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## ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

**University of Wisconsin Law School**, Madison, WI 2024-Present  
*Assistant Clinical Professor*  
Criminal Defense & Youth Advocacy Clinic, Director  
Courses: Criminal Defense & Youth Advocacy Clinic  
Wisconsin Innocence Project  
Introduction to Criminal Procedure

*Clinical Fellow* 2023-2024  
Courses: Legal Assistance to Incarcerated People: Second Look Clinic

## EDUCATION

**New York University School of Law**, J.D. 2018  
Graduated *Magna Cum Laude*

Honors: ***Root-Tilden-Kern Scholarship*** (nation's premiere full-tuition public interest scholarship)  
***Filomen M. D'Agostino Scholarship in Civil Rights, Civil Liberties, and Criminal Justice***  
***Order of the Coif*** (membership awarded to J.D. students who graduate in the top 10%)  
***Florence Allen Scholar*** (awarded to the top 10% of students after four semesters)

Activities: Juvenile Defender Clinic  
Immigrant Rights Clinic  
N.Y.U. Review of Law & Social Change  
Teaching Assistant, Prof. Adam B. Cox, Legislation and the Regulatory State  
Suspension Representation Project  
Washington Square Legal Services Bail Fund  
Solitary Confinement Project

**McGill University**, B.A. in Honors Sociology 2010  
Graduated with First Class Honors

## PUBLICATIONS

*Disability and Prison Release*, 76 DUKE L. J. \_\_\_\_ (forthcoming)

## SELECT PRESENTATIONS, TRAININGS AND MEDIA

*Disability and Prison Release* (forthcoming publication)

- AALS Conference on Clinical Legal Education Scholarly Works in Progress, 2025
- Decarceration Law Professor Works in Progress Workshop, 2025
- Midwest Clinical Writing Workshop, 2025
- NYU Clinical Law Review Writers' Workshop, 2025

*Uncomfortable Collaborations: Teaching Students to Navigate Typically Adversarial Relationships in Cooperative Settings*

- AALS Midwest Clinical Conference, 2024
- Innocence Network Conference, 2025
- AALS Conference on Clinical Legal Education, 2025

*Schoolhouse Interrogations in Wisconsin: State v. K.R.C. Amici Panel* (panelist), University of Wisconsin, November 2025

*JLWOP and Excessive Sentencing in Wisconsin* (panelist), University of Wisconsin, October 2025

*Criminal Defense & Juvenile Sentencing*, University of Wisconsin Law School Dean's Summit, October 2025

*Juvenile Justice in America* (guest lecture), Law in Action LS444, University of Wisconsin, June 2025

"How attack ads in elections for judges can affect sentencing," PBS Wisconsin, March 6, 2025

"Judge reaffirms protections for youth in state's juvenile prison," Milwaukee Neighborhood News Service, October 7, 2024

*Trauma-Informed Investigation in Post-Conviction Representation*, Women's Prison Project, Tulane Law School, 2020

*Best Practices in Criminal Investigation: Lessons from Capital and JLWOP Representation*

- Louisiana Public Defender Board Defender Training Institute, 2015
- Missouri Statewide Public Defender Training, 2015
- Louisiana Public Defender Board Defender Training Institute, 2014

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Law School Committees and Service

- Member, Outcomes & Assessments Committee (2024-present)
- Member, Clerkship Committee (2024-2025)
- Member, Wisconsin Innocence Project Grant Hiring Committee (2024-2025)
- Member, Academic Planning Committee for 2024 Midwest Clinical Conference (2024)
- Student Group Advisor, Fair Sentencing Project (2024-present)

Other Professional Service

- Discussant, Midwest Clinical Writing Workshop (2025)
- Co-Author (along with Juvenile Law Center), Amicus Curiae Brief of Wisconsin and National Criminal Defense and Youth Advocacy Organization, Attorneys and Academics, *State v. K.R.C.*, Wisconsin Supreme Court (2025)

PAST LEGAL EXPERIENCE

**Bronx Defenders**

2018-2023

***Criminal Defense Attorney***

Represented Bronx community members facing criminal prosecution in all stages of litigation. Worked holistically across practices to develop litigation strategies centered on client needs and priorities. Engaged in written advocacy to advance mitigation and pre-trial litigation. Worked with young adults participating in pretrial

diversionary programs. Represented a client on direct appeal, including submission of written briefs and oral arguments in front of the Appellate Term, First Department.

**Bronx Defenders: Criminal Defense Practice, Bronx, NY**

2017

***Legal Intern***

Assisted attorneys representing Bronx community members charged with crimes by conducting fact investigation, client interviews, and drafting legal memoranda and pre-trial motions. Worked across practice areas to meet client needs.

**Equal Justice Under Law, Washington D.C.**

2016

***Legal Intern***

Collaborated on civil rights litigation addressing the unconstitutionality of practices within the criminal legal system that disproportionately harm poor defendants, including mandatory expungement fees and sex offender registration fees. Collected empirical research about the impact of pre-trial detention.

**Orleans Public Defenders Office, New Orleans, LA**

***Capital Investigator***

2013-2015

Collaborated with a team to launch the Orleans Public Defenders Capital Division. Worked with national organizations and experts to develop protocols for capital representation emphasizing a team-based, client-centered approach. Independently designed and executed fact and mitigation investigation plans. Developed close relationships with clients, clients' families and witnesses. Attended state and nation-wide trainings on investigation, forensics, sentencing advocacy, and client care. Worked closely with mitigation mentors to develop expertise in mental health and trauma-informed client representation. Assisted in the selection, preparation and presentation of lay and expert witnesses for consultation and trial. Incorporated capital defense practices into JLWOP representation and assisted with sentencing hearings for juvenile clients after *Miller v. Alabama*. Trained investigators and attorneys on best practices for JLWOP representation.

***Staff Investigator***

2012-2013

Managed a caseload of up to 80 cases. Interviewed witnesses, collected and reviewed records, investigated crime scenes and testified in court. Worked with attorneys to design investigation plans.

**BAR ADMISSIONS**

Wisconsin (2023)

New York (2019)