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Mary I. Yu was appointed judge by Governor Locke in April 2000. Prior to her appointment, she served as Deputy Chief of Staff to King County Prosecutor Norm Maleng and Director of the Peace and Social Justice Office for the Archdiocese of Chicago. Judge Yu earned a B.A. degree in Theology from Dominican University in River Forest, Illinois, a M.A. degree in Religious Studies from Mundelein of Loyola University in Chicago and her J.D. degree from the University of Notre Dame.

A frequent speaker for legal education seminars, Judge Yu is also active in a variety of community and professional activities which include service on:

- the Board of Directors of FareStart, an organization devoted to assisting homeless individuals develop job skills in the culinary industry;
- the Board of Advisers of the Leadership Institute of the Washington State Bar Association;
- the Board of Trustees, King County Law Library;
- the State of Washington Minority and Justice Commission; and
- the Board of Directors, Future of the Law Institute, King County Bar Association.

Judge Yu is *Distinguished Jurist in Residence* at Seattle University School of Law, Dean for the 2009 Washington State Judicial College and Superior Court Judges Association representative to the American Bar Association, Judicial Division. She previously served as Past-President of the Judge Dwyer Inn of Court, Seattle chapter, and Chair of the Superior Court Judges Association Civil Law and Procedure Committee.

Judge Yu was the recipient of the 2009 Norm Maleng Award from the Washington State Bar Association; the 2008 “Judge of the Year” award from the Asian Bar Association; the 2008 President’s Award from Washington Women Lawyers, the 2006 “Model of Excellence” Award from the Latina/o Bar Association of Washington, the 2005, “Judge of the Year” award from the American Board of Trial Advocates, Washington Chapter (ABOTA), and the 2005 Reah Whitehead Public Leadership Award from Seattle University School of Law.

## **Presentations by Judge Mary Yu**

*Ethics, Professionalism and Civility: The Hard Questions*, panel member with facilitation by Peter Jarvis, 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Edition, Washington State Bar Association, September 25, 2009

*From “Good” to “Great”: How to Achieve Successful CLE Presentations*, Washington State Bar Association, Continuing Legal Education, August 17, 2009

*A Judge’s Experience With Electronic Court Filing*, Establishing Your Own Electronic Court Records Program Conference, Implementation Conference for the Ash Institute Award, King County Superior Court Clerk’s Office, August 5, 2009

13<sup>th</sup> Annual Rev. Joseph Maguire Lecture, *The Challenge of Being a Public Servant and a Person of Faith: A Judge’s Personal Journey of Discerning a Call to Do Justice*, Seattle University, May 4, 2009

*Legal Procedure*, Court Interpreter Orientation, Washington State Court Interpreter Program, May 2, 2009

*Transitioning to Practice: A New Lawyer’s Guide to Practice in King County*; one credit class for graduating law students at Seattle University School of Law, co-presenter with Mr. Justin Sedell, February, 2009

*Motion Practice: What a Judge Expects and What You Should Expect From a Judge*, King County Bar Association, Young Lawyers Division, February 26, 2009.

*Your Day in Court: How to Make Sure Your Voice is Heard in King County*, Educational Film for Pro se Litigants: <http://www.kingcounty.gov/courts/SuperiorCourt.aspx>

*Sidebar with the Bench: Improving Your Advocacy Skills – Practice Tips from Judge*, Co-Chair with Judge Richard Jones, Washington State Bar Association, December 4, 2008.

*Interview of Judge Yu*, University of Washington Office of Career Planning and Public Service web site; the interview is designed to help law students understand and learn about different career choices, 2008.

<http://www.law.washington.edu/career/students/jobresources/legalProfInterviews.aspx>

*What You Need to Know Before Practicing in King County*; five hour seminar for graduating law students at Seattle University School of Law, co-presenter with my former law clerk/bailiff Justin Sedell, April 19, 2008

*Evidentiary Issues of Technological Presentations, e Trial 101*, Washington State Trial Lawyers Association, April 18, 2008

*Irreconcilable Differences: Attorney – Client Relationships, Conflict Hypotheticals*, Fifth Annual WSBA Conference on the Law of Lawyering, December 12, 2007

*Who's Looking Over Your Shoulder: The Case of E-Mail Privacy*, Panelist, Washington Courts Presiding Judges' Conference, December 3, 2007

*Successful Court Procedures*, Dorsey & Whitney, LLP, July 26, 2007

*Your Courts and the Pursuit of Justice*, Summer Youth Leadership Camp, Northwest Asian Weekly, July 12, 2007

