

Chances are, you've seen her face: on the bus stops, in magazines, on TV and even on the side of Pfizers on 42<sup>nd</sup> street. Today you will know her name.

**NORMA CHU** has been among the Firsts in all stages of her life: among the first 10 Chinese woman graduates from McGill University and among the first generation of Chinese Americans to graduate from Columbia Teacher's College. After a full career moulding the minds of young New Yorkers (including instructions on the mystery of sex education), she launched a second career in commercial acting. While she has appeared in independent features, she excelled in communicate the 'wellspring' of life in her print and video commercials.

Norma's love for people is reflected in her lifelong contributions to the Chinese American community. . A member of the founding board of the Chinese American Planning Council, she and her team had benefited millions of new and old immigrants by learning the American Way to design and manage social programs and tapping government and corporate funds to support these urgent needs. She chaired many CAPC Gala events and raised 6 figures contributions to their causes. She remains an active member of the Cosmo Lions Club, Asian Woman United, and many other organizations. A recipient of the Harriet Tubman Humanitarian Achievement Awards, Norma's efforts have been recognized widely in the community. Her latest venture is helping to organize a neighborhood soup kitchen serving both the main stream and Chinese Americans.

It is in recognition of her lifelong achievements in Acting, Teaching, and Caring that NYCCC wishes to honor Norma Chu tonight. We can all, surely, learn from her how to continually reinvent ourselves while staying true to our inner heart.

**CHINESE BUSINESS LAWYERS ASSOCIATION, INC. (CBLA)** is a New York non-profit organization founded in early 2009. CBLA is a unique global forum of professional and social exchanges for legal, finance, and other professionals with an interest in law and business in the U.S. and China, without regard to location, ethnicity or language.

CBLA aspires to serve as a global forum for interested individuals and institutions to learn, understand, discuss, and solve problems in the arena of business laws concerning the U.S. and China.

Through a variety of events and programs, CBLA supports research and education on the business laws of the United States and China, facilitates access of Chinese companies doing business in the U.S. to the legal resources, and promotes interactions and exchanges of ideas among Chinese and Chinese American business lawyers, law students, other individuals, groups and communities.

Further, CBLA identifies and addresses issues and concerns unique to Chinese and Chinese American business lawyers qualified to practice law in the U.S., and helps its members meet the challenges of the changing face of legal industry. NYCCC wishes to bring this unique organization to spotlight and share its contribution in the community.