Biographical Sketch

Stella Tsai is a business litigation partner at Archer and Greiner, PC with a practice concentrating in ethics and regulatory compliance. Ms. Tsai left private practice in 2000 to become the Chair of Administrative Law at the City of Philadelphia Law Department. As one of the City’s top lawyers, Ms. Tsai managed the attorneys of the Health and Human Services Unit and served as a Law Department liaison to the City’s social service agencies. While at the City, Ms. Tsai made substantial contributions to the system-wide implementation of court reforms in child welfare cases designed to achieve safety, permanency and well-being of at-risk children and youth. In private practice, she navigated high profile multi-million non-profits through the efficient resolution of complex business transactions and regulatory inquiries arising from the cessation of the non-profit’s operations.

She has served on the Philadelphia Board of Ethics, the Zoning Code Commission, and as President of several boards: Philadelphia Volunteers for the Indigent Program, the Penn Law Alumni Society, the Women’s Law Project, and the Asian-Pacific American Bar Association of Pennsylvania. She now serves as the chair of the Diversity in the Profession Committee of the Philadelphia Bar Association.

Ms. Tsai received her B.A. in Political Science with a minor in Middle East History in 1985 and her JD from the University of Pennsylvania in 1988. She was a reporter and copy editor at the Daily Collegian and active in her sorority Pi Beta Phi and fraternity Kappa Delta Rho.

Position Statement

As students and alumni, we have expected nothing short of excellence from Penn State. We produce champions. Scholar-athletes. Astronauts. Our faith in Penn State has been tested, however, since we learned about the grand jury’s report on the unspeakable abuse of children at the hands of an iconic coach, Jerry Sandusky, and the institutional paralysis that inhibited prompt and appropriate action to stop it. The Penn State narrative has changed and it will now be informed by these terrible events. But we have the power to direct the arc of this narrative toward restoration and justice.

I am running for the board so I may have the chance to commit the experience and expertise I have acquired from decades of work in non-profit governance as a trustee, officer, and outside counsel to support and sustain the ethical environment and culture that we want to exist at Penn State. We need to ensure that Penn State has an adequate system of checks and balances, so that serious matters are brought to the attention of the board without threat of retribution. To succeed, there must be open and robust discourse among the members. The board needs to reclaim its responsibility for policy-making and governance. Finally, as a diverse individual, I bring a diverse perspective which will enable the board to make more broadly-informed decisions as we address the expanding range of compliance issues and other challenges, such as the global economy and an evolving stakeholder population.

I respectfully ask for your support.