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Experience

Principal Attorney, Law Office of Tom Yu, A Professional Corporation
West Covina, California
December 2015- Present

Representing peace officers in critical incidents, disciplinary proceedings; internal affairs, *Skelly* meetings, civil service/arbitration, and superior court appeals (writ of mandate). Criminal defense of the accused in various stages of the criminal justice proceedings. Admitted to practice law in the State of California and the United States Central District of California.

Deputy Sheriff | Gang Investigator
Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department- Operation Safe Streets Bureau
Los Angeles, California
2003- 2017

Investigation Experience

As a jail deputy, worked in maximum security correctional facility of Los Angeles County Jail. As a patrol deputy, answered calls for service, conducted observation arrest upon formulating adequate probable cause. As a gang detective, assigned to the Operation Safe Streets Bureau and the Homicide Gang Task Force, executed over five-hundred search warrants and have investigated and arrested hundreds of gang and narcotic related crimes. Duly deputized as Task Force Officer with the FBI's Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Force. Authored court-ordered intercepts (wiretaps); Performed dozens of *Perkins* Operation as undercover agent, obtained murder confessions in the jails. While attached to the DEA-High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area task force (LA-HIDTA), conducted numerous reverse purchases of major narcotics and infiltrated transnational drug trafficking organizations as an undercover agent.

Expert Testimony

Testified as a narcotic expert over (200) times in superior courts in the area of use, packaging, trafficking, and transportation of narcotics. As a gang expert, testified over (300) times in California and Nevada superior courts, in the area of Asian gangs and subculture in crimes ranging from not limited to, murder, attempted murder, kidnapping, assault with deadly weapon, home invasion robbery, extortion, burglary, and sale, transportation, and trafficking of narcotics.



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Past Teaching Engagements

LASD Detective School: Search and Seizure Class
LASD Detective School: Informant Management Class
LASD Detective School: *Miranda* Class
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LASD Detective School: *Brady* and Discovery Class
LASD Gang and Subculture School: Asian Organized Crimes
LASD Recruit Training Academy: Gangs and Narcotics

United States Attorney's Office: Asian Gangs/Narcotics Trend
Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office: Gangs and Narcotics Class

California Gang Investigator's Association: Asian Gangs
California Gang Investigator's Association: *Brady* and Discovery Class

International Terrorism and Asian Gang Conference: Gangs and Narcotics Class

Transnational Investigators of Organized Crime Conference: Asian Gangs Class
(Las Vegas, Nevada; Honolulu, Hawaii; Boston, Massachusetts)

National Asian Peace Officer's Association: Gangs and Narcotics Class
(San Diego, California; Chicago, Illinois)

Volunteer Instructor, Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department- Advanced Officers Training
Los Angeles, California
2010- Present

Provides training courses to deputy sheriffs in the topics of (1) Search and Seizure,
(2) Miranda Rights, (3) Brady Violations, and (4) Search Warrant School.

Certified Law Clerk, Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office
Los Angeles, California
2015- 2016

As the intern of the District Attorney's Office, assigned to Central Trial-11, under the supervision of Deputy District Attorneys, personally conducted numerous felony jury trials to verdict, preliminary hearings, and evidentiary motions.

Education

Pacific Coast University, School of Law, Juris Doctor
Long Beach, California

California State University, Los Angeles, Bachelor of Science
Los Angeles, California

Languages

Chinese-Mandarin
German

**Military
Service**

United States Marine Corps