

**GOODWIN LIU:  
AN OUTSTANDING NOMINEE TO THE NINTH CIRCUIT COURT OF APPEALS**

In September, President Obama is expected to renominate Professor Goodwin Liu to the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals. Professor Liu is exceptionally qualified, possesses a brilliant legal mind, and has a demonstrated commitment to public service. In addition, he would increase the diversity of the federal bench and has bipartisan support. **The Senate should confirm Professor Liu as soon as possible.**

➤ **Professor Liu has extraordinary legal qualifications.**

- After graduating from Stanford University and attending Oxford University on a Rhodes Scholarship, Professor Liu earned his law degree from Yale Law School, where he was an editor of the Yale Law Journal.
- Professor Liu clerked for Judge David Tatel on the D.C. Circuit, and for Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg on the United States Supreme Court.
- Professor Liu is a highly regarded academic. He is a Professor of Law and Associate Dean at U.C. Berkeley School of Law, where he has received U.C. Berkeley's Distinguished Teaching Award. In his scholarship, Professor Liu has focused on constitutional law and education law and policy and is one of the nation's leading experts on educational equity. His research and writing focuses on the educational issues that affect America's most disadvantaged students.
- He was unanimously rated "Well-Qualified" by the ABA's Standing Committee on the Federal Judiciary.

➤ **He exemplifies a commitment to public service and to educational opportunity.**

- He is the son of immigrants who from an early age instilled in him a love of learning and a sense of responsibility to give back to his country and his community.
- Professor Liu helped launch the AmeriCorps National Service Program and then spent two years working for the Corporation for National Service, where he led the agency's effort to build community service programs at colleges and universities nationwide.
- He served as Special Assistant to the Deputy Secretary at the Department of Education. In that position, Professor Liu dealt with a variety of legal and policy issues, including efforts to improve failing schools.
- Professor Liu has served as a Board member of numerous public service and public interest organizations, including the National Women's Law Center.

- Professor Liu would, if confirmed, increase the diversity of the federal judiciary. He would be the only active Asian-American judge on the Ninth Circuit, where more Asian-Americans reside than in any other circuit. In addition, he would only be the second active Asian-American circuit court judge in the country.
- **The Senate should swiftly confirm Professor Liu.**
  - Professor Liu has bipartisan support, including that of Kenneth Starr, Dean of Pepperdine Law School, and Clint Bolick, director of the Goldwater Institute Center for Constitutional Litigation.
  - The seat to which he will likely be renominated has been designated a “Judicial Emergency.”
  - Professor Liu’s nomination had been pending for months. He was originally nominated on February 24, 2010, the Senate Judiciary Committee held a hearing on his nomination on April 16, and he was approved by the Committee on May 13.

**The National Women’s Law Center strongly supports Goodwin Liu’s nomination, and urges the Senate to expeditiously confirm him once he is renominated in September.**