

# JUSTICE

## MARY YU

SUPREME COURT POS.1



Mary Yu was appointed to the Washington Supreme Court effective May 16, 2014, and subsequently elected for the remainder of a two-year term.

Justice Yu joined the Supreme Court after more than 14 years as an accomplished trial court judge in King County Superior Court where she presided over a wide variety of criminal, civil, and juvenile cases, and presided over hundreds of adoptions and other family law matters.

- Justice Yu is the first Latina, first Asian Pacific Islander, and first member of the LGBTQ community to serve on the Supreme Court.
- She presided over the first same sex marriage in the State of Washington when the right to marry was approved by the voters.
- Justice Yu has received numerous “Judge of the Year” awards including the 2013 Public Official of the Year from the Municipal League Foundation.
- Justice Yu is known for her hard work ethic and for authoring Supreme Court decisions that are clear, readable, and easy for the trial courts to apply.
- She is known for her broad civic engagement through service on community boards and public education. More information on Justice Yu’s background can be found at: [https://www.courts.wa.gov/appellate\\_trial\\_courts/supreme/bios/?fa=scbios.display\\_file&fileID=Yu](https://www.courts.wa.gov/appellate_trial_courts/supreme/bios/?fa=scbios.display_file&fileID=Yu)

## ABOUT MARY YU

- 14 years as a trial court judge on the King County Superior Court
- Co-Chair of the Leadership Institute of the University of Washington and Washington State Bar Association
- Distinguished Jurist in Residence and Instructor at Seattle University School of Law
- Co-Chair of the Washington State Minority and Justice Commission
- Nine year Board Member of FareStart
- Highest possible rating—“Exceptionally Well Qualified”—from six bar associations
- Named “Judge of the Year” by the Washington State Association for Justice, Washington State Bar Association, King County Women Lawyers, Asian Bar Association of Washington, and American Board of Trial Advocates, Washington Chapter.
- Awarded Municipal League Foundation’s “2013 Public Official of the Year”