

## **Ming Hsu**

Ming Hsu is a Consultant on international business. She has had an extensive career in international trade and commerce in both the public and private sectors.

Hsu is a former Commissioner of the Federal Maritime Commission, appointed by former President George H.W. Bush and confirmed by the United States Senate in 1990. She served for ten years until January 2000. In this capacity, she worked on government-related issues, in particular legislative and regulatory actions affecting carriers, shippers, NVOs and U.S. Ports. Hsu was actively involved in negotiations with the Chinese Ministry of Communications, which led to the U.S.-China Maritime Bilateral Agreement signed by President George W. Bush and Premier Wen Jiabao in Washington in 2004. She also piloted the Commission's unilateral decision to bar all Japanese ships from U.S. ports due to Japan's inequitable treatment of U.S. shipping companies. She testified before the U.S. Senate and the U.S. House of Representatives pertaining to the Ocean Shipping Reform Act of 1988, the most significant change to shipping regulation in recent years. Hsu also represented U.S. maritime interests in dealings with the European Union in Brussels and delivered keynote speeches in Amsterdam, Rotterdam, Hamburg and London.

Prior to her service as Federal Maritime Commissioner she served as New Jersey Governor Thomas H. Kean's Special Trade Representative and Director of the Division of International Trade and led over twenty missions overseas to promote U.S. exports and attract foreign investments to New Jersey cities and counties. Working in collaboration with the U.S. Department of Commerce, Hsu attended trade exhibitions representing New Jersey in Moscow, New Delhi and the Caribbean Basin (CBI), countries of Jamaica, Barbados and Antigua. These trade missions created jobs in New Jersey.

During the late 1970s, Hsu held a number of executive positions at several divisions and wholly owned subsidiaries of RCA Corp. In 1979 she was elected RCA's Vice President for International Planning and Marketing and worked at the company's Corporate Headquarters at

30 Rockefeller in New York City. She led RCA's first delegation to Beijing in 1978 and has made numerous business trips to China in the following years.

Hsu is a writer, researcher and lecturer on international affairs. Her publications include: "Enabling Instruments of the United Nations", "Arbitration Clauses in Multipartite Treaties", "Suggested Amendment to the United Nations Charter", and articles on Russia's policies in Asia.

She is an experienced speaker on national and international affairs and has been on several Network and local TV programs. Hsu has been featured in several newspapers and magazines including *The New York Times Magazine*, *The Wall Street Journal*, *Working Woman*, *Newsweek* and *Fortune*.

### **Public Service**

Hsu has served as Member of the Defense Advisory Committee on Women in the Services, National Commission on the Observance of International Women's Year, U.S. Secretary of Commerce's Advisory Committee on East-West Trade and the USTR's Commission on Trade in Services

### **Boards**

Committee of 100, J.T. Tai & Co. Foundation, Eisenhower Fellowship Foundation, U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum Committee on Conscience, Angel Island Immigration Station Foundation, U.S. Merchant Marine Academy, Nanjing/Hopkins Center, and The 1990 Institute.

### **Awards**

U.S. Maritime Medal of Freedom, Eisenhower Award for Meritorious Service, Woman of Year Award from the Asian-American Professional Women's Association, Philbrook Award, Women's Political Caucus, and the New Jersey Pride Award for Economic Development. She is a recipient of George Washington University's Alumni Achievement Award.

## **Personal**

A naturalized U.S. citizen, Hsu was born in Beijing, China and attended schools in China and Singapore. She came to the U.S. in 1944, during the height of World War II. She flew to India from China and left Mumbai on a troop transport, the USS Billy Mitchell that took her to Guadalcanal and other islands in the Pacific before landing in San Pedro. She attended Barnard College of Columbia University and later transferred to the George Washington University School of Government where she graduated Summa Cum Laude, Phi Beta Kappa. She did graduate work at New York University as a Penfield Fellow of International Affairs Diplomacy and Belle-Letters. Hsu has one daughter, Victoria W. Hsu, who works and resides in New York.