

March 31, 2023

ADR SERVICES, INC.



Chief Justice Tani Cantil-Sakauye joins ADR Services, Inc. after an impressive judiciary career marked by extraordinary leadership and trailblazing initiatives. As the former leader of California’s judicial branch of government and chair of the Judicial Council, Chief Justice Cantil-Sakauye managed to successfully steer the court through two massive crises – the Great Recession and the COVID-19 pandemic, all the while fostering a culture of collaboration and collegiality on the bench, improving access to justice, and educating the public on the importance of the 3rd branch of government.

After being sworn into office in January 2011 as the 28th Chief Justice of the State of California, Chief Justice Cantil-Sakauye made history and became the first woman of color, the first Asian-Filipina American and the

second woman to serve as the state’s Chief Justice.

Before her elevation to the Supreme Court, Chief Justice Cantil-Sakauye served for more than 20 years on California appellate and trial courts. In 1990, Governor George Deukmejian appointed her to the Sacramento Municipal Court and in 1997, Governor Pete Wilson elevated her to the Superior Court of Sacramento County, where she presided over both criminal and civil cases. In her first year, she established and presided over the first court in Sacramento dedicated solely to domestic violence issues. In addition, then-Judge Cantil-Sakauye chaired the court’s criminal law committee and was a member of the presiding judge’s task force on domestic violence and the Home Court committee. In 2005, Governor Schwarzenegger nominated her to the Court of Appeal, Third Appellate District.

During her twelve remarkable years at the helm of the state’s Supreme Court, Chief Justice Cantil-Sakauye emerged as one of the country’s leading advocates for equal access to justice, transparency, and the reform of state court funding models that unfairly impact low-income individuals. The Chief Justice was a leader in revitalizing civic learning through her Power of Democracy initiative, which was developed to inform the public about how the courts, both federal and state, play a key role in the state government. In an effort to improve transparency, when she became Chief Justice, she opened meetings

March 31, 2023

ADR SERVICES, INC.

of the Judicial Council and its advisory bodies that were once closed to the public and made public comment more accessible.

The Chief Justice was a Special Master, selected by the Supreme Court of California, to hear disciplinary proceedings before the Commission on Judicial Performance. She was president of the Anthony M. Kennedy American Inn of Court, an organization dedicated to promoting civility, ethics, and professionalism in the practice of law. She also served as a member of the national Conference of Chief Justices Board of Directors.

Further exemplifying her leadership activities and dedication to her community, Chief Justice Cantil-Sakauye served as a board member of several nonprofit organizations and has been active in numerous professional community organizations, including membership in the California Judges Association, the National Asian Pacific American Bar Association, and the Sacramento Asian Bar Association, and received the Filipina of the Year Award. She also served as a member of the Board of Directors for the Conference of Chief Justices, the American Law Institute, the Board of Visitors for UC Davis, an Advisory Board member of the Sacramento Federal Judicial Library and Learning Center Foundation, and an honorary member of the Foundation for Democracy and Justice, a private nonprofit organization devoted to civics education.

In March 2020, Chief Justice Cantil-Sakauye issued a series of emergency orders to temporarily suspend jury trials, extend statutory deadlines, and allow court proceedings to be conducted remotely. She worked closely with other leaders in the California court system and across the United States to develop and implement best practices for conducting court proceedings during the pandemic. This has included providing guidance on how to conduct remote hearings, ensuring that court facilities are properly sanitized, and making personal protective equipment available to court employees and visitors.

Chief Justice Cantil-Sakauye currently serves as the President and CEO of Public Policy Institute of California (PPIC), an independent, nonpartisan research think tank for the public interest, which provides data-driven, nonpartisan research that sparks productive conversations to inspire policy solutions for California's challenges.

It is an honor and privilege to welcome Chief Justice Cantil-Sakauye to our ADR Services, Inc. family.

Chief Justice Cantil-Sakauye is available for mediations and consultations beginning April 24, 2023.

ADR Services, Inc.