# Ada K. Wong AKW LAW, P.C.

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### **Admitted to Practice**

- State of Washington
- State of California
- U.S. District Court, Western District of Washington
- U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Washington
- U.S. District Court, Northern District of California
- U.S. District Court, Eastern District of California
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Ninth Circuit

#### **Education**

- University of Washington School of Law, J.D., Dispute Resolution Concentration
- University of California, Davis, B.A., Communications

## **Memberships**

- Washington State Bar Association (WSBA)
- California State Bar Association (CSBA)
- Washington State Association for Justice (WSAJ)
- American Association for Justice (AAJ) \*prior
- National Employment Lawyers Association (NELA) \*prior
- Washington Employment Lawyers Association (WELA)
- King County Bar Association (KCBA)
- Snohomish County Bar Association (SCBA)
- Federal Bar Association (FBA) \*prior
- National Asian Pacific American Bar Association (NAPABA) \*prior

## **Professional Affiliations**

- Washington State Association for Justice (WSAJ) Civil Rights Chair, 2017-Present
- WSAJ CLE Committee, Member, 2016-Present
- WSAJ Diversity Committee, Member, 2015-Present
- WSAJ *Trial News*, Associate Editor, 2017-Present; Assistant Editor, 2015-2017; Editorial Board, 2014-2015
- King County Bar Association (KCBA) Diversity Committee, Member, 2014-2016
- American Inns of Court *The Bencher*, Editorial Board, 2012-Present
- William L. Dwyer American Inns of Court, Executive Board, 2014-Present; Member, 2011-2014
- Vietnamese American Bar Association of Washington (VABAW), President, 2015; President-Elect, 2014; Secretary, 2013-2014; Member, 2010-2012

### **Publications**

- WSAJ Motor Vehicle Litigation Desk Book: Discovery in Automobile Cases, 2018 (WSAJ) \*upcoming
- Leverage as a Young, Female, Minority Lawyer, December 2017 (WSAJ *Trial News*) \*upcoming
- SCOTUS Sends a Message to The Lower Courts: Stop Suing Police Officers, May 2017 (WSAJ *Trial News*)
- Networking, Marketing, and Everything in Between, January 2017 (American Inns of Court *The Bencher*)

- Employer Liability for Customer or Non-Employee Harassment, September 2016 (WSAJ *Trial News*)
- Did You Know About WSAJ's Getting Started Series ("GSS")?, September 2016 (WSAJ *Trial News*)
- Book Review: Case Framing, May 2016 (WSAJ Trial News)
- Police Brutality and the Mentally III, March 2016 (WSAJ *Trial News*)
- Young v. United States Parcel Service, Inc.: A Small Step for Pregnant Employees, July 2015 (WSAJ Trial News)
- The Need for Clarity on Tasers—Excessive Force and Qualified Immunity, March 2015 (WSAJ *Trial News*)
- *Johnston-Forbes v. Matsunaga* and Biomechanical Testimony—Where Does That Leave Plaintiffs' Attorneys in Excluding Expert Testimony?, October 2014 (WSAJ *Trial News*)
- Legal Guide: How to Get Your Employee File in Washington, 2014 (AVVO)
- What Is "Excessive Force"? A Look at *Graham v. Connor*, 2013 (WSBA *NW Sidebar*)
- 50 Years After *Gideon*: Should the Right to Counsel Be Expanded?, 2013 (WSBA *NWSidebar*)
- Facebook Can Cost You More Than Your Lawsuit: *Allied Concrete Co. v. Lester*, 2013 (WSBA *NWSidebar*)

# **Awards & Recognitions**

- "Top 100 High Stakes Litigators", America's Top 100 High Stakes Litigators, 2017
- "New Lawyer Ready to Soar", Washington State Association for Justice, 2017
- "Rising Star", SuperLawyers, 2016, 2017
- "Top 40 Under 40," The National Trial Lawyers, 2016, 2017
- "Women in The Law Top Peer-Nominated Lawyers", Best Lawyers, 2016
- AVVO 10.0/10.0 Top Employment Law Attorney, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017
- AVVO 10.0/10.0 Top Business Law Attorney, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017
- AVVO 10.0/10.0 Top Personal Injury Attorney, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017
- AVVO 10.0/10.0 Top Civil Rights Attorney, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017
- AVVO Clients' Choice Award, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017
- WYLC Local Leader Award, 2015
- WSBA Public Incentive Award, 2014
- University of Washington School of Law Pro Bono Honors Award, 2010, 2011
- Asian American Bar Association of Washington Scholarship, 2009

## **Speaking Engagements**

- WSAJ Civil Rights CLE Co-Chair: "Cutting Edge Civil Rights Issues: Police Misconduct, Homeless Rights, and Prisoners' Rights," November 2018
- WSAJ CLE: "Overall Discovery Planning and Differences in State v. Federal Discovery," March 2017
- WSBA CLE: "Effective Tools for the 21st Century Litigator: Updates to Federal Civil Rules and Comparison to Washington's Civil Rules," September 2016
- WSAJ WOW Conference: "Lifting Up: Powerful Ideas from WOW Powerhouses," September 2016
- Greater Seattle Romance Writers of America: "Help! Author Support Panel," September 2016
- WSAJ CLE Co-Chair: "Cultural Competence in Trial," June 2016

- WSBA Legal Lunchbox: "Over the Course of Your Legal Career—A Conversation on Professional Development & Office Management," May 2016
- WSAJ CLE: "How to Survive & Thrive in the First Years of Practice," March 2016
- WSAJ EAGLE Legal Staff Brown Bag: "A Case Walks in the Door: From Intake to Filing and Service," Sept. 2015
- WSCC: "10 Things All Employers Should Know: From Hiring to Firing," April 2015

# Languages

- English
- Cantonese (fluent)
- Mandarin (basic)