

**LEIGH K. CHENG**  
Judge of the Civil Court of the City of New York

**LEGAL EXPERIENCE**

**Judge of the Civil Court of the City of New York**

**Jan 2021-current**

*Elected in Queens County Nov 2020, currently sitting Criminal Court, Kings County*

Handled thousands of criminal matters from arraignment to disposition in the busiest criminal court in the state of New York in high-pressure environment requiring both efficiency and legal knowledge. Researched, drafted and issued motions regarding all criminal issues. Held criminal hearings on full range of criminal issues. Found Qualified as a Judicial Candidate by the New York City Bar Association and the Second Judicial Department Independent Judicial Election Qualification Commission.

**Principal Law Secretary**

**Jan 2009-Dec 2020**

*Supreme Court of the State of New York, Queens County*

Served twelve years for a Supreme Court Justice performing all legal research in support of motions, conferences, discovery, jury instructions and trial issues in full range of civil litigation including specific assignments for caseload with the City of New York as defendant, summary jury trials and Mental Hygiene Law Article 81 guardianships. Conferenced cases for such litigation including handling legal arguments and negotiations for settlement. Performed the full range of legal skills in the primary New York state court of statewide and unlimited monetary jurisdiction.

**Court Attorney**

**Sep 2003-Dec 2008**

*Civil Court of the City of New York, Queens County*

Served five years for a Civil Court Judge performing all legal research in support of motions, conferences, discovery, jury instructions and trial issues for parts including both Residential and Commercial Housing Court, No-Fault Insurance Litigation, Consumer Debt Litigation and Small Claims. Conferenced cases for such litigation including handling legal arguments and negotiations for settlement. Performed the full range of legal skills in high-pressure and high-volume caseload environment.

**Assemblywoman Nettie Mayersohn, Member of the New York State Assembly**

**Sep 1999-Aug 2003**

*Legislative Counsel*

Sole legal counsel to a Member of the Assembly. Assisted in formulating, drafting and guiding legislation through the legislative process for the Member. Attended legislative sessions of the Assembly with the Member for consultation on legislative and political issues. Handled constituent matters, particularly those related to legal issues, both in Albany office and District office.

**EDUCATION**

**St. John's University School of Law, Queens, NY**

Juris Doctor, May 1996, admitted to the New York State Bar, Aug 1997

Honors:                      Journal of Legal Commentary, Member  
                                  Moot Court Society, Member  
                                  Top 20% of Class

**Brown University, Providence, RI**

Bachelor of Arts, May 1990

**MEMBERSHIPS**

Queens County Bar Association

New York State Bar Association

Adlai Stevenson Regular Democratic Club, Queens, NY

Asian American Judges Association of New York