

Sheridan C. Chu

Forest Hills, NY 11375

Bar Admission New York State (April 2011)

Education St. John's University, J.D. (June 2010)
 Wagner College, B.A. (June 2006)

Experience

Law Office of Sheridan C. Chu PLLC

Owner, September 2024 – Present

Client-centered solo practice with emphasis on criminal defense and landlord-tenant issues.

Travelers Insurance

Counsel, Strategic Litigation Group, February 6, 2023 – August 27, 2024

Prepared pleadings and drafted dispositive motions in civil matters in defense of personal injury protection claims. Defended motions at oral argument in court and defended contentions at arbitration hearings. Conducted numerous examinations under oath of insureds and claimants to determine whether material misrepresentations were made in the procurement of the insurance policy and/or whether the loss was an intentional loss, staged to defraud insurance carriers. Managed an active inventory of approximately 400 matters.

New York State Supreme Court, New York County

Principal Court Attorney to the Hon. Althea E. M. Drysdale, March 20, 2019 – January 20, 2023

Researched and advised the judge on complex and sensitive legal issues including admissibility of evidence at hearings and trials. Conducted discovery and plea conferences. Analyzed and examined search warrants for probable cause before submitting to the judge for approval. Evaluated whether attorney subpoenas were legally relevant and should be approved by the judge. Conferenced and disposed of over 60 cases to resolve backlogged cases due to the pandemic. Drafted verdict sheets, jury charges and limiting instructions.

New York City Criminal Court, New York County

Associate Court Attorney to the Hon. Althea E. M. Drysdale, March 2018 – March 2019

Researched and advised the judge on complex and sensitive legal issues including admissibility of evidence at hearings and trials. Conducted discovery and plea conferences. Analyzed and examined search warrants for probable cause before submitting to the judge for approval. Evaluated whether attorney subpoenas were legally relevant and should be approved by the judge. Drafted verdict sheets, jury charges and limiting instructions.

New York City Criminal Court, Queens County

Associate Court Attorney to the Hon. Althea E. M. Drysdale, August 2016 – March 2018

Researched and advised the judge on complex and sensitive legal issues including admissibility of evidence at hearings and trials. Drafted over 200 decisions on pending motions to clear the

severe backlog in the court part. Conducted discovery and plea conferences. Analyzed and examined search warrants for probable cause before submitting to the judge for approval. Evaluated whether attorney subpoenas were legally relevant and should be approved by the judge. Drafted verdict sheets, jury charges and limiting instructions.

New York City Criminal Court, Kings County

Senior Court Attorney to the Hon. John T. Hecht, May 2013 – August 2016;

Interim Supervising Court Attorney, December 2015 - February 2016

Researched and advised the judge on complex and sensitive legal issues including admissibility of evidence at hearings and trials. Conducted discovery and plea conferences. Analyzed and examined search warrants for probable cause before submitting to the judge for approval. Evaluated whether attorney subpoenas were legally relevant and should be approved by the judge. Drafted verdict sheets, jury charges and limiting instructions. Assisted Supervising Court Attorney with managing the Trial Part Reservation System. Managed the motion log and assigned pre-trial motions to court attorneys. Facilitated the implementation of the Human Trafficking and Intervention Court in Brooklyn Criminal Court.

Red Hook Community Justice Center, Brooklyn, NY

Pro Se Attorney, April 2012 – August 2016

Mediated non-payment, residential holdover, and repair cases between New York City Housing Authority and tenants. Provided New York City Housing Authority tenants with information on legal rights including but not limited to family law, criminal law, and housing law.

New York City Criminal Court, Richmond County

Court Attorney, April 2012 – May 2013; *Court Attorney*, January 2011 – August 2011

Researched and advised the judge on complex and sensitive legal issues including admissibility of evidence at hearings and trials. Conducted discovery and plea conferences. Analyzed and examined search warrants for probable cause before submitting to the judge for approval. Evaluated whether attorney subpoenas were legally relevant and should be approved by the judge. Drafted verdict sheets, jury charges and limiting instructions.

Update Legal

Document Review Attorney placed at Sullivan and Cromwell, August 2011 – April 2012

Provided all levels of litigation support for a commodity trading company's response to the United States Commodity Futures Trading Commission's civil investigatory demand into possible price and market manipulation in the crude oil and light petroleum products market. Provided all levels of litigation support for a prominent bank's response to the Department of Justice's second request for documents regarding competition in the transfer agency business.

Volunteer Experience

Board Member, Chinese-American Planning Council (2023 – Present)

Member, CPCHAP Corporate Compliance Committee (2019 – Present)

Board Member, Chinese-American Planning Council Home Attendant Program (2018 – Present)

Executive Board Member, Citywide Association of Law Assistants (January 2016 – January 2023)