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**EDUCATION**

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**Georgetown University Law Center, Washington, DC**

*J.D.*

May 2013

Honors: Cum Laude, Dean's List (2011-2012; 2012-2013), Global Teaching Fellow  
Activities: Criminal Defense and Prisoner Advocacy Clinic; Georgetown Law Home Court  
DC – *Treasurer*; Georgetown Returned Peace Corps Volunteers – *Treasurer*;  
Resident Fellow; GEORGETOWN JOURNAL OF LEGAL ETHICS – *Editor*

**Stanford University, Stanford, CA**

*B.A. in International Relations (Focus: Economics)*

May 2007

Study Abroad: Tel Aviv University, Tel Aviv, Israel

Fall 2006

Activities: Stanford University Varsity Women's Tennis – *Team Manager*

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**RELEVANT EXPERIENCE**

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**Guilford County Public Defender District 18, Greensboro, NC**

*Public Defender*

2018 - Present

Handle a caseload in excess of 300 misdemeanor, juvenile, and felony matters, representing clients in the District and Superior Court of Guilford County. Zealously advocate for clients in bond hearings, district court trials, juvenile adjudicatory hearings, appeals, and probation violation hearings. Attended numerous training sessions at UNC School of Government.

**The Legal Aid Society, New York, NY**

*Public Defender*

2013 - 2018

Handled a caseload of 80-100 misdemeanor and felony clients representing them in both the Criminal and Supreme Courts of New York County. Managed cases through all phases of the judicial process from initial interviews with clients and witnesses, arraignments, plea negotiations, preliminary hearings, pre-trial proceedings, through trials and sentencing. Led numerous training sessions regarding case strategy and management for newly hired attorneys.

**American Civil Liberties Union, New York, NY**

*Legal Intern, Women's Rights Project*

Summer 2012

Wrote a strategy memo challenging a United States military policy prohibiting women from serving in combat positions; worked on a brief for a gene patenting case in the Federal Circuit Court; helped write an essay honoring Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg.

**Timap for Justice, Sierra Leone**

*International Legal Intern*

Summer 2011

Trained Sierra Leonean paralegals in law; advocated human rights concerns for impoverished villagers; conducted mediation between members of the community and soldiers; negotiated the resolution of a dispute between villagers and Liberian refugee camp members.

**The Paideia School, Atlanta, GA**

*Teacher / Orchestra Coach / Ultimate Frisbee Coach*

2010

Taught math and literature; coordinated Violin sections; managed Varsity Ultimate Frisbee teams.

**United States Peace Corps, Lesotho, Southern Africa**

*Teacher Trainer; HIV/AIDS Educator*

2007 – 2009

Trained primary school teachers in teaching methodology; taught math and science to high school students; led a young men's group about the positive community role that can be performed by a responsible man; conducted HIV/AIDS education and outreach.

**Basic Language Skills:** Hebrew, Spanish, Sesotho