

SHANÉE BROWN

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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

University of Georgia School of Law, Athens, GA; January 2024 – Present
Research Scholar & Visiting Assistant Professor of Law

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Columbia Law School, New York, NY; February 2023, February & October 2021

Guest Lecturer – Race, Class, Power & Privilege in the Child Welfare System, February, October 2021
Discussed the history of the child welfare system in the context of racial oppression. Explained the system's impact and its interconnection with race, class, power, and privilege. Explored issues of surveillance and control of underserved communities within the child welfare system.

Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law, New York, NY; March 2019

Guest Lecturer – Policing of Black Women

Explored issues of race, poverty, and gender within the child welfare system. Discussed the system's threats to reproductive justice and family autonomy.

Touro University Jacob D. Fuchsberg Law Center, Central Islip, NY; August 2013 – May 2014

Teaching Assistant

Developed and implemented a comprehensive plan to assist first-year law students with exam preparation.

TEACHING AND RESEARCH INTERESTS

Criminal Law & Procedure; Evidence; Constitutional Law; Professional Responsibility; Family Law; Children & the Law; Race & the Law; Intellectual Property Law

PUBLICATIONS

"We Can't Breathe." Like George Floyd, Black Families in New York City Have a Knee on Their Necks, 27 PUBLIC INTEREST LAW REPORTER 1 (2021)

Impunity for the Incurable Psychopath?: Neurobiological Abnormalities Do Not Exempt Psychopaths from Criminal Responsibility, 7 CHARLOTTE LAW REVIEW 239 (2016)

PROFESSIONAL LEGAL EXPERIENCE

The Bronx Defenders, Bronx, NY; September 2017 – December 2023

Staff Attorney – Family Defense Practice

Represented indigent parents in abuse and neglect proceedings in Bronx Family Court. Collaborated with advocates from various practice areas. Managed a high-volume caseload. Conducted trials and hearings. Drafted and argued motions for clients seeking various forms of relief. Drafted appellate briefs and made oral arguments. Supervised and mentored interns from Columbia Law, Cardozo Law, and UVA Law. Trained incoming staff on topics concerning family defense. Created the Ethics Work Group tailored for discussing and addressing issues that arise for staff members in the family defense practice.

Safe Passage Project, New York, NY; May 2017 – August 2017

Justice AmeriCorps Attorney – Short-Term Fellowship

Represented immigrant children in Family Court, Immigration Court, and U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services. Interviewed clients and collateral contacts. Drafted motions and prepared petitions for clients seeking various forms of immigration relief. Filed employment authorization applications.

The Children's Law Center, Queens, NY; January 2016 – August 2016

Pro Bono Trial Attorney

Represented juveniles in Family Court and Integrated Domestic Violence Court. Conducted hearings. Interviewed clients and collateral contacts. Researched relevant case law. Drafted motions for clients seeking Special Immigrant Juvenile Status.

FamilyKind, New York, NY; October 2015 – June 2016

Intern

Researched potential funding opportunities and wrote grant proposals.

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

The Bronx Defenders, Bronx, NY; October 2021

Faculty – Introduction to Sexual and Physical Abuse (CLE)

The Bronx Defenders, Bronx, NY; October 2019

Faculty – Mental Illness and Article Ten Proceedings (CLE)

Hunter College, New York, NY; November 2018

Panelist – Child Welfare, Introduction to Social Work (Course)

OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Dr. Barbara Osborne, University of Massachusetts Amherst, Amherst, MA; August 2009 – May 2010

Research Assistant

Assisted in T cell function research. Inoculated cell cultures, conducted western blots, and isolated murine splenocytes.

EDUCATION

Touro University Jacob D. Fuchsberg Law Center, Central Islip, NY

Juris Doctor

Honors: Honors Program Scholar

Activities: Philip C. Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition; Black Law Students Association

Sarah Lawrence College, Bronxville, NY

Bachelor of Arts in Liberal Arts

Awards: Outstanding Achievement in General Chemistry from the American Chemical Society

Activities: Common Ground Chapter; Harambe Student Association; Varsity Tennis Team

Presentations: “The Physics of Movie Stunts” poster – selected by faculty as one of the best posters presented

BAR ADMISSION New York; United States Patent and Trademark Office

MEMBERSHIPS Metropolitan Black Bar Association; New York City Bar Association

LANGUAGES Conversant in French