

Sheridan C. Chu

Bar Admission New York State (April 2011)

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

Experience

New York City Civil Court, Queens County

Judge, January 2026 – Present

Preside over General Civil and Small Claims parts, as well as jury trials transferred from Supreme Court where damages sought exceed the \$50,000 jurisdictional limit of Civil Court. Conduct pretrial and settlement conferences. Draft decision on motions and trials.

Law Office of Sheridan C. Chu PLLC

Owner, September 2024 – September 2025

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

Travelers Insurance Company

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 City Criminal Court, New York County and Queens County

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

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

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

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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)