

Her legal superpower? Turning uncertainty into opportunity

What ignites my professional passion is the ability to bring clarity, hope, and direction to people when they feel overwhelmed, vulnerable, or unheard. Ironically, I did not enter the legal profession out of a natural attraction to conflict. I once believed the opposite—that I was not suited to be a lawyer. I disliked confrontation, avoided conflict, and could not imagine spending my life arguing with others. Even pursuing law was not entirely my own decision; my father encouraged me to choose a more practical path rather than art school. For a long time, I questioned whether this profession truly belonged to me.

Through years of self-doubt and growth, however, I came to understand that the law is not fundamentally about conflict. At its best, it is about protection, problem-solving, advocacy, and service, standing beside people in moments of uncertainty and helping them move forward. This realization took shape through the people I serve. A father once held my hand in gratitude after his son's case was approved and told me he wished his country had lawyers like me. Clients have called me late at night in tears, overwhelmed by uncertainty, and found reassurance when I could offer a clear plan. I have also spent countless hours analyzing legal strategies to help companies overcome obstacles and grow from small teams into thriving enterprises. These experiences have shown me that legal work is never just about paperwork; it is about people, families, dreams, and futures.

My passion is also fueled by community leadership. Through years of volunteer service, I helped build the Cleveland Chinese Chamber from a little-known organization into an active and trusted platform. We strengthened connections, organized events, and created a space where people felt supported. When discriminatory legislation targeted the Chinese community, I used my legal training to advocate alongside others, helping our community respond with unity and purpose. The law has changed me. It has made me stronger, more courageous, and more willing to face difficult challenges. It has given me not only a profession, but the ability to create meaningful impact. We may not hold a surgeon's scalpel or a police officer's shield, but lawyers also save lives in quieter ways, by confronting the harms that do not bleed, but still deeply wound. What ignites my passion is the opportunity to bring light in moments of uncertainty and help others find their way forward.



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Company Name: Porter Wright Morris & Arthur LLP

Industry: Legal

Company CEO: Robert Tannous

Company Headquarters Location: Columbus, OH

Number of Employees: 350

Your Location: Cleveland, OH

Words you live by: Flow like water in character; stand like a mountain in resolve.

Who is your personal hero? Yongze He (my dad). From him, I learned many of life's most important values—resilience, courage, integrity, reliability, kindness, and a deep sense of care for others. More importantly, it was through the selfless sacrifices made by both my parents that I was given the opportunity to see a bigger world, to experience its diversity, and to explore it freely. Their support allowed me to pursue what I believe in, develop my own path, and, ultimately, to use my abilities to help others.

What book are you reading? *The American Story* by Bi Lan

What was your first job? Judicial clerk at Beijing Xuanwu District Court

Favorite charity: Cleveland Council on World Affairs, Greater Cleveland Chinese Chamber of Commerce

Interests/Hobbies: Playing basketball and painting

Family: I live in Solon, Ohio, with my husband, Dr. Yuxin Wang, and our two sons, ages 12 and 9, who keep our home full of energy.