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OVERVIEW

Grace Yuan practices in the areas of municipal, land use and education law. She represents a variety of special purpose districts and municipal clients on land use and public policy issues. Currently, Grace serves as legal counsel to the Puget Sound School Coalition, the School Alliance, and as special counsel for school districts throughout Western Washington. She has also assisted in drafting legislation and local ordinances. In addition, Grace serves as local counsel and represents cutting-edge technology companies on projects with citywide and statewide significance.

Currently, Grace serves as the secretary of the board of directors for the 5th Avenue Theatre. From 2011 to 2019, Grace served on the board of directors for the Pacific Science Center and served as the Vice-Chair of the Nominating & Governance Committee. From 2006 to 2015, she served on the board of the Seattle Foundation and on the Foundation's Grants and Community Leadership Committee. From 1993 to 2006, Grace served as a member of the board of trustees of Western Washington University, including two terms as the chair of the board. In addition, Grace previously served as a member of the Civil Rights Reviewing Authority of the United States Department of Education, the vice chair of the Seattle Board of Parks Commissioners, a member of the board of directors for the Washington Council of School Attorneys, a member of the Governor's Task Force on Higher Education and vice president and board member of the Asian Bar Association of Washington.

Grace co-authored "Lessons Learned From the Locke for Governor Campaign," in "Asian Americans and Politics" for The Stanford University Press (2001), "Voting in Washington: A Teacher's Reference Department Guide," for Kids Voting Washington (1994), and the "SEPA/GMA Workbook," for the Washington State Department of Community, Trade and Economic Development (1993). While in law school, she was a senior editor of the Yale Law Journal and authored "Assuring Equal Access of Asian Americans to Highly Selective Universities," 98 Yale Law Journal 659 (1989), 135 Cong. Rec. § 1146 (daily edition February 2, 1989).

PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

- Law Clerk, Hon. Stephen Reinhardt, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit, 1989-90

ACHIEVEMENTS

- Named a Fellow of the American Bar Foundation
- Listed in *The Best Lawyers in America*® for Government Relations Practice in Seattle, WA, 2010-2027
- Selected to the Washington Super Lawyers list, 2003-2019
- Recognized as a "Rising Star" and named her one of the "Best Lawyers Under 40" nationwide by The National Asian Pacific American Bar Association
- Peer Review Rated AV Preeminent in *Martindale-Hubbell* since 2002
- Named in *Puget Sound Business Journal*'s "40 Under 40"

EDUCATION

- J.D., Yale Law School, 1989 *Harry S. Truman Scholar, Corker Fellow*
- A.B., Brown University, 1985 *with honors, magna cum laude, Phi Beta Kappa, Honors Prize, East Asian Studies*

ADMISSIONS

- Bar of Washington

LANGUAGES

- Chinese
- Taiwanese

THOUGHT LEADERSHIP *POWERED BY HUB*

- 1 June 2021, Washington State Legislature Passes Capital Gains Tax Bill
- 1 April 2020, COVID-19: Washington State Institutes Statewide “Stay Home – Stay Healthy” Order to Combat COVID-19
- 28 August 2015, Washington Supreme Court Applies Public Records Act to Public Employees’ Private Cell Phones

NEWS & EVENTS

- 7 November 2024 - 10 November 2024, 2024 NAPABA Convention, Hosted by National Asian Pacific American Bar Association

AREAS OF FOCUS

- Public Policy and Law

INDUSTRIES

- Consumer Goods and Services
- School Districts