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Jacqueline Nguyen

Vietnamese American

Judge

Jacqueline Nguyen (1965-) had to leave Vietnam when she was ten years old. There was a war in Vietnam with much fighting and destruction. Her family had to start a new life in America with only \$ 5. Jacqueline helped her family by working long hours in a doughnut shop. She had only a few moments to study each day but she did not quit even when she was tired. She became a lawyer and later was the first Vietnamese American woman to become a judge. In court, she explained the rules clearly so that juries could understand their cases.