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Janet Chung is Advocacy Director at Columbia Legal Services (CLS), a nonprofit civil legal aid program that advocates for laws that advance social, economic, and racial equity for people living in poverty in Washington State. Using a systemic approach, CLS supports communities and movements through impact litigation and policy advocacy. In particular, CLS has long advocated for and with communities who often lack access to traditional legal services, including immigrants and people who are incarcerated. Ms. Chung oversees and coordinates the advocacy program across CLS's five offices. Prior to joining CLS, Ms. Chung was Legal and Legislative Counsel at Legal Voice for 10 years. Her legislative advocacy resulted in expanded insurance for reproductive health needs, and expansion of worker rights, including equal pay, protections for pregnant worker rights, paid sick and safe leave, and paid family and medical leave. In addition, Ms. Chung's litigation experience includes numerous amicus briefs and successful litigation involving gender stereotyping, employment discrimination, health care, and sexual violence. Ms. Chung also practiced employment law in private law firms, taught legal writing at Seattle University School of Law, and served as a law clerk to a federal district court judge. She is a summa cum laude graduate of Yale University and Columbia University School of Law.