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EDUCATION**New York University School of Law, J.D., 2014**

Honors: Dean's Merit Scholarship (partial tuition three-year scholarship)
 NAACP LDF Earl Warren Scholar (partial scholarship for commitment to racial justice)
 Arthur Garfield Hays Civil Liberties Fellow
 International Law and Human Rights Fellow

Activities: *NYU Review of Law and Social Change*, Staff Editor and Alumni Coordinator
 Black Allied Law Students Association, Symposium Chair
 Education Law and Policy Society, Events Chair
 Suspension Representation Project, 3L Advisor and Case Manager
 Women of Color Collective, Vice Chair

Fordham University, Graduate School of Education, M.S.T. in Secondary Social Studies Education, 2008

Activities: New York City Teaching Fellow

New York University, B.A. in History (with Honors), *magna cum laude*, 2006

Thesis: "Invisibility and Blackness: The Rise and Fall of the Black Panther Party"

Honors: College of Arts and Science Presidential Honors Scholar (full tuition four-year scholarship)
 Public Policy and International Affairs (PPIA) Fellow, University of Michigan

Activities: African Heritage Month Coordinating Committee, Junior Co-Chair
 Earth Matters, Chair of Academic Presentations
 NYU Office of Residential Education, Resident Assistant
 NYU Office of Undergraduate Admissions, Ambassador and Supervisor

TEACHING AND RESEARCH INTERESTS

Clinical Teaching and Pedagogy, Deportation and Detention, Immigrant Rights, Immigration and Criminal Justice, Racial Justice

EXPERIENCE**New York University School of Law, Immigrant Rights Clinic**

Jul. 2017 - Present

Toni Rembe and Arthur Rock Immigrant Defense Fellow

Co-teach and supervise students who represent immigrants facing deportation and support campaigns advocating for immigrants' rights at the local, state and national levels. Plan and facilitate bi-weekly seminars for clinical law students on immigration law and immigrant rights issues, with particular emphasis on the intersection between the criminal legal and immigration systems. Litigate immigrant rights issues before the Immigration Court, Board of Immigration Appeals, federal district courts, and federal appellate courts.

Cleary Gottlieb Steen & Hamilton, LLP, New York, New York

Sept. 2016 - Jul. 2017

Associate

Conducted due diligence and drafted ancillary documents for mergers and acquisitions in the Latin American market. Drafted and prepared regulatory filings for Latin American entities. Represented pro bono clients on immigration-related matters, including deportation defense and motions for vacatur of prostitution-related convictions.

Brooklyn Defender Services

Sept. 2014 - Sept. 2016

Immigrant Justice Corps Fellow and Staff Attorney

Advised clients and attorneys about the immigration consequences of contact with the criminal legal and family court systems. Negotiated with assistant district attorneys to prevent or mitigate enmeshed immigration consequences of contact with criminal legal system. Screened clients for immigration relief and provided representation on affirmative applications before immigration agencies and deportation defense before the Immigration Court, Board of Immigration Appeals and federal district courts. Provided training for BDS attorneys from all practice areas on the intersection of criminal and immigration law, New York City local laws affecting immigrants, and case law development.

Atlas: DIY, Brooklyn, New York

Jan. 2014 - June 2014

Legal Intern

Assisted clients on affirmative applications for U-visas and Special Immigrant Juvenile Status. Collaborated with youth service providers to assist young people with benefits application. Facilitated College Club for young people, with an emphasis on researching scholarships and services available to undocumented students.

New York Civil Liberties Union

Sept. 2013 - Jan. 2014

Advocacy Intern

Developed advocacy strategies in collaboration with members of the School Safety Coalition (SSC) to promote a revised Memorandum of Understanding governing the role of School Safety Officers (SSOs) in New York City public schools. Conducted legal and policy research on the relationship between New York State's new student data sharing initiative, EngageNY, and the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA).

New York University School of Law, Immigrant Rights Clinic Aug. 2012 - May 2013; Aug. 2013 - Jul. 2014*Student Advocate*

Represented clients in deportation proceedings. Worked with youth coalition to advocate for extension of tuition assistance to undocumented youth. Responsibilities included interviewing and counseling, legal and factual research, preparation of court documents, appearances and hearings in immigration and family courts.

