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Christine Chuang

Chuang is leading settlement negotiations with Alameda County on behalf of blind voters. She represents California Council for the Blind, which alleged that during the 2012 U.S. General Election blind voters in Alameda County were denied the right to vote anonymously and independently. In its motion to dismiss, Alameda County argued blind voters were not entitled to vote anonymously and independently, relying on case law from other jurisdictions. "We argued that technology had advanced so much that [acceptable voting machines] were in place and widely available, and it was feasible for blind voters to vote privately." Acceptable voting machines allow blind voters to vote using a headset.

Chuang is now "trying to work out the revised policies and procedures to make sure [the acceptable voting machines] will be working and for the county to ensure the accessible voting machines are working on election day so blind voters can vote." *California Council of the Blind et al v. County of Alameda*, CV13-03343 (N.D. Cal., filed July 17, 2013).

She also represented Brooklyn Center for Independence of the Disabled in a class action brought on behalf of disabled New Yorkers. At issue was New York City's failure to incorporate the needs of people with disabilities in disaster plans. Chuang led the remedy phase of the trial, after the City was held liable. She also participated in the settlement negotiations. "We knew that a real life disaster could hit at any moment and we were scrambling to try to fix these deficiencies in emergency planning." Following nine months of settlement negotiations, the court approved a settlement in March 2014.

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