

## **Edna Yang**

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Edna Yang has been the General Counsel for the Political Asylum Project of Austin, in Texas since 2006 where she represents immigrant survivors of abuse, immigrant victims of crime, and asylum seekers before the Department of Homeland Security and the Immigration Court. Edna began her work at PAPA in 2002 as the coordinating attorney for the Program Representing Immigrant Survivors of Abuse, providing direct representation to immigrants seeking relief under the immigration provisions of Violence Against Women Act.

Edna conducts training sessions for law enforcement officials and social service providers about how to work with, and provide services to, immigrants in the community. She also organizes outreach and educational sessions for immigrant members of the community.

From 2004 – 2005, Edna served on the Austin Commission for Immigrant Affairs. She is a member in good standing of the State Bar of Texas. She is also a member of the American Immigration Lawyers Association, the National Immigration Project, and the National Lawyer's Guild. She received her B.A. in Russian Language and Literature and Political Science from the University of Michigan, and graduated with a J.D. and a M.A. in International Studies, focusing on Peace and Conflict Resolution from American University in Washington, DC.