



# Marianne Hong An Luu-Chen

Marianne Luu-Chen's law practice focuses on estate planning, probate and trust administration, and tax planning for individuals and families.

## PROFILE

### Hometown:

Carmel, Indiana

### Law School:

Indiana University  
Robert H. McKinney  
School of Law

### Lives in:

Boulder

### Works at:

Hutchinson Black  
and Cook, LLC

### Practice Areas:

Trusts and Estates

### CBA Member Since:

2015

### Pronouns:

She/her/hers

### What is your biggest pet peeve?

Discourtesy—there's no need for it.

### Who is your favorite writer and why?

Jin Yong (aka Louis Cha). His Chinese wuxia (martial arts and chivalry) novels are so complex and intricate. He is a master storyteller.

### Outside of the law, what are your hobbies?

Gymnastics, foreign languages, billiards, photography, and painting.

### What organizations are you involved in?

I serve on multiple committees for the CBA Trust and Estate Section and on the Colorado Supreme Court Standing Committee on the Rules of Professional Conduct. I also serve on the Endowment Board of the Colorado Music Festival.

### If you weren't a lawyer, you'd be:

A law professor. I love to teach!

### Favorite place you've traveled to:

I loved my visit to Viet Nam in 2016. Although I was born and raised in the United States, my first language was Vietnamese. I grew up eating Vietnamese food. I celebrated Vietnamese holidays with my family and friends. My first visit to Viet Nam felt like I was visiting a mythical place that I had heard so much about but never been. The experience was overwhelming. I learned so much about the country, its history, and the people. Also, Vietnamese food is incredible, and it was fascinating to try variations on old classics and contemporary Vietnamese food.

### Favorite Denver restaurant:

My favorite restaurant—Farow—is in Niwot and worth the drive!

### On your desk right now:

*Japanese Origami* by Mari Ono.

### What is your favorite thing to cook?

Vietnamese beef noodle soup (pho).

### What sport do you love to play or watch or both?

I go to adult gymnastics once a week and love watching gymnastics competitions. Gymnastics is a lot of trials, errors, and triumphs!

### How has the CBA impacted your career?

The CBA has had a huge impact on my career. Through the Trust and Estate Section, I have connected with so many amazing people throughout Colorado. It is a privilege to be a part of the Colorado legal community. I learn so much at section meetings and try to contribute as much as I can!

### What advice would you give a new lawyer?

Focus on making meaningful connections, stay organized, take good notes, pay it forward when you can, ask questions, and find work/life balance. 