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At a Glance

Wendy works with public and private clients on matters involving water law, Sustainable Groundwater Management Act, the Endangered Species Act and more.

Wendy was part of a team of attorneys who secured a trial court judgment in the Antelope Valley groundwater adjudication.

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Profile

Wendy Y. Wang works with public and private clients on matters involving water law, Sustainable Groundwater Management Act, the Endangered Species Act, the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act, the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act, Proposition 218, Air Quality Management District rules and regulations, and public works projects. She also has significant experience in commercial litigation and contract agreements.

Wendy regularly represents water suppliers. She was a part of the successful team that earned a *Daily Journal Top Verdict recognition in 2018* for a jury verdict that favored water agencies in a first-of-its-kind groundwater rights trial. Representing the City of Paso Robles, which was sued along with other public water suppliers by about 600 landowners seeking to claim quiet title to groundwater rights, Wendy and her colleagues successfully convinced a jury that water suppliers had acquired prescriptive groundwater rights to the Paso Robles Groundwater Basin during times of groundwater shortage conditions. That trial is believed to be the first jury trial over groundwater rights in California.

Areas of Focus

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Wendy was also part of the team of attorneys that secured a trial court judgment in the Antelope Valley groundwater adjudication, the largest groundwater rights case ever in California and perhaps in United States history. After 16 years of litigation involving approximately 70,000 landowners, including two separate classes, a judgment was entered determining who has the right to pump water from the Antelope Valley groundwater basin and establishing a long-term sustainable management plan.

Wendy has extensive experience representing clients subject to AQMD rules and regulations, and successfully negotiated settlement agreements between public agencies and AQMD regarding penalties and notices of violation. She appeared before the AQMD hearing board on petitions for abatement proceedings and regularly advises clients on AQMD rules and relevant California Health and Safety Code provisions.

Wendy grew up in Orange County and now lives in Los Angeles. She considers herself an adventurous foodie.

Wendy is fluent in Mandarin. She is admitted to the U.S. Supreme Court and licensed to practice law in the State of California.

Education

- University of California, Los Angeles School of Law, J.D.
- University of California, Los Angeles, B.A.

Honors/Awards

- [Top Verdict, Daily Journal](#), 2018

Authorships

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By Wendy Y. Wang

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Limits on Outdoor Irrigation and New Reporting Requirements Included to Address Ongoing Drought

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State Board Issues Notice of Potential Curtailment of Surface Water Rights Diversions

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