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Yangyidi Ye is a dual-licensed attorney in Minnesota and Iowa, USA. She has been recognized by *Super Lawyers* as a top-rated international attorney in Des Moines, Iowa, and was consecutively selected by *Super Lawyers* as a “Rising Star” from 2021 to 2025. She earned a Master of Laws in Taxation from Georgetown University, graduating with honors.

Personal Introduction

Attorney Yangyidi Ye is a senior partner at Causey & Ye Law, P.L.L.C., dedicated to bridging the gap between international and U.S. business communities. With a deep understanding of domestic and international legal environments, she provides reliable advisory services to companies navigating complex regulatory frameworks.

Academically, Attorney Ye is a distinguished graduate of Georgetown University’s Master of Tax Law program, receiving honors and awards for her outstanding academic achievements. During her time at Georgetown, she gained valuable experience through an internship at the Office of the Chief Financial Officer (OCFO) in Washington, D.C., providing litigation support for key issues such as Qualified High Technology Company (QHTC) eligibility, property tax assessments, and state tax credit calculations.

Her two consecutive terms as an intern at the U.S. Department of Treasury’s Office of International Tax Counsel further deepened her legal expertise. During this time, she participated in projects involving U.S. trade and business tax obligations of foreign entities, characterization of digital content and cloud computing, Foreign Investment in Real Property Tax Act (FIRPTA), OECD’s opinions on bilateral trade and investment tax provisions, and taxation of foreign trusts and gifts.

Attorney Ye has extensive experience working with startups and established companies across various industries, including hospitality, retail, manufacturing, information technology, and commercial real estate. Her practice areas include immigration law, international corporate law, mergers and acquisitions, foreign direct investment, and tax policy. She is committed to guiding clients through federal, state, and local regulatory complexities to ensure compliance and effective communication with regulatory authorities.

In addition, she is dedicated to helping clients achieve local and international tax compliance, offering professional guidance on civil and criminal tax matters, resolving disputes, managing audits, and protecting client interests.

Specialties:

- International Business
- Transnational Taxation (Civil and Business Types)
- Fraud and Asset Recovery
- Commercial Litigation, White-Collar Crime
- Immigration Law and Other International Affairs

Memberships:

- Iowa Taxpayer Association – Board Member
- Iowa State Bar Association
- International Law Committee
- Tax Committee
- Minnesota State Bar Association
- West Des Moines Sister Cities Commission – Vice Chair
- American Immigration Lawyers Association – Minnesota and Iowa Chapters
- Diversity and Inclusion Committee (Minnesota Chapter)

Achievements and Highlights

Nominated for *Forty Under 40*

Most Popular International Lawyer (Des Moines, Iowa)

Selected as a “Rising Star” by Super Lawyers (2021–2025)

Iowa Governor’s Volunteer Award

Chinese Community Business Achievement Award (Iowa)

U.S.-China Business Leadership Award issued by the Iowa Secretary of State

International Community Leadership Award jointly presented by the U.S. Ambassador to China and the Governor of Iowa

Represented Iowa at the Global Overseas Chinese Leadership Conference

- Successfully assisted individual and corporate clients in EB-1 applications, H1-B visas, and PERM labor certifications. Also helped professors, doctors, scientists, and scholars obtain EB-2 National Interest Waivers (NIW), providing professional legal guidance throughout the immigration process.
- Assisted a U.S.-based company focused on real estate development and investment management in applying for EB-5 visas.
- Provided comprehensive business consulting services to a gas station management company and assisted senior executives with work visas.
- Assisted Chinese enterprises with the establishment, acquisition, overseas personnel assignments, equity disputes, and tax compliance of U.S. factories.
- Provided corporate structuring and tax planning for a Chinese real estate investment company in the U.S., collaborating with PwC to evaluate over twenty commercial real estate properties.
- Assisted Iowa government departments on a research project focused on employment policies for U.S. citizens working in China and related U.S. tax laws.
- Co-counseled with the firm’s chief attorney, Jon, representing four severely injured clients in a car accident case in Yellowstone National Park. They quickly formed a cross-state legal team, conducted extensive case follow-up, collected and presented international medical evidence, and negotiated with the opposing insurance company, eventually securing the clients the maximum insurance compensation.
- Represented Chinese investors in acquiring a hotel worth \$18 million in downtown Des Moines, Iowa.
- Represented Chinese investors in a \$3 million U.S. securities acquisition.
- Served as legal counsel for minority-owned businesses, including auto dealerships, hotels, and medical software companies.
- Co-counseled with Jon on an EB-5 investment immigration fraud case, successfully appealing and securing \$140,000 in compensatory damages and \$400,000 in punitive damages for the client.
- Collaborated with other attorneys to represent a Chinese corporate client, winning a lawsuit against an Iowa steel company with a \$460,000 immediate court judgment.
- Co-counseled with Jon in a civil case in Polk County involving misrepresentation and contract disputes, securing a \$180,000 settlement for the client.
- Co-counseled with Jon in multiple federal felony cases involving credit card fraud.
- Co-counseled with Jon in multiple human trafficking cases.