

Grace Huang, Policy Director, Asian Pacific Institute on Gender- Based Violence



Grace Huang, J.D., is the Policy Director at the Asian Pacific Institute on Gender-Based Violence, a national organization providing technical assistance, training, research, and policy advocacy on issues facing victims of gender-based violence in Asian and Pacific Islander communities. For 25 years, Ms. Huang has advocated on behalf of domestic and sexual violence survivors, providing direct legal representation, and in state and federal legislative and regulatory policy arenas. Prior to her position at API-GBV, Ms. Huang led the public policy program at the Washington State Coalition Against Domestic Violence, working to advance the interests of survivors of domestic violence at the state level through her work on statewide domestic violence services legislation, and administrative court policies, including housing and homelessness legislation, unemployment compensation, employment leave, victim-advocate privilege, confidentiality and privacy, and protections for victims in the child welfare, public assistance, criminal law and civil protection order systems. In addition, Ms. Huang served as the editor of the 2016 Washington State Domestic Violence Manual for Judges. Ms. Huang has worked on federal legislative and administrative policies to address the needs of victims, including on immigration, economic security, and the Violence Against Women Act, the Family Violence Services and Prevention Act, and the Victims of Crime Act.

Prior to focusing on public policy issues facing survivors of gender-based violence, Ms. Huang practiced immigration law in private law practice, and prior to that, represented low-income individuals in family law, domestic violence, immigration, and economic support matters in Southwest Washington. Ms. Huang currently serves on the steering committee member of the National Taskforce to End Sexual and Domestic Violence. She serves on the Washington State Women’s Commission, as well as the Washington State Gender and Justice Commission of the Washington Supreme Court. She is a 2015 recipient of an American Bar Association Commission on Domestic and Sexual Violence 20/20 Vision award, the 2013 University of Washington School of Law Distinguished Alumnae Award from the Law Women’s Caucus, and a 2008 inductee of the UW Law School Public Interest Law Association Hall of Fame. She was recognized by the Washington State Bar Family Law Section as “Professional” of the year in 2005, and received the 2000 Cynthia Gillespie Award from the Northwest Women’s Law Center recognizing her work advancing legal rights for women, and in 1999, along with her colleagues received the Northwest Immigrant Rights Project "Golden Door Award" for her advocacy on behalf of immigrant survivors of gender-based violence.