

SHANLON WU BIOGRAPHY

Shanlon “Shan” Wu is a former federal prosecutor whose practice focuses on white-collar criminal defense, criminal defense, false claims/qui tam litigation, and college/university student defense matters. He is a partner in the Washington, D.C. office of McGlinchey Stafford.

From 1999-2000, Shan served as Counsel to Attorney General Janet Reno, advising her on criminal and civil investigations, E-Gov, E-Commerce (electronic signatures, internet gambling, internet telephony, privacy & public access issues in electronic court filings), congressional oversight, and legislative review. His responsibilities included serving as liaison to the FBI, DEA, Criminal Division, Executive Office of United States Attorneys, National Institute of Justice, and White House Counsel’s Office. A consummate litigator, Shan has tried over twenty-five cases to jury verdict, argued appellate cases in both local and federal court, led large-scale criminal investigations, litigated complex commercial cases, and counseled clients at all stages of criminal and civil investigations.

While in the government, Shan investigated and tried hundreds of criminal cases, served as a supervisor in the U. S. Attorney's Office Misdemeanor Trials Section, led a Police Corruption Task Force, and served as senior supervisor on an Independent Counsel investigation regarding a Cabinet official. As a federal prosecutor, he pioneered the use of expert testimony in domestic violence cases and, along with co-counsel, secured the first life-without-parole sentence for a serial rapist ever imposed in the District of Columbia. His outstanding legal work in the government was recognized through numerous Special Achievement Awards from the Justice Department as well as awards conveyed by law enforcement agencies and community groups.

Shan has served on the D.C. Bar Association’s Hearing Committee of the Board on Professional Responsibility and is a past president of the Asian Pacific American Bar Association for the Greater Washington, D.C. area. He is a 1988 graduate of Georgetown University Law Center, where he graduated Order of the Barristers, edited two law reviews, co-directed of the Moot Court Program and won both the first-year and upper-class appellate advocacy competitions. He holds a B.A. in English Literature from Vassar College as well as a Masters Degree in Creative Writing from Sarah Lawrence College. Following law school, he clerked for the Hon. Jerry Buchmeyer, U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Texas, and the Eugene Wright, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit. He is admitted to practice law in the District of Columbia and Connecticut.