

HARRY YEE



GOV. MSG. NO. 727

LEGAL EXPERIENCE

UNITED STATES ATTORNEY'S OFFICE (DISTRICT OF HAWAII) - Honolulu, HI

Assistant United States Attorney

August, 2003 – December, 2023

Representation of Federal Agencies and U.S. Armed Forces in Federal District Court and Federal Circuit Court of Appeals. Trial Litigation Appellate Advocacy in a wide variety of civil matters including Medical Malpractice, Complex Tort, Environmental, Tax, Immigration., and represented USA in federal oversight if IDEA (Individuals with Disabilities in Education Act) "Felix Consent Decree" and Hawaii State Hospital Consent Decree. Instructor/Faculty Advisor USDOJ National Advocacy Center for Basic Civil Advocacy Training Course (April and July, 2023).

Chief Civil Section

December, 2003 – February, 2007

Supervised, Managed, and Administered Civil Section attorneys and staff, Case Intake, Case Assignment, and Case Representation of Federal Agencies and U.S. Armed Forces. Improved case statistics and staff performance by 20% in the first 18 months.

HARRY YEE, Attorney At Law, A Law Corporation - Honolulu, HI

General Practice of Law

June, 1989 - August, 2003

Representation of injured workers for 14 years as claimant's counsel before DLIR and DLIRAB. Civil and Commercial Litigation, Estate Planning, Personal Injury Torts, Workers' Compensation Claims, Administrative Law, Probate, Corporate, and Real Estate. First External Legal Counsel to State Legislative Auditor of Hawaii. General Counsel (Hawaii).

DEPARTMENT OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL - Boston, MA

Assistant Attorney General

Medicaid Fraud Control Unit

January, 1988 - May, 1989

Directed investigations and prosecuted cases of provider fraud in state Medicaid Program. Duties included Grand Jury investigations and indictments, plea negotiations and litigation of felony cases.

Assistant Attorney General

Civil Rights Division

June, 1986 - January, 1988

Supervised investigations of civil rights violations and prosecution of acts of racial violence. Trained law enforcement officers, district attorney staff, community service providers, and social/welfare agency staff on civil right laws, racial violence, and hate crimes. Litigated civil injunctive and criminal cases brought under State Civil Rights Acts in Superior Courts throughout Massachusetts. Established new case law in Commonwealth vs. Guilfoyle, a case before the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court. (Brief and Opinion available upon request).

HARVARD LAW SCHOOL/LEGAL SERVICES CENTER - Jamaica Plain, MA

Fieldwork Supervisor, Clinical Instructor, and Staff Attorney

1982 - 1986

Supervised 42 Third and Second Year Law Students in casework, advocacy skills, negotiations and trial skills. Handled complex litigation and other matters in Public Benefits and Landlord Tenant Law.

GREATER BOSTON LEGAL SERVICES - Boston, MA

Staff Attorney

1982 - 1986

Responsible for the Boston Asian American Outreach Program of G.B.L.S. Casework in the areas of Landlord/Tenant Law, Domestic Relations Law, Immigration Law, Public Benefits, Employment Discrimination, Unemployment Compensation and Consumer Protection Law. Supervised three attorneys. Dues paying member of UAW chapter representing Legal Services lawyers and staff.

BOSTON COLLEGE LAW SCHOOL - Boston, MA

Clinical Director/Chinatown Clinical Program

1983 - 1986

Designed and implemented clinical legal experience for Second and Third Year Asian American Law Students at Boston College Law School (the first legal clinical program targeting the Asian American community, which has become part of the curriculum of an area law school). Supervised 24 students during tenure.

BROWN, RUDNICK, FREED & GESMER - Boston, MA

Law Clerk

1979 - 1981

Performed legal research and writing, conducted title examination and assisted in real estate closings.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Legal Counsel (1996 - 2011)

Chinese Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii

Legal Counsel (1996 - 2011)

Narcissus Festival Pageant

Chairperson/Commissioner (1997 to 2003)

Hawaii Civil Rights Commission

Director (1994-1997)

Hawaii Community Services Council

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

NEW ENGLAND SCHOOL OF LAW - Boston, MA

Adjunct Professor

"Administrative Law" (Spring 1988)

UNIVERSITY OF MASSACHUSETTS - Boston, MA

College of Public & Community Service

Course Instructor

Paralegal Certificate Program

"Housing Consumer Law" (Spring 1987),

"Advocacy with Administrative Agencies" (Spring 1984)

"Consumer Law" (Fall 1984).

EDUCATION

SUFFOLK UNIVERSITY OF LAW SCHOOL

1978/1981 - J.D. Degree

UNIVERSITY OF MASSACHUSETTS, AMHERST

1976/1978 - B.A. Degree (East Asian History)

SUFFOLK UNIVERSITY

1974/1976 - B.S. Degree (transferred)

BAR ADMISSIONS

Jurisdictions

Massachusetts (1982)

Hawaii (1984)

Courts

U.S. District Court for the District of Hawaii (1989)

U.S. District Court for the District of Massachusetts (1984)

U.S. Court of Appeals for the First Circuit (1984)

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit (1994)

United States Supreme Court (1992)

BAR ACTIVITIES

FEDERAL BAR ASSOCIATION

Hawaii Chapter - President (2000-2002)/Director (1999 - 2010)

NATIONAL ASIAN-PACIFIC AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION
Founding Member (1992- Present)

AMERICAN TRIAL LAWYERS ASSOCIATION (1992 - 2003)

HAWAII STATE BAR ASSOCIATION (1984 - PRESENT)

NINTH CIRCUIT COURT OF APPEALS JUDICIAL CONFERENCE
Lawyer Representative (2001-2004)

FEDERAL DISTRICT COURT DISTRICT OF HAWAII
JUDICIAL CONFERENCE
Lawyer Representative (2001-2004)

ASIAN AMERICAN LAWYERS ASSOCIATION OF MASSACHUSETTS
Founding Member, President (1987 - 1989), and Treasurer (1983 - 1986)

BOSTON BAR ASSOCIATION (1987 - 1989)

MASSACHUSETTS BAR ASSOCIATION (1987 - 1989)

PAST CIVIC ACTIVITIES

HARRY H. DOW MEMORIAL LEGAL ASSISTANCE FUND
1985 - 1989
Founding Trustee

ASIAN AMERICAN LEGAL DEFENSE AND EDUCATION FUND
1986 - 1989
National Civil Rights Advisory Committee

ASIAN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION
1986 - 1988
Founding Board Member, Treasurer/Secretary

JUSTICE GEORGE LEWIS RUFFIN SOCIETY
1986 - 1988
Director