

## PH-born Obama honoree charged with immig fraud

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**Bonnie Youn with President Barack Obama at the White House last year.**

A Philippine-born Korean-American attorney and immigration rights activist honored by the White House in 2013 has been indicted on three criminal counts in the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Georgia Atlanta Division.

According to court papers filed on April 1, Bonnie M. Youn faces one count of perjury with regard to an undocumented immigrant, one count of harboring an undocumented immigrant “for the purpose of commercial advantage and private financial gain,” and one count of tampering with witness testimony, alleging she influenced the undocumented alien to provide false information about employment in the United States to federal agents.

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Youn was honored by the White House last year, along with nine others, with the “Cesar Chavez Champion of Change Award” for her dedication to the immigrant communities of Georgia.

The indictment, signed by U.S. Attorney Sally Quillian Yates and two assistant U.S. attorneys, indicates that Youn’s alleged illegal activity began “on or about Feb. 9, 2009,” just as President Barack Obama took office at the beginning of his first term and before she was honored by the White House.

The third indictment count says that the alleged witness tampering began on or about Aug. 15, 2011.

The Youn Law Group website said Youn, who was also raised in the Philippines, received her B.A. in English from Brown University ('91) and her J.D. from Boston University ('94).

Licensed to practice in both Georgia and Massachusetts, she has served as past president of both the GA Asian Pacific American Bar Assoc., and the Korean American Coalition (Atlanta).

She is a member of the American Immigration Lawyers Assoc. and the GA Assoc. of International Educators.