

# ***The Practice of Practicing: Starting Your Legal Career***

**What does it mean to “start your practice”? Join ABAW for this moderated panel discussion with attorneys from various industries and practices. Stay around for networking, refreshments and snacks!**

Where: **Dorsey & Whitney, 701 5th Ave, Ste 6100**

Date & Time: **Thursday, July 11, 2019, 5:30 PM**

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## **Panelists**



**Honorable  
Andrea Chin**

**Judge,  
Seattle Municipal  
Court**



**Chris Koa**

**Of Counsel,  
Dorsey &  
Whitney**



**Naria Santa Lucia**

**Executive  
Director,  
Washington State  
Opportunity  
Scholarship**



**Shashi Vijay**

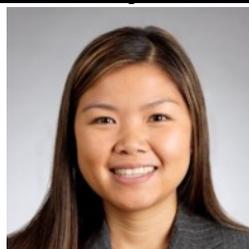
**Principal  
Attorney,  
VJ Law Firm**

## **Moderated by ABAW Mentorship Co-Chairs:**



**Phil Chu**

**Deputy Prosecuting  
Attorney,  
King County**



**Liz Lee**

**Associate General  
Counsel,  
Core Scientific, Inc.**

## Panelist Biographies

**Andrea Chin** was elected to the Seattle Municipal Court bench in 2018 following 26 years of public service as an Assistant City Attorney for the City of Seattle.

Judge Chin graduated from Occidental College and Loyola Law School in Los Angeles, California. Following law school, she returned to her hometown, Seattle, and began a career with the Seattle City Attorney's Office where she tried criminal cases and argued appeals at all levels of state appellate courts. As the supervisor of the Specialty Court Unit, her duties included oversight of the City's participation in Mental Health Court and Veterans Treatment Court. Judge Chin's current assignment in Seattle Municipal Court is a general trial court where most of her time is dedicated to presiding over jury trials and pretrial hearings.

Judge Chin is a long time member of the Asian Bar Association of Washington. She served on the Joint Asian Judicial Evaluation Committee from 2011-2014, as an ABAW board member from 2013 - 2016, and as President in 2017.

**Chris Koa** has over 20 years of experience with domestic and international software-as-a-service, software licensing, software development, open source, IT services, e-commerce, IP, strategic sourcing, privacy, data security, data breach response and other technology transactions matters from both customer and provider perspectives, as well as M&A deals, M&A integration matters, joint ventures, venture capital financings, equity public offerings including IPOs and other corporate transactions. Chris also serves as a Board member of ArtsFund and has contributed 100+ hours of pro bono services each year since joining Dorsey 4+ years ago in addition to driving diversity initiatives.

Before joining Dorsey, Chris served in a broad range of in-house counsel and business-side positions focused on technology transactions and corporate transactional matters including at Microsoft, Dell and BP.

Chris clerked for Federal District Court Judge Edward J. Schwartz in San Diego before entering private practice with Wilson Sonsini in Silicon Valley and Brobeck, Phleger & Harrison in San Francisco.

Chris received his J.D. from New York University Law School, where he was elected as Class Representative, Senior Editor of the Journal of International Law & Politics and Co-Chair of the Asian Pacific American Law Students Organization. Chris also received an M.P.A. from the Princeton University Woodrow Wilson School of Public & International Affairs and B.A. from Carleton College.

**Naria K. Santa Lucia** serves as Executive Director of the Washington State Opportunity Scholarship (WSOS), a public-private partnership helping to build the next generation of scientists, engineers, technology specialists, mathematicians, and health care professionals in Washington's high-demand employment fields through scholarships and supports for low- and middle-income college students in Washington state.

As Executive Director, Naria is responsible for leadership and management of WSOS including resource development, governance, program design, implementation, evaluation, and program advocacy.

Since its inception in 2011, WSOS has provided scholarships and thousands of hours of support services to over 8,600 scholars – the majority of whom are women, students of color and/or first in their families to go to college. Under Naria's leadership, WSOS has raised nearly \$200M in public-private support for scholarships and supports and has a goal of supporting 16,000 students by 2025.

Before WSOS, Naria served as the Director of Legal Aid for Washington Fund, a statewide organization that raises funds for Washington's civil legal aid network. Under her leadership, LAW Fund's annual fund, the Campaign for Equal Justice, achieved historical fundraising records in 2012 and 2013, and its endowment, the Endowment for Equal Justice grew to be the largest endowment for civil legal aid in the nation.

Naria also served as the Executive Director of the James B. Moran Center for Youth Advocacy, a juvenile and education law and social work organization in Illinois. At the Moran Center, Naria turned around an organization on the brink of closure into a strong, sustainable agency by collaborating and partnering with numerous social service organizations to develop innovative and effective programming.

Naria is a graduate of the Law School and the College at the University of Chicago. She serves on the Boards of Columbia Legal Services and Goodwill Seattle. Naria is also a member of the Dean's Visiting Committee for the University of Washington's College of Engineering and the State of Washington's Governor's STEM Alliance. Naria was previously honored as a Woman of Courage by the University of Washington's Women's Center and was a "40 Under 40" nominee by the Puget Sound Business Journal.

**Shashi Vijay** founded VJ Law Firm, PLLC with the vision of helping individuals and small-businesses with their legal needs, by partnering closely in understanding each client's unique situation and formulating solutions in an expeditious manner. She has over ten years of legal experience and represents clients in areas of business and startup formation, real estate matters, estate planning, consumer bankruptcy and related litigation.

Shashi earned her J.D. from Seattle University School of Law and is admitted to practice in State and Federal district courts. Shashi is the current Chair-Elect for the WSBA Solo and Small practice section and is also Chair of the sections' CLE committee and has served as past chair of KCBA solo and business law sections and Board member of South Asian Bar Association. Shashi is an active member of the King County bar association and diversity groups such as Washington Women Lawyers, Washington Association for Justice and Mother attorneys of Seattle. In addition, Shashi served as an ambassador at the Issaquah and Sammamish Chambers of Commerce.

Shashi was born and raised in New Delhi, India and outside of work is a busy mom raising her 11-year-old son and a 7-year-old daughter and loves spending time outdoors with her husband and kids.