Eve Cho Guillergan

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EDUCATION & TRAINING

Rutgers University School of Law, Juris Doctor, 1992
Internship with Hon. Harold A. Ackerman, USDC for District of NJ
Internship with NJ Attorney General, Division of Gaming Enforcement
New York University, Bachelor of Arts, 1986
New York State Unified Court System, Office for Justice Initiatives, Pro Bono Program, 2018
Certified, Small Claims Arbitrators Association, 2019

WORK EXPERIENCE

Director, NYC Bar Association, New York, May 2024 to present **Senior Manager**, June 2000 to May 2024 **Manager**, August 2019 to June 2020

Responsible for managing the Small Law Firm Center, overseeing the diverse needs of a community exceeding 5000 attorneys. Developed programs in response to identified needs, delivering comprehensive training in areas such as law practice management, ethics, litigation, intellectual property, matrimonial law, criminal law, diversity, business, and technology. Provide personalized coaching services to lawyers seeking guidance on practice management, business development, or other matters. Primary editor of the Small Law Firm Committee's Resources Guide for Solo and Small Firms. Led the planning and execution of conferences dedicated to the small firm community, demonstrating a commitment to advancing professional development within the legal sphere. Regularly volunteering as an arbitrator at Small Claims Court in Queens, conducting inquests and arbitrations in areas such as contract disputes, consumer transactions, fee disputes, residential matters, and more. Enrolled in the pro bono attorney program at the NYC Office of Administrative Trials and Hearings Trials Division.

Owner, Eve Guillergan P.L.L.C., New York, May 2003 to August 2019 [Full-time position] [Minimum number of matters August 2019 to present]

Advocated successfully for numerous individuals in diverse immigration matters before the US Citizenship & Immigration Services, ensuring the attainment of their legal pathways to immigration. Delivered strategic counsel across a comprehensive spectrum of services, encompassing family-related, permanent residency retention, deportation defense, solutions for domestic violence victims and victims of crimes, and guidance for entrepreneurs and start-ups. Specialized in assisting individuals with extraordinary abilities or contributing to U.S. national interests, intricate citizenship matters, and navigating the potential criminal consequences of pleas to prevent removal. Litigated on behalf of clients in immigration court hearings. Provided comprehensive counsel to foreign entrepreneurs establishing businesses, offering guidance on business initiation, visa and permanent residency options, and ongoing support in many business areas including disputes and potential litigation. Served as of counsel/per diem at Levitt & Needleman from September 2017 to June 2018, focusing on business immigration and removal defense.

Encouraged member bar associations to sign the pledge on America's lawyers on voting and the rule
of law.

National Asian Pacific American Bar Association

Co-Chair, Solo and Small Firm Network, November 2015 to November 2017

Nation's largest APA membership organization of lawyers

Korean American Lawyers Association of Greater New York

Leadership Advisory Council, 2019 to present

Board of Governors, 2013 to 2019

Gala Chair, 2013 to 2014

Immigration Committee Chair, 2013 to 2019

A professional membership association of Korean-American attorneys in the Tri-state area

American Immigration Lawyers Association

Co-Chair, Practice Management Committee, 2012 to 2015

Designated as the inaugural chairperson for the practice management committee of the organization's largest chapter, encompassing 1500 members.

Senior Member, Pro Bono Committee, 2005 to 2016

Projects to help detained immigrants, special immigrant juvenile children, and promote naturalization.

Bar Association Memberships:

- Asian American Bar Association of New York
- Filipino American Lawyers Association of New York
- Jewish Lawyers Guild
- Korean American Lawyers Association of Greater New York
- Metropolitan Black Bar Association
- National Asian Pacific American Bar Association
- · Queens County Bar Association
- · Queens County Women's Bar Association
- South Asian and Indo-Caribbean Bar Association of Queens
- Small Claims Court Arbitration Association

Conference Organization:

- Lead Organizer, City Bar's 16th 20th Small Law Firm Symposium (2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023)
- Co-Chair, National Asian Pacific American Bar Association's Northeast Regional Conference, a threeday event (2016)
- Lead Organizer, National Asian Pacific American Bar Association's Small Firm Bootcamp at the Annual Convention (2015, 2016, 2017)
- Main Organizer, American Immigration Lawyers Association's NY Chapter's Annual Ethics CLE (2012, 2013, 2014, 2015)
- Conference Committee, Korean American Association of Greater New York/International Association of Korean Lawyers (2013)

Community Activities

Korean American Association of Greater New York, 2021 to 2023 Senior Vice President and Executive Member

PEER REVIEW AND HONORS

Outstanding Service Award, May 2024

Network of Bar Leaders

Filipino American History Month Honoree, October 2023

Assemblymember Steven Raga

Women's History Month Honoree, March 2023

Hearts of Change

Hall of Fame Award, June 2018

Power Women in Business, Schneps Communications

Public Service Awardee, June 2017

Korean American Lawyers Association of Greater New York's Presidential Award

Legal Leadership Award, May 2017

Powhatan and Pocahontas Democratic Club, Astoria, New York

Member, New York Electoral College, 2016

Served as one of 29 New Yorkers pledged to Hillary Rodham Clinton as President

SuperLawyers, NYC Metro List, 2014-2021

Avvo.com

Superb rated attorney, 2012 to 2021

Certificate of Appreciation, February 2015

Shri Guru Ravi Dass Sabha of New York in Woodside, Queens for contributions to the Gurdwara and community

Top Women in Business, May 2014

Queens Courier

Women's History Month Recognition, April 2014

NYC Council Member, Jimmy Van Bramer

Innovation in Bar Leaders Award given to AILA NY Pro Bono committee, 2012

New York State Bar Association

SELECT RECENT PRESENTATIONS

Moderator, "Emergency Planning for Immigrant Parents" with Her Justice and the Korean American Lawyers Association of Greater New York

New York, NY, March 2018

Speaker, "Fourth Amendment or Sanctuary Cities," National Asian Pacific American Bar Association Northeast Regional Conference

Philadelphia, PA, September 2017