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Overview

Yumehiko “Yume” Hoshijima represents governments to secure just outcomes for the public. He is a versatile litigator who works on every stage of litigation and across the firm’s climate, natural resources, and water dockets.

For example, Yume represents California in a major federal cost-recovery suit involving contamination from a former secondary lead smelting facility near downtown Los Angeles. He has represented the state across multiple bench trials, authored the state’s summary judgment and trial briefs, examined experts and corporate representatives, and contributed to litigation strategy.

Yume clerked for Judge Scott M. Matheson, Jr., of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit and Judge John A. Kronstadt of the U.S. District Court for the Central District of California. Yume graduated from Yale Law School, where he was an Articles & Essays Editor of the Yale Law Journal and an inaugural John Kerry Fellow. An immigrant who grew up in San Diego, he is fluent in Japanese, his first language.

Representative Matters

- *Cal. Dep’t of Toxic Substances Control v. NL Indus., Inc.*, No. 2:20-cv-11293 (C.D. Cal.)
- *City of Chicago v. BP P.L.C.*, No. 2024CH01024 (Ill. Cir. Ct.)
- *Massachusetts v. Exxon Mobil Corp.*, No. 1984CV03333 (Mass. Super.)
- *In re Monsanto PCB Cases*, Judicial Council Coordinated Proceeding (JCCP) No. 5364 (Cal. Super. Ct.)
- *Rio Linda/Elverta Community Water Dist. v. United States*, No. 2:17-cv-01349 (E.D. Cal.)
- *Sacramento Suburban Water Dist. v. Elementis Chromium, Inc.*, No. 2:17-cv-01353 (E.D. Cal.)

Education

- Yale Law School, J.D.
- Yale School of the Environment, M.E.M.
- Yale College, B.A.

Admissions

- California
- U.S. Courts of Appeals for the Seventh, Ninth, and Tenth Circuits
- U.S. District Courts for the Central, Eastern, and Northern Districts of California
- U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of New York