Judge Lorna G. Schofield was nominated by President Obama and confirmed by a unanimous U.S. Senate vote as a United States District Judge for the Southern District of New York on December 13, 2012. She is the first Filipino-American to serve as an Article III federal judge.

During the course of her distinguished career, she was a litigation partner for 20 years at the international law firm of Debevoise & Plimpton, and earlier in her career served as an Assistant US Attorney in the Criminal Division of the U.S. Attorney's Office located in Manhattan. In 2009 and 2010, she was the Chair of the American Bar Association Section of Litigation, which at the time had over 60,000 members.