*Dialogue and Insights for Litigators on the Changing Courtroom*, Panel Presentation for Litigation Section Midyear CLE, Washington State Bar Association, June 22, 2007

*A Trial Judge's Perspective: Pre-Trial Motions and Oral Advocacy*, Bill Bailey's Pre-Trial Advocacy: Where Cases Are Won or Lost, Washington State Trial Lawyers Association, May 24, 2007

Innovations in American Government Award, Presenter with Barbara Miner on *King County's Electronic Court Records*, Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University, May 15, 2007. See <http://www.ashinstitute.harvard.edu/Ash/>.

*What You Need to Know Before Practicing in King County*; five hour seminar for graduating law students at Seattle University School of Law, co-presenter with my former law clerk/bailiff Justin Sedell, April 21, 2007

*Institutional and Personal Perspectives on Same-Sex Parenting*, panel discussion at the Intersections of Race and Gender: (Re) Imagining the Family conference, Seattle University, April 12, 2007

*Overview of Washington State Courts*, Training for Court Interpreters, Administrative Office of the Courts, Interpreter Commission, April 7, 2007

*How Judges and Jurors Respond to Electronic Evidence*, Dare to Discover Conference, Washington State Bar Association, co-presenter with Russ Aoki, April 5, 2007

*The Intersection of Race, Class, and Gender in the Law*, panel discussion, Loren Miller Bar Association, January 24, 2007

*Tough Decision-Making: Clarifying Our Values – Guiding Lights Weekend* (annual conf on Mentoring), co-presenter with Dr. Susan Secker, January 28, 2007

*Conflicts Hypotheticals*, The Fourth Annual Conference on the Law of Lawyering, Washington State Bar Association, December 14, 2006

*ECR and Electronic Filing*, King County Bench-Bar Conference, Co-presenter with Teresa Bailey November 10, 2006.

*From Law Student to Lawyer: Invaluable Advice on Moving into the Practice of Law*, Panel Presentation with Justice Mary Fairhurst and Mr. Dan Gandara; Seattle Journal for Social Justice, Seattle University School of Law, November 1, 2006

*Use of Technology in the Courtroom*, co-presenter with Michael Iaria, Young Lawyers Division TAP, Washington State Bar Association, October 28, 2006.  
*Modern Discovery*, Washington State Bar Association, October 26, 2006.

*Latinos on the Bench*, Panel, Tenth Annual National Latino/a Law Student Conference, University of Washington, October 14, 2006.

*Ethics, Professionalism and Civility: The Hard Questions*, panel member with facilitation By Peter Jarvis and Bradley Tellam, 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Edition, Washington State Bar Association Professionalism Committee September 28, 2006.

Appearance on Seattle Voices, Interview by Host Eric Liu, September 7, 2006.  
<http://www.seattlechannel.org/SeattleVoices/>

*Diversity in our Courts*, panel presentation, Committee for Diversity, Washington State Bar Association, September 6, 2006

*Women Lawyers*, panel presentation, King County Courthouse, YWCA Girls First Program, July 19, 2006

*An Insider's View to the Judicial Selection Process*, Panelist, Diversity Conference, Washington State Bar Association, June 2, 2006

*A View From the Bench – Current Ethical Issues in Litigation from a Judge's Perspective*, co-presenter with the Honorable Robert S. Lasnik, Annual Ethics in Civil Litigation Institute, Washington State Bar Association, April 6, 2006

*Perspectives on Technology in the Courtroom*, Education for Judges, the Shidler Center for Law, Commerce and Technology, University of Washington, February 24, 2006

*The Work of the King County Superior Court*, International District Rotary, February 16, 2006

*Tough Decision-Making: Clarifying Our Values*, Guiding Lights Weekend (annual conference on mentoring), January 21, 2006

Faculty Panelist, Third Annual WSBA Conference on the Law of Lawyering, December 16, 2005.

*Use of Technology in the Courtroom*, Young Lawyers Division TAP, Washington State Bar Association, November 5, 2005

Keynote Speaker, Annual Gala of the Global Federation of Chinese Business Women Association, November 5, 2005.

