentencing programs
- California Electronic Communications Privacy Act
- Cartel-level narcotics trafficking
- Criminal gang violence
- Fourth Amendment search and seizure
- Homicide liability
- Individuals’ rights to privacy
- Nationwide opioid crisis

- Physicians' duties of care
- Prescription pill diversion
- Wiretap laws and regulation
- Youth offender parole eligibility

## Public Service

Keith's interest in public service originated from his mother's dedication to teaching at Los Angeles Harbor College. She was eager to share knowledge with her students, especially those with humble resources, and, as an immigrant, urged Keith to fulfill his civic duty as a juror and contribute to the nation that allowed her personal achievement.

After serving as a juror on a trial at the Compton Courthouse, Keith applied to law school in hopes of becoming a trial attorney. He attained that goal, beginning his career as a criminal defense attorney, and later serving the people of Los Angeles County as a Deputy District Attorney.

In 2022, Keith's breadth of experience, heritage, family, and friends will lead him full circle to advancing justice in his campaign for election as a Los Angeles Superior Court Judge. Keith is grateful for your support and vote, and looks forward to meeting you on the road to victory.

## Justice

Judges play the most important role in safeguarding equal access to the legal system and due process for all.

Keith's experience taught him to think critically, based on objective observation and beyond ethnicities, genders, labels, races, skin colors, and stereotypes. He will do everything possible to ensure all who appear before him receive fair administration of justice, regardless of their circumstances.

The courtroom is the last forum in which facts, discussions, debates, and arguments may constructively be presented before a neutral and detached magistrate. In a day and age in which human decision-making processes are being replaced with social media applications and artificial intelligence, Keith still believes in the sanctity of the courtroom, and will preserve it as the cornerstone of truth and justice.

Keith will protect the rights of all parties, protect the values and virtues for which many generations – past and present – fought, and guarantee ethical, grounded, and thoughtful decisions that improve our society as a whole.

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