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Before joining the White House, Tchen was a partner in corporate litigation at Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP. Tchen litigated high profile cases involving shareholder disputes, securities law, mergers and acquisitions, constitutional law, insurance, real estate, and contract matters. She also represented public agencies in state and federal class actions, including the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services, the Illinois Department of Public Aid, and the Chicago Housing Authority.

Tchen has received many awards in recognition of her work, including the Leadership Award from the Women's Bar Association of Illinois (1999); "Women of Achievement" award from the Anti-Defamation League (1996); and Chicago Lawyer "Person of the Year" (1994). She has also been recognized as a Business Leader of Color by Chicago United (2005). On Sunday, August 5, she will receive the American Bar Association Commission on Women in the Profession's Margaret Brent Women Lawyers of Achievement Award.

In addition to her work at Buckley Sandler, Tchen serves on numerous strategic advisory boards for organizations, businesses, and nonprofits, including the U.S. Afghan Women's Council, Quantum Leaps, Inc., Civic Nation, the United State of Women, Women in the Service Change Initiative, and Gender Equity is Common Sense.

Tina received her J.D. from Northwestern University School of Law and her B.A. from Harvard University, where she was a member of Phi Beta Kappa and an editor of *The Harvard Independent*.