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Leana Serey Taing practices dependency law as a Deputy County Counsel for the Office of County Counsel. In 2017, Taing contributed to dependency case law in California on the issue of language access through *In re J.P.*, 14 Cal.App.5th 616 (2017). The appellate court reversed the trial court's decision and quoted the arguments made by Taing as trial counsel in its published decision. The case ensures that parents have the right to meaningful language access in the disposition of their dependency cases.

Taing also teaches Legal Writing as an Adjunct Lecturer in Law for USC Gould School of Law. She earned her J.D. from UCLA School of Law. She specialized in Critical Race Studies and Public Interest Law & Policy Program. Taing earned her B.A. in Political Science from UC Berkeley and was honored with a distinction in general scholarship.

Taing is admitted to practice in the State of California. She is committed to public service and mentorship. Taing is a Past President of Asian Pacific American Women Lawyers Alliance (APAWLA) and continues to serve on the Board of Governors as the Co-Chair of the Mentorship Committee. In 2020, Taing created the APAWLA Trailblazer Speaker Series to inspire and mentor AAPI law students and lawyers through conversations with AAPI women leaders. Taing also serves as the Co-Chair of the Access to Justice Committee for Women Lawyers Association of Los Angeles (WLALA) and the President's Task Force on Racial and Social Justice for Los Angeles County Bar Association (LACBA). She is a Fellow of the American Bar Foundation.

She is the first in her family to go to law school and become an attorney. Her family fled the Cambodian genocide and their experiences compelled her to become a public interest attorney and dedicate herself to public service. As a part of her legal journey, Taing assisted the Office of the Co-Prosecutor in the Extraordinary Chambers in the Courts of Cambodia (ECCC) to prosecute Khmer Rouge leaders for crimes against humanity and genocide. She interned for the United Nations in Phnom Penh, Cambodia as a part of the international team and was the only international member with Cambodian heritage.