

AAPI HERITAGE MONTH

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Meet Natasha Parrett

Natasha Parrett is the Chair of Hoge Fenton's Family Law Practice Group. She is a **Certified Specialist** in Family Law by the State Bar of California Board of Legal Specialization. Natasha was named a "**Northern California Super Lawyer**" for 2015-2020, as chosen by her peers and through the independent research of Law & Politics and San Francisco Magazine. She also was selected by her peers for inclusion in the "**Best Lawyers in America**" for 2021. In 2011, she was honored as one of the **Silicon Valley Business Journal's 100 Women of Influence**.

What thrills you about working at Hoge Fenton?

Working at Hoge feels like home. The people at Hoge genuinely care about each other, our clients, and being excellent practitioners. It is easy to find colleagues who are proficient in so many areas of the law and are able and want to assist in family law matters. It is just as easy to find people of diverse backgrounds, upbringings and cultures. Hoge celebrates that diversity as an asset to each other, our clients and the community we serve.

Describe your AAPI heritage?

I am half Chinese. My father was first generation. His parents emigrated from China in the 1930s and 1940s and met in Chinatown in SF and later relocated to Yuma Arizona after my grandfather worked building the railways.

How can anyone be an ally to the AAPI community with the heightened rise in violence?

I believe being an ally starts with being aware. Being aware means being conscious of the biases we all carry and the biases that culture hoists upon us. From there, we need to educate ourselves, and understand why there is a divide that allows violence to perpetuate and who stands to benefit from that divide. I believe that education, listening and working to understand why and how we think the way we do (movie images, news reporting, literary representation, and cultural prejudice have had a disparate and mostly negative impact on minority groups) and what that means to how we interact with others plus a genuine desire to change will make the biggest impact on change in society.

Tell us how you ensure you're trusted by your clients?

I hope that I provide my clients with a fact-based and realistic approach to their family law matters. I believe that I provide advice that helps clients navigate some of the worst times with a goal of coming out of the process in a way that makes them feel comfortable about the future. While not all cases can be solved by settlement, and not all cases need to go to trial, I think that assessing strengths and weaknesses of a case from the outset and letting clients understand those parameters helps them decide the best individual path forward in their family law litigation.

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