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Experience and Background

Pauline Yeung-Ha is a Partner in the law firm of Grimaldi & Yeung LLP, where she practices in the areas of Elder Law, Trusts and Estates, and Special Needs Planning. Pauline was raised in the Chinese community and, as such, is actively involved with community work. She is one of the founding members of the Chinese American Alzheimer's Coalition, which promotes Asian awareness of Alzheimer's Disease in the Asian community. Pauline is fluent in Cantonese and Mandarin Chinese.

Pauline Yeung-Ha began her career in Elder Law with the pioneer firm of Freedman, Fish & Grimaldi in 2001. At the time, Elder Law was a non-existent field in the Asian community. Pauline became committed to building and developing relations with the local Asian community organizations and began educating them on the importance of Advance Directives (Power of Attorney, Health Care Proxy, and Living Will) topics, which have been "taboo" in Asian culture and tradition.

In 2007, Pauline became Partner of Freedman Fish & Grimaldi, and in April 2008, Pauline joined with her mentor and Partner, Judith D. Grimaldi, to form the law firm of Grimaldi & Yeung LLP.

In January 2011, Pauline served as the Co-Chair of the New York State Bar Association's (NYSBA's) Elder Law Section's 2011 Annual Meeting which is the Section's largest meeting with over 400 attorneys attending each year.

In January 2012, Pauline was a panel speaker on one of the "hot" topics in Estate Recovery for NYSBA's Elder Law Section's 2012 Annual Meeting.

In November 2014, Pauline chaired the Intermediate Elder Law Update 2014 (also simultaneous live webcast) with over 200 attorneys, sponsored by NYSBA's Elder Law Section.

Recognitions

- 2010 Citation from former Assembly Member (now Congresswoman)) Grace Meng in appreciation of continued service and support to the Asian community

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- **National Asian-Pacific American Bar Association's** ***"2011 Best Lawyer Under 40"***
- **Super Lawyers'** ***"Rising Star" 2011, 2012, 2013 and 2014***
- **Super Lawyers** ***2015***
- ***"New York's Women Leaders in the Law 2012"***
- **New York's** ***"Best Lawyer" 2012, 2013, 2014, and 2015***
- **Senior Umbrella Network of Brooklyn's** ***"World Award 2013"***
- **Chinese-American Planning Council, Inc. (Brooklyn Branch)** ***"Community Excellence Award 2015"***
- 2015 Citation from State Senator Martin Golden
- 2015 Citation from Assistant Speaker of the State Assembly Felix Ortiz
- 2015 Citation from Assembly Member Peter J. Abbate, Jr.
- 2015 Citation from City Council Member Carlos Menchaca
- 2015 Citation from City Council Member Vincent Gentile

Education

Vassar College (A.B., 1996)
St. John's University School of Law (J.D., 1999)
Admitted in New York (March 2000) and New Jersey (November 1999)

Professional Associations

New York State Bar Association's Elder Law Section

- From 2006 to 2012, Pauline served as 2nd District Delegate, which she had completed 2 consecutive 3-year terms. As District Delegate, she was instrumental in the establishment of quarter-annual Pro-Bono Clinics, where seniors could meet with attorneys to address their legal issues. Over 800 seniors have benefited from the clinics.
- From 2010 to 2012, Pauline served as Vice-Chair of the Trusts and Estates Administration Committee.
- From June 2012 to present, Pauline serves as Co-Chair of the Diversity Committee.
- From June 2015 to present, Pauline serves as Co-Chair of the Membership Committee.

Asian American Bar Association of New York

- From January 2011 to 2013, Pauline served as one of the Co-Chairs of the Solo and Small Firm Practice Committee.
- From January 2014 to present, Pauline is one of the Board of Directors of AABANY and a member of the Compensation Committee. She is currently Chair of the Compensation Committee.

New York State Bar Association's House of Delegates

- From June 2012 to present, Pauline serves as one of the member of the House of Delegates of NYSBA appointed each year by past Presidents Seymour James, David Schraver, Glenn Lau-Kee, and current President David Miranda.

Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders, New York City Inc. (formerly known as Alzheimer's Association, New York Chapter)

- From June 2012 to present, Pauline serves on the Board of Directors
- From June 2013 to present, Pauline was elected to serve as the Secretary

Brooklyn Bar Association

- From June 2015 to present, Pauline was installed as one of the Board of Trustees

NAELA, New York Chapter

- From January 2015 to present, Pauline was installed as one of the Board of Directors

Contributions to the Legal Community:

CLE Courses Presented / Written Materials

"Representing LGBT Clients After Obergefell" – *New York State Bar Association*
Location: CUNY Graduate Center
(September 11, 2015)

"Mediating Estates and Trusts and Elder Law Disputes" – *New York County Lawyers' Association, ADR Committee*
Location: New York County Lawyers' Association
(March 31, 2015)

"Intermediate Elder Law Update 2014" – *New York State Bar Association*
Written Material: "Medicaid Applications"
Location: Hotel Pennsylvania, New York
(November 16, 2014)

"The Advantages of Mediating Trusts, Estates and Adult Guardianship Disputes" – *New York State Bar Association, Dispute Resolution Section*
Location: Cardozo Law School
(June 23, 2014)

"Resolving Family Disputes Through Mediation" – *New York County Surrogate's Court*
Location: Surrogate's Court of New York County
(February 25, 2014)

"Is an Irrevocable Trust Truly Irrevocable?" – *New York City Bar Association, Legal Problems of the Aging Committee*
Written Material: "Is an Irrevocable Trust Truly Irrevocable?"
Location: New York City Bar Association, NYC
(June 11, 2012)

"Medicaid Estate Recovery" – *New York State Bar Association, Elder Law Section*
Written Material: "Negotiating Estate Recovery Claims"
Location: Hilton New York
(January 24, 2012)

