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The Pennsylvania Institutional Law Project welcomes Su Ming Yeh as its new Executive Director

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The Pennsylvania Institutional Law Project (PILP) Board of Directors is pleased to announce that they have selected Su Ming Yeh to serve as the new Executive Director for the organization. Ms. Yeh has been the Interim Executive Director since January 2020, and previously served as the Deputy Director. “After a thorough search, we are thrilled that Su Ming Yeh has accepted the position of Executive Director,” said Board President Michael Carroll, “she is a strong leader and brings a deep commitment to prisoners’ rights and an understanding of the legal challenges faced by incarcerated people.”



The Pennsylvania Institutional Law Project (pailp.org) is the first, and only, civil legal aid organization in the state that focuses on prison issues. PILP has been working on the frontlines, safeguarding prisoners’ rights through legal representation, assistance, advocacy, and resources, for over thirty years.

Since joining the organization in 2006, Ms. Yeh has been an essential member of the Pennsylvania Institutional Law Project. She has litigated dozens of prisoners’ rights cases relating to Pennsylvania’s prisons, jails, and immigration detention centers. One case on behalf of a woman held in the Berks immigration detention center garnered a precedential ruling determining that immigration detainees must be afforded constitutional rights. She also litigated a successful class action lawsuit, which resulted in over 5,000 incarcerated people in Pennsylvania state prisons receiving life-saving Hepatitis C treatment. Additionally, Ms. Yeh successfully argued before both the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit, and the Pennsylvania Supreme Court.

Ms. Yeh earned her law degree from the University of Pennsylvania Law School *cum laude*, where she is currently an adjunct professor, and also was a law clerk for the Honorable Gerard E. Lynch of the U.S. District Court of the Southern District of New York. In addition to her groundbreaking legal work, Su Ming also is a trailblazer as the first Asian American to serve as an executive director within the Pennsylvania Legal Aid Network.

The PILP Board is proud to have Ms. Yeh leading the organization as we move forward, safeguarding human rights through specialized, free legal representation, assistance, advocacy and resources to the over 14,000 people incarcerated in Pennsylvania who contact us each year.