Yanfei Shen



Yanfei Shen has been the Legal Services Manager/Supervising Staff Attorney at the New York Asian Women's Center ("NYAWC") since January 2015. The NYAWC Legal Department focuses on providing immigration relief for domestic violence and human trafficking survivors, with a special focus on T visa applications for survivors of trafficking, U visa applications

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Prior to joining NYAWC, Yanfei was a Staff Attorney in the Community Liaison Project at Sanctuary for Families, working primarily on family law cases for survivors of domestic violence in the East Asian community. Previously, Yanfei practiced immigration litigation and bankruptcy litigation at private firms, and family law litigation for domestic violence survivors at South Brooklyn Legal Services.

Yanfei attended George Washington University Law School, where she was a member of the Moot Court Board. During law school, Yanfei was a law clerk for the Department of Justice, Office of Immigration Litigation, as well as a volunteer with the Asian Pacific American Legal Resource Center. Yanfei has been admitted to New York, Massachusetts, and the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 11th Circuit.