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## **EUN CHONG (EJ) THORSEN APPOINTED TO NYS COMMITTEE ON CHARACTER AND FITNESS**

On February 5, 2015, **Eun Chong (EJ) Thorsen**, a resident of **Forest Hills** and an associate in the Litigation Practice at **Lake Success** law firm **Vishnick McGovern Milizio LLP**, was appointed by the New York State Appellate Division, Second Judicial Department, as a member of the Committee on Character and Fitness for the Second, Tenth, Eleventh and Thirteenth Judicial Districts. During her four year term, Ms. Thorsen has responsibility for investigating and assessing the fitness and character of candidates for admission to the New York State Bar.

**Joseph G. Milizio**, managing partner at Vishnick McGovern Milizio LLP, states, "We are extremely proud of this achievement in EJ's law career. Her excellence has been recognized by the Appellate Division, in the professional organizations she serves and by her colleagues at our firm. Her exacting standards will, no doubt, serve the Committee well."

### **ABOUT EUN CHONG (EJ) THORSEN**

Eun Chong (EJ) Thorsen represents a diverse range of domestic and international clients in disputes and appeals in the areas of matrimonial and family law, trusts and estate litigation, and commercial and employment litigation.

A cross section of litigation matters handled by Ms. Thorsen runs the gamut from representing a spouse in a complex matrimonial and commercial litigation involving a multi-million dollar marital business; to representing the surviving partner of a same-sex relationship in a dispute with the decedent's family over life insurance policy proceeds; to defending a breach of exclusivity contract claim against an international beverage manufacturer based in Korea against a New York distributor; to representing a major restaurant employer in an appeals hearing against the New York State Department of Labor before the Industrial Board of Appeals.

Ms. Thorsen is a vice president of the Korean American Lawyers Association of Greater New York (KALAGNY), treasurer of the Queens County Women's Bar Association, and a member of the board of directors of Judges and Lawyers Breast Cancer Alert and St. John's School of Law Alumni Association. She also is a member of the steering committee of the Korean American Youth Foundation (KAYF), where her involvement includes coordinating events, career forums and speaking panels for students. An advocate of equality and dignity for all, Ms. Thorsen serves on the advisory board of the Kupferberg Holocaust Resource Center and Archives. In support of marriage equality, she was a producer for the award-winning short documentary entitled *Left Out in America: Legislating Love, Life and LGBT* (2010), challenging the constitutionality of the Defense of Marriage Act of 1996. A recipient of a *Queens Courier* Rising Star award, Ms. Thorsen was honored as one of the borough's top young professionals in 2014.

Ms. Thorsen received her Juris Doctor degree from St. John's School of Law and her Bachelor's degree from Boston College. She previously served as a judicial intern with the Honorable Joseph F. Bianco of the Eastern District of New York and the Honorable Patricia P. Satterfield of the Queens County Supreme Court. Ms. Thorsen is admitted to practice in New York, New Jersey, the United States District Courts in the Southern and Eastern Districts of New York, and the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit.