

# National Asian Pacific American Bar Honors Munck Wilson Mandala's Kelly Chen

**Kelly Chen**, a partner in the litigation section of **Munck Wilson Mandala**, has been selected by the National Asian Pacific American Bar Association to receive the 2017 Best Lawyers Under 40 Award (BU40 Award).

The BU40 Award recognizes talented individuals in the Asian Pacific American legal community who are under the age of 40 and have achieved prominence and distinction in their respective careers. Honorees include professionals in the practice of law, academia, business, civic and charitable affairs, the judiciary, or politics, who have demonstrated a strong commitment to Asian Pacific civic or community affairs.

Chen represents clients in intellectual property and commercial litigation and she has an impressive list of legal and business organizations she is involved with as a leader or participant. She most recently served on the board of directors for the Dallas Asian-American Bar Association and she is a recent graduate of Leadership Dallas, Dallas Regional Chamber's leadership development program. Chen also serves as co-chair of NAPABA's Diversity and Inclusion Committee and Programming Subcommittee co-chair for the Intellectual Property Committee.

Chen has studied in Shanghai, China, and she speaks fluent Mandarin Chinese. Prior to her legal career, Chen worked as a certified public accountant for Deloitte as well as an international waste management company overseas. She received her J.D. from Southern Methodist University School of Law and she graduated with majors in accounting and business (with honors) from the University of Texas at Austin.

Chen will be honored during the 2017 NAPABA Convention in Washington, DC, on Nov. 3, 2017. NAPABA is the national association of Asian Pacific American attorneys, judges, law professors, and law students. To learn more about NAPABA, visit [www.napaba.org](http://www.napaba.org).

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