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Services

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Industries

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Medical & Surgical Devices

Yang Cao focuses her practice on patent prosecution and counseling in the fields of chemistry and life sciences.

While attending Wake Forest University School of Law, Yang worked with the firm as a summer associate in 2020 and 2021. She was a member of the Editorial Staff for the *Wake Forest Law Review*. As a part of the Academic Engagement Program (AEP), Yang led a group of law students to review course materials. She also served as a COVID-19 Consultant where Yang supported and educated the student community by providing public health resources and healthy behavior models related to COVID-19 within peer groups and organizations.

Prior to attending law school, Yang was Math Department Chair at The Affiliated High School of Peking University in Beijing, China where she was an AP teacher of Calculus, Statistics, and Discrete Mathematics as electives and developed new curriculums suitable for the students. Previously, Yang taught AP Calculus, Statistics, and SAT Subject Test (Math 2) and supervised 24 students at Beijing No. 2 Middle School in Beijing, China.

While attending Aalto University, Yang was a research assistant for using a Magnetic Resonance Imaging technique to diagnose seasonal depression and provide a reasonable interpretation of the cause of seasonal depression.

In 2025, Yang was named to the Capital Pro Bono Honor Roll, which recognizes the contributions of those D.C. Bar members who donated 50 hours or more of pro bono service during the previous calendar year.

Yang's native language is Mandarin Chinese.

Education

Wake Forest University School of Law J.D. (2022) *magna cum laude*, *Order of the Coif*, *Merit Scholarship Recipient*, *Dean Suzanne Reynolds Award*

Aalto University, Helsinki, Finland Master of Science (Technology) (2012) with a focus in Bioinformatics

Beijing Normal University, Beijing, China Bachelor of Science (2010) Mathematics and Applied Mathematics

Admissions

District of Columbia (2022)

Court Admissions

U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, Limited Recognition rights

Professional & Community Activities

LexisNexis Certification Part 2: Practice-Ready Certification

Yilong De Facto Orphan Summer Camp, Volunteer (2016)

Migrant Worker Children's School, Volunteer Teacher (2013-2016)

The Games of the XXIX Olympiad, Volunteer (2008)

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