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EDUCATION

- 2023 Certificate: Leading with Power and Influence *Yale University School of Management*
- 2010 Juris Doctor *American University Washington College of Law* 2007 – 2010
- 2002 Bachelor of Arts in Government and International Relations and in English
Clark University 2003 – 2007

BAR ADMISSIONS

- 2010 State of Maryland
- 2017 District of Columbia

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- 2024 - *Clinical Teaching Fellow, University of Baltimore School of Law Community Development Clinic, Baltimore, MD*
- Co-teach seminar component of six-credit transactional clinic
 - Recruit clients, manage intake, provide direct representation as needed
 - Supervise students serving as first chair attorneys for live client matters
 - (Re)design lesson plans and materials
 - Develop and maintain relationships on behalf of CDC with law firms, legal services organizations, and government offices
 - Researched and deepened rounds pedagogy for transactional setting
 - Participated in search committee
 - Presented research to Mid-Atlantic Clinical Writers Workshop and NYU Clinical Law Review Workshop
- 2022-2024 *Senior Policy Counsel, Council for Court Excellence, Washington, DC*
- Designed and led trainings on legal research, budget processes, and advocacy planning for new lawyers and other colleagues
- 2016-2017 *Associate Attorney, Goldblatt Martin Pozen LLP, Washington, DC*
- Taught seminars on business and employment law for small businesses
- 2011-2014 *Director of Policy, Coalition for Nonprofit Housing and Economic Development Washington, DC*
- Lectured annually to Howard University community development students
 - Led monthly lunch-and-learn trainings for about one hundred community development professionals
- 2008-2009 *Fellow, Marshall-Brennan Constitutional Literacy Project, Washington, DC*
- Taught law and advocacy class to high school students and juvenile detention residents, responsible for lesson planning, grading, and classroom management

WORKS IN PROGRESS

- Article, “Helper Organizations are Choosing Hybrid Structures: Do They Need a Hand, Too?” anticipated publication 2026.
- Proposed AALS 2026 Clinical Conference Session, rebuilding communities after Urban Renewal, partners to be confirmed

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Choice of Entity Formation for Mission-oriented Organizations, Clinical Pedagogy, Community Development, Voting Rights

TEACHING INTERESTS

I am eager to continue in clinical legal education, in community development or in another area that coincides with my practice experience. I am also interested in teaching non-clinical courses such as Business Associations, Contracts, Real Estate, or Not-for-Profit Organizations.

PRACTICE EXPERIENCE

2022-2024 *Senior Policy Counsel, Council for Court Excellence, Washington, DC*

- Established relationships with DC Courts, DC government, law firms, and legal nonprofits to transition policy portfolio from focus on court process to focus on the needs of disadvantaged populations
- Recruited and supervised fellows, interns, and pro bono teams across civil, criminal, and youth justice areas
- Drafted, negotiated, and implemented contracts, human resources policies, other in-house guidance
- Analyzed municipal budgets, formed policy proposals, drafted legislation, and advocated to improve justice system and justice access
- Designed and implemented research, convenings, publications, and testimony to support advocacy portfolio
- Recruited and managed diverse plaintiffs for, and drafted portions of, federal voting rights suit

2017-2022 *Counsel, DC Appleseed Center for Law and Justice, Washington, DC*

- Provided legal, policy, and organizational leadership for “think-and-do tank” with in-house and pro bono teams
- Led formalized racial equity strategy
- Provided contracting, employment, human resources, other in-house legal guidance
- Directed fellowship and internship programs
- Provided policy and budget expertise for coalitions and partners, including trainings and ongoing advice
- Recruited and managed pro bono teams for federal and local public policy and legislative advocacy, including large research reports

- 2016-2017 *Associate Attorney, Goldblatt Martin Pozen LLP, Washington, DC*
- Represented clients in administrative hearings, government lobbying, contracts, and DC and Maryland civil matters
 - Analyzed issues of first impression re: the sharing economy, government contracts, new technologies
 - Trained residents to advocate before the Council of the District of Columbia
 - Created strategies for corporations entering or expanding in the DC market
- 2015-2016 *Legislative Director, Council of the District of Columbia, Washington, DC*
- Established and managed legislative operations for Office of Ward One Councilmember Brianne K. Nadeau
 - Guided oversight of and proposed changes to DC government agency operations
 - Implemented and managed DC budget analysis and budget input process for the office
 - Represented member in high-level meetings, committees, task forces, public appearances
 - Recruited and supervised research and legislative assistants
- 2011-2014 *Director of Policy, Coalition for Nonprofit Housing and Economic Development Washington, DC*
- Led policy development, board management, and strategic planning for coalition of over 140 member organizations
 - Implemented “Continuum of Housing” approach to unify nonprofit developers and other stakeholders in advocating for increased resources for all types of affordable housing, housing-based services, and homeless services via internal discussion and multi-year messaging
 - Developed, recommended, and implemented policy, advocacy, municipal budget positions
 - Analyzed local and federal legislation, regulations, best practices, budgets
- 2010 *JD Distinguished Fellow, Manna, Inc., Washington, DC*
- Led projects including creating a new entity for use of New Markets Tax Credits, drafting a condominium recordation manual, analyzing DC’s Green Building law
 - Prepared grant applications and real estate pro formas
- 2009-2010 *Student Attorney, American University Washington College of Law Community and Economic Development Law Clinic, Washington, DC*

CURRENT BOARD POSITIONS

- Mi Casa, Inc. Board Secretary