

**DISTRICT JUDGE EDWARD M. CHEN
U.S. DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA**

Judge Chen is a 1979 graduate of the University of California, Berkeley School of Law. He served on the California Law Review and graduated Order of the Coif. After clerking for U.S. District Judge Charles B. Renfrew and U.S. Court of Appeals Chief Judge James R. Browning, he practiced as a litigation associate with the law firm of Coblenz, Cahen, McCabe & Breyer. He joined the legal staff of the ACLU Foundation of Northern California in 1985.

From 2001 to 2011, Judge Chen served as a federal Magistrate Judge for the Northern District of California. Judge Chen was first nominated by President Obama to the U.S. District Court on August 6, 2009 and was confirmed in May 2011. He handles a wide variety of civil and criminal cases. In addition to his judicial duties, Judge Chen has participated and led judicial seminars on mediation, employment, intellectual property, civil rights, access to justice, case management, and conduct of virtual jury trial. He currently co-chairs the Circuit's Fairness Committee, and serves on the FJC's District Judges Education Advisory Committee, and the Judicial Conference Committee on the Administration of the Magistrate Judges System.