*End of Life Issues and Decision Making, A Practical Look at Balancing Legal, Medical and Spiritual Factors*, King County Bar Association and University of Washington Department of Medical History and Ethics, October 26, 2005

*Ethics, Professionalism and Civility: The Hard Questions*, 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Edition, Washington State Bar Association Professionalism Committee, September 30, 2005, panel member with facilitation by Peter Jarvis and Bradley Tellam

Keynote Speaker, Independence Day Celebration of the Republic of India, India Association of Western Washington, August 20, 2005

*A Trial Judge's Top Ten List*, Washington State Trial Lawyer's Association Seminar on Auto Cases, March 24, 2005

*A View of Construction Defect and Mold Cases from the Bench*, Washington State Bar Association, panelist with Judges Mary Roberts and Paris Kallas, March 22, 2005

*From Gay Marriage to Domestic Violence to Hate Crimes: What You Need to Know About the Cases Coming to Your Court*, panelist, 47<sup>th</sup> Washington Judicial Conference, September 21, 2004

*Ethics, Professionalism and Civility: The Hard Questions*, Washington State Bar Association Professionalism Committee, , panel member with facilitation by Peter Jarvis And Bradley Tellam, September 10, 2004

*Professionalism and Civility in the Courtroom*, Young Lawyer's Division, Washington State Bar Association, co-presenter with Judge Harry McCarthy, May 21, 2004

*50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Brown v. Bd. of Education*, panelist, Loren Miller Bar Association, May 10, 2004

*Technology in the Courtroom*, Presided over mock trial CLE seminar designed to demonstrate use of technology in trial, March 17, 2004, Seattle University

*A View From the Bench*, Construction Law Seminar, Washington Defense Trial Lawyers, panelist, February 27, 2004

*Writing Great Motions: A View From the Bench*, Washington State Trial Lawyer's Association, Seminar on Motion Practice, September 26, 2003

*Judicial Immunity and Employment Matters*, 2003 Fall Judicial Conference, co-presenter with Judge Mary Roberts, September 22, 2003

Keynote Speaker, Pre-Law Student Leadership Conference, Washington State Bar Association, Young Lawyers Division, Yakima, May 17, 2003

*Personnel Law: Ten Things Presiding Judges Need to Know*, 2003 Presiding Judges Conference, Yakima, May 4, 2003

*Evidence Rule 412*, Employment Seminar, Washington State Trial Lawyers Association, co-presenter with Judge Robert Lasnik, March 14, 2003

Panelist, 3<sup>rd</sup> annual ELLA (Educated Latinas Leading America) conference, Seattle University, March 15, 2003.

*Race, Space, and Place: Living in America*, panelist, Symposium, Seattle University, Philosophy Department, November 9, 2002

*Beyond the Numbers: An Honest Analysis of Law Firm Diversity*, panelist, Preston Gates & Ellis, November 1, 2002.

*The Role of the Judicial Clerk: The Judge's Perspective*, panelist, University of Washington Law School, October 22, 2002

*Ethics and Public Practice*; panelist, Office of the Attorney General, October 1, 2002

*Civility and Professionalism in the Courtroom*, Washington State Bar Association, Young Lawyers Division, co-presenter with Judge Robert Lasnik, September 21, 2002

*The Intersection of Race Gender and Your Jury*, Washington State Trial Lawyers Association Diversity Roundtable, May 2002

*Pre-Trial Preparation Dos and Don'ts*, Washington State Bar Association, Young Lawyers Division, co-presenter with Judge Robert Lasnik, February 22, 2002

*Navigating Your Way Through Personnel Issues*, Presiding Judges Conference, June 10, 2001

*You Be the Judge*, Washington State Trial Lawyers Association, May 9, 2001

*Nuts and Bolts of General Litigation*, Washington State Trial Lawyers Association CLE, March 16, 2001

Parent Forum on Children and the Law, Seattle Neighborhood Group and the Horn of Africa Services, panelist, May 12, 2001

*Investing In Diversity*, 2001 Law Office Expo, Management and Technology Institute, co-presenter with Sheryl Willert, March 2, 2001; Repeated December 14, 2001 as Best of CLE 2001, Encore of Excellence, Washington State Bar Association

*The Criminalization of Poverty*, symposium on Indigent Defense sponsored by the Department of Justice, panelist, Washington D.C., June 30, 2000

*Ethics in Public Practice*, Panelist, Association of Solicitor Generals, June 24, 2000

Panelist on Judicial Careers, Washington Women Lawyers, June 8, 2000.

*Through the Looking Glass: Can Alice Get There From Here?* sponsored the Gender Equality in the Legal Profession Committee of the King County Bar Association, panelist, May 11, 2000