"Breaking It Down: The True Nuts & Bolts of Estate Planning & Administration" - *New York State Bar Association, Trusts and Estates Section*
Written Material: "How to Administer an Estate"
Location: Brooklyn Law School
Course Credits: 1.0 hour (October 19, 2011)

"Setting Up Shop: The Nuts and Bolts of Solo and Small Firm Practice" and "Journey of the Women Lawyer – Entrepreneur" – *Asian Bar Association of New York, 2nd Annual Conference*
Location: Skadden
Course Credits: 3.0 hours (September 17, 2011)

"Estate Tax Updates: Impact on Domestic and International Planning" – *Asian American Bar Association of New York*
Location: Seagram Building, New York (April 6, 2011)
Course Credits: 1.0 hour

"Planning With the Power of Attorney: With a Focus on Medicaid and Estate Tax Planning" – *Asian American Bar Association of New York*
Location: Citibank, Flushing, New York (May 12, 2010)
Course Credits: 1.0 hour

"Healthcare Proxies, Living Wills, DNRs and MOLST" – *New York State Bar Association, Elder Law Section*
Written Material: "New York State Advanced Directives: Policy, Updates and Practice" co-written with Judith D. Grimaldi, Esq.
Location: The Sagamore, Bolton Landing, New York (October 29, 2009)

"Basic Medicaid Eligibility Rules" – *New York State Bar Association, Elder Law Section*
Location: New York Hotel Pennsylvania, New York
(May 15, 2009)

"Developing Communications Skills and Relationships with Diverse Clients" – *National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys, Inc. (NAELA)*
Written Material: "Developing the Practice Itself: Challenges and Solutions"
Location: The Fairmont San Francisco, San Francisco, California (May 19, 2005)

Course Credits: 1.5 hours

"Elder Care in New York: Legal and Financial Issues" – *National Business Institute*
Written Materials: "Insurance to Fund All or Part of Long-Term Care Costs", "Ethical Considerations in Representing Elderly Clients" and "Long Term Care Facilities – Costs of Care and Funding Sources"
Location: Southgate Tower Hotel, New York, New York (February 25, 2004)
Course Credits: 7.0 hours

"Understanding Medicaid and New York Estate Recovery" – *National Business Institute*
Written Material: "Estate Recovery of Medicaid Benefits"
Location: Best Western Gregory Hotel, Brooklyn, New York (December 11, 2003)
Course Credits: 3.5 hours

Community Activities:

Speaking Engagements

Pauline has spoken and given seminars in English, Cantonese and Mandarin at many senior centers and private and non-profit organizations, including the New York City Department for the Aging's 20th Mayoral Conference. She has appeared in television as a guest for (former Oxford Health Plans) now United Healthcare to discuss on Elder Law issues in the Chinese community (aired on October 12, 2006 in NYCTV) and was interviewed by New Tang Dynasty Television (aired on June 27, 2008 and on October 2013). In addition to the above, the following is a list of some of the organizations which Pauline had been invited to speak on Estate Planning, Trusts and Estates, Elder Law and Special Needs issues:

Alzheimer's Association – New York City Chapter
Asian American For Equality
(former Assembly Woman) Grace Meng's office
Brooklyn Chinese-American Association
Brooklyn Law School – Career Panel
Brooklyn Public Library (Brooklyn Heights Branch)
CAIPA
Chinese-American Planning Council
Chinese-American Family Alliance for Mental Health
Chinese Christian Herald Crusades
Chinese Radio Station AM1480
Councilman Vincent J. Gentile's office
Homecrest Community Services Brooklyn
HSBC
Independent Association of Accountants of Brooklyn, Inc.

Jassi (Japanese organization)
National Association of Asian American Professionals
New York Coalition for Asian American Mental Health
New York City Department for the Aging, including:
- 18th Annual Mayoral Conference at the Brooklyn Marriott Hotel (2002)
- 19th Annual Mayoral Conference at Hilton Hotel (2003)
- 20th Annual Mayoral Conference at Jacob Javits Center (2004)
- 21st Annual Mayoral Conference at Jacob Javits Center (2005)

St. John's University School of Law – Career Panel
St. Vincent's Hospital (closed) – Geriatric Department
SUNY Downstate Medical Center
United Healthcare
Visions - Services for the Blind and Visually Impaired
Visiting Nurse Service of New York

Chinese American Alzheimer's Coalition (CAAC)

Joined with community leaders, Pauline formed the Coalition to raise awareness and promote education on Alzheimer's disease in the Chinese community. The term Alzheimer's has a negative connotation, in which the literal translation means "crazy" illness. Having Alzheimer's disease is an embarrassment to the family, and thus, families generally deny that there is such an illness and refuse to accept treatment for the Alzheimer's patient. Pauline assisted with the legal formation of the Coalition, set up the non-profit status as a 401(c)(3) organization, provides legal advice, and drafts By-Laws. She is currently one of the Board of Directors and is the Counsel for the Coalition.

Press:

"What to do if a Will is Lost" – *New York Newsday, Ask the Expert Column* (October 4, 2003)

"The Back Page: Conversation with Pauline Yeung" – (Interview) *The New York Law Journal* (February 25, 2005)

"Full Wallets, but Using Health Program for Poor" by Anemona Hartocollis – (Quoted) *The New York Times* (December 10, 2010)

"Adult Daycares Too Easy to Open, Advocates Warn" by Cindy Rodriguez – (Quoted) *WNYC News* (April 4, 2013)

Further, Pauline has been interviewed in Chinese radio stations, and quoted in major Chinese newspapers, including Singtao Daily, World Journal, Ming Pao Daily News, and earned a 4 week column in The Epoch Times.