Cleary Gottlieb Steen & Hamilton, LLP, New York, New York; Milan, Italy

June 2013 - Aug. 2013

Law Clerk

Represented a pro bono client in deportation proceedings before the immigration court. Conducted research on waivers of liability for recreational facilities and drafted a template waiver of liability for a pro bono client. Reviewed and analyzed Spanish-language corporate documents and contracts for Latin American deals. Conducted research and drafted memos on procedural rules for bankruptcy proceedings.

Defence for Children International, Sierra Leone (DCI-SL), Bo, Sierra Leone

June 2012 - Aug. 2012

International Law and Human Rights Fellow

Conducted research, aggregated data, and co-authored the organization's report on the socio-economic background of juvenile detainees in the provinces. Facilitated girl empowerment program to support efforts to dismantle gender-based violence in urban communities.

New York City Department of Education

June 2006 - June 2010; Feb. 2011 - Aug. 2011

Social Studies Teacher; Integrated Co-Teacher for Social Studies and English Language Arts; President, School Leadership Team

Taught U.S. history and government, global history, constructions of race in U.S. and Caribbean history, and urban studies. Co-taught ninth grade global history and English language arts to ensure that students with special needs received appropriate social services, as well as individualized lesson plans and instruction. Worked with the Urban Memory Project, the Brooklyn Historical Society, and the Park Slope Civic Council to create a student exhibition on the changing landscape of Brooklyn. Served as eleventh grade team leader, coordinating meetings among teachers to assess student performance across disciplines. Served as president of

the School Leadership Team, which met monthly to align school goals with its budget. Wrote Individualized Education Programs for students with special needs to help them achieve academic, social and emotional goals.

All Hands Volunteers, Léogâne, Haïti

Mar. 2010; Jul. 2010 - Jan. 2011

Volunteer; Team Leader - WASH Initiatives

Developed curricula and hygiene promotion programming for All Hands Volunteers' Water, Sanitation and Hygiene ("WASH") initiatives, including cholera prevention, bio-sand filtration systems and composting toilets. Recruited and trained 20 hygiene promoters to conduct fieldwork in the community. Created a scholarship fund through the Léogâne Rotary Club for high school students that delivered 50 scholarships in September 2011.

REPORTS AND GUIDES

New York State Youth Leadership Council and New York University School of Law Immigrant Rights Clinic, [*Undocu-Grad School Guide: Undocu-friendly Guide to Pursuing, Financing, and Navigating Graduate School*](#) (2021) (supervising attorney)

Make the Road New York and New York University School of Law Immigrant Rights Clinic, [*Immigrant Protest: A Guide for Attorneys Advising Noncitizen Activists in New York City*](#) (2020) (supervising attorney)

New York State Youth Leadership Council and New York University School of Law Immigrant Rights Clinic, *Got DACA, Now What?* (2014) (co-author)

New York State Youth Leadership Council and New York University School of Law Immigrant Rights Clinic, [*The New York DREAM Act: Creating Economic Opportunities for New York State*](#) (2013) (co-author)

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Refugee Translation Project

Advisory Board, Member, 2020 - Present

Association of the Bar of the City of New York

Immigration and Nationality Law Committee, Member, 2017 - Present

Young New Yorkers

Ambassador Board, Member, 2014 - Present

SELECTED COMMENTARY, PRESENTATIONS, AND MEDIA APPEARANCES

Crimes and Immigration Seminar, Speaker, "Future of Crim-Imm Litigation in the Federal Courts," 2020

New York Legal Services Providers, "Habeas Litigation Training," Presenter, 2020

Association of American Law Schools Conference on Clinical Legal Education, Panelist, "What if it's Always Been a Time of Polarization?" San Francisco, California, 2019

Princeton University, The Ties That Divide Us, Panelist, "[Un]documented Classroom," Princeton, New Jersey, 2019

Commentary: [*Justice Ginsberg's Query in Preap and the Best Interests of the Child*](#) (ImmigrationProf Blog, 2018) (co-author)

Association of American Law Schools Conference on Clinical Legal Education, Panelist, “Immigrant Rights Advocacy in the Age of Trump: Centering Community Organizations in the Clinical Setting,” Chicago, Illinois, 2018

Radio Commentary: [*‘Hear Together:’ How NYC Families Cope with ICE Detention*](#) (WNYC, 2018)

New York University Immigrant Rights Project and New York University Latinx Law Students Association, “Black Voices on Immigration,” Moderator, New York, New York, 2017

BAR ADMISSIONS

New York State

U.S. District Court, Southern District of New York

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit

LANGUAGES

Written and oral proficiency in Spanish, French, and Haitian Creole