

Eve Cho Guillergan

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
Basic Mediation Training, 2025

WORK EXPERIENCE

Judge, New York City Civil Court, Jamaica, New York, January 2026 to Present

Manage a broad calendar of civil cases, including trials, motion practice, and pre-trial proceedings. Handle parts involving Consumer Debt, No-Fault disputes, Small Claims, and general litigation. Hear, evaluate, and issue decisions on litigation matters, including bench trials and contested motions. Review name-change and sex-designation petitions, fee-waiver requests, subpoena requests, as well as orders to show cause. Review and analyze legal submissions to determine the merits of motions and other applications. Conduct legal research and prepare written decisions applying statutory and case law to the issues presented. Facilitate settlement discussions and manage conferences related to pre-trial motion practice. Guide and supervise trials and hearings to ensure fairness, proper procedure, and the protection of all parties' legal rights.

Director of Small Law Firm Center, NYC Bar Association, New York, May 2024 to May 2025

Senior Manager, June 2000 to May 2024

Manager, August 2019 to June 2020

Responsible for managing the Small Law Firm Center, overseeing the needs of more than 5,000 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. Provided personalized coaching services to young lawyers opening their own practice. Primary editor of the Small Law Firm Committee's *Resources Guide for Solo and Small Firms*.

Owner, Eve Guillergan P.L.L.C., New York, May 2003 to August 2019 (Full-time)

Transitioned to part-time practice, handling select matters from 2019 to 2025

Advocated successfully for numerous individuals in diverse immigration matters before the U.S. Citizenship and 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 crime, and guidance for entrepreneurs and start-ups. 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. Of counsel/per diem to Levitt & Needleman from September 2017 to June 2018, focusing on business immigration and removal defense.

Conference Organization:

- Lead Organizer, City Bar's 16th-21st Small Law Firm Symposium (2019-2024)
- Co-Chair, National Asian Pacific American Bar Association's Northeast Regional Conference, a three-day 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

Thalia Spanish Theatre, 2016 to present
Board Member

Sunnyside Shines, 2024 to present
Community Advisory Board

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

Queens Borough Public Library, 2014-2025
Representative for NYC Council Speaker
Board of Trustees Programming Committee

Queens District Attorney Melinda Katz, 2021-2025
AAPI Advisory Council Member

NYS Council on Women and Girls, 2017-2019
Steering Committee Member

Sunnyside Chamber of Commerce, 2017-2021
Board Member

Other activities:

- Volunteer Attorney, Muslim ban at JFK Airport
- Mistress of Ceremonies, 20th Anniversary Gala, Korean American Civil Empowerment
- Community Grants Committee, Korean American Community Foundation
- Advisor to the Minkwon Center for Community Action
- Activist and Organizer for Campaign to Reelect Doris Ling-Cohan
- Community Immigration Forum with the Korean Community Services of Metropolitan NY, KACE, Minkwon Center, Korean American Family Service Center
- Led Training on Emergency Planning for Immigrant Parents with Her Justice
- Led Training on a writ of habeas corpus with KALAGNY, the Muslim Bar, FALA NY, and The Migrant Center in response to Trump's Muslim ban
- Volunteer work and organized support for victims of domestic violence for non-profits working in this area
- Numerous advocacy efforts for immigration reform
- KALAGNY Pro Bono Clinic

Innovation in Bar Leaders Award

New York State Bar Association, awarded to the AILA NY Pro Bono Committee, 2012

SELECT RECENT PRESENTATIONS

“Emergency Planning for Immigrant Parents” with Her Justice and the Korean American Lawyers Association of Greater New York, New York, NY, March 2018

“Fourth Amendment or Sanctuary Cities,” National Asian Pacific American Bar Association Northeast Regional Conference, Philadelphia, PA, September 2017

Immigration Know Your Rights at the Airport, Border, and Checkpoints, moderated by Jose Antonio Vargas, Filipino American Lawyers Association of New York, New York, NY, June 2017

Writ of Habeas Corpus and Immigration Law Training, Korean American Lawyers Association of Greater New York, New York, NY, February 2017

Solo & Small Firm Bootcamp, National Asian Pacific American Bar Association Convention

“The E-Myth: Treat Your Firm Like a Business and Get Organized,” New Orleans, LA, November 2015

Solo & Small Firm Bootcamp, National Asian Pacific American Bar Association Convention

“The Savvy Tech User – Using Technology to Leverage Your Practice,” Scottsdale, AZ, November 6, 2014

“Social Disproportions among Immigrant Groups in the United States,” National Asian Pacific American Bar Association Convention, Scottsdale, AZ, November 7, 2014

Ethics CLE, American Immigration Lawyers Association, New York chapter, “AILA Ethics and Preparing for Legal Changes – A Series of Hypotheticals to Explore the Subject,” New York, NY, February 19, 2014

Ethics CLE, American Immigration Lawyers Association, New York chapter, “Illustrations of Ethics Issues Common to Immigration Practice,” New York, NY, February 12, 2013

National Asian Pacific American Bar Association Convention, “When Immigration Law and Criminal Law Intersect,” Washington DC, November 16, 2012

American Immigration Lawyers Association, New York chapter, “DACA 101 for Immigration Lawyers” New York, NY, October 10, 2012