

Yiyang Wu



Yiyang Wu is a Partner at Relman Colfax. Her civil rights practice focuses on housing discrimination, lending discrimination, and police accountability.

Yiyang has successfully tried numerous civil rights cases to verdict over the past several years. She played a leading role in *Gilead Community Services v. Town of Cromwell*, a case against a Connecticut municipality that engaged in a discriminatory campaign to close a group home for people with mental health disabilities. In October 2021, a jury found in favor of the plaintiffs and returned a verdict of nearly \$5.2 million in compensatory and punitive damages. In August 2024, the Second Circuit Court of Appeals largely affirmed the jury's verdict.

Yiyang is proud of her representation of fair housing organizations across the country. Yiyang represented twenty-one fair housing organizations in a systemic housing discrimination case against the Federal National Mortgage Association (Fannie Mae). The case culminated in a landmark \$53 million settlement agreement, at least \$35 million of which is being disbursed to local communities to promote homeownership, neighborhood stabilization, access to credit, property rehabilitation, and residential development. She recently successfully achieved a settlement on behalf of the Fair Housing Advocates of Northern California and two individual complainants in an appraisal discrimination matter.

Prior to joining Relman, Yiyang clerked for the Honorable Andre M. Davis in the United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit, and for the Honorable Mary A. McLaughlin in the United States District Court of the Eastern District of Pennsylvania. She graduated *magna cum laude* from the

University of Pennsylvania Law School and *cum laude* from Harvard College. Yiyang is a current adjunct professor at the Howard University School of Law.