

Media Release

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DORIS O. WONG ASSOCIATES, NATION'S ONLY CHINESE-AMERICAN-OWNED COURT REPORTING FIRM, CELEBRATES 40 YEARS OF SERVICE TO LEGAL COMMUNITY

In April of this year Doris O. Wong Associates celebrates its 40th anniversary. Doris Wong, with the help of her family and loyal staff – a number of whom have been with her for nearly 30 of those 40 years – has taken the life lessons learned in her mother's laundry and thrived on the challenges of creating a successful business that enjoys a reputation not just as a Chinese-American- or woman-run firm but as one of the most respected court reporting firms in the nation.

Fifty years ago recording verbatim testimony was done mostly by handwritten shorthand, and most court reporters were men. In April of 1967 Swampscott resident Doris O. Wong opened the doors of her own court reporting firm in Boston, having learned machine shorthand at the Stenotype Institute of Boston and having served a ten-year apprenticeship under the guidance of respected reporter Philip H. Burt. At the time, her firm was one of very few run by a woman and is today the only court reporting firm in the nation owned and operated by a Chinese-American family.

While working for Mr. Burt, Ms. Wong's professional reputation quickly grew for taking on the most challenging and difficult hearings, trials and depositions, frequently with calls for same-day delivery of transcripts. She attained national acclaim for her accomplishments in speed contests, writing at 280 words per minute with the highest degree of accuracy. When she began her own firm, Ms. Wong continued to report as she attracted and nurtured many of the most talented reporters in Boston to work as her associates. Her clientele includes hundreds of law firms locally and nationally, many agencies of the Commonwealth, institutions such as M.I.T. and Harvard, as well as corporate entities.

Ms. Wong learned her diligence, sense of responsibility, honest dealing and attention to detail as a child working in her mother's hand laundry in Portland, Maine. After the death of their father from complications of a World War I injury, all the siblings put in time at the laundry to support the family. Her widowed mother was recognized for her efforts in raising eight children alone, all of whom went on to higher education, by being named Maine Mother of the Year and then American Mother of the year in 1951. Ms. Wong accompanied her mother to Washington, D.C., for a reception in her honor given by Bess Truman at the White House and a dinner at the nation's Capitol hosted by Maine Senator Margaret Chase Smith.

In the early days of Doris O. Wong Associates, Ms. Wong's sister, Josephine Moy, typed Doris's transcripts from home until the business grew to the point where she was needed in Boston to help run it full time. Mrs. Moy's two daughters, Linda Moy Fifield and Constance Moy Psaros, both joined the business in the late 1970s after college. Ms. Psaros began as a court reporter herself before taking on office management responsibilities upon her mother's retirement in 1995. She still steps in and reports on the busiest of days and helps train new reporters. Ms. Fifield is the firm's technology expert, keeping the firm abreast of the latest technological advancements in the field.

Ms. Wong's firm was the first in Boston to implement computer-aided transcription. Today, in addition to offering reporters with writing and transcribing skills that are held to Ms. Wong's highest standards of quality, Doris O. Wong Associates provides a complete range of reporting services, including real-time transcription, scanned and searchable exhibits, synchronized videotaped depositions, and transcripts in any format from full-sized hard copy, to compressed versions with word indexes, to ASCII and .pdf files on CDs. Videoconferencing services are also available 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

While growing and strengthening her business over the last forty years, Ms. Wong has also served her profession as president of the Massachusetts Shorthand Reporters Association (now Massachusetts Court Reporters Association) and the National Shorthand Reporters Association (now National Court Reporters Association). Ms. Wong has been named a Founding Fellow of the Academy Board of the national association and has been awarded its highest honor, the Distinguished Service Award. One of the ways she has given back to the community at large is as a sponsor of St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

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