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## ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

MAURICE A. DEANE SCHOOL OF LAW AT HOFSTRA UNIVERSITY, HEMPSTEAD, NY  
*Associate Professor*, FALL 2025–Present

BROOKLYN LAW SCHOOL, BROOKLYN, NY  
*Adjunct Professor (criminal procedure)*, SPRING 2025

COLUMBIA LAW SCHOOL, NEW YORK, NY  
*Lecturer of Law (federal defense seminar and externship)*, FALL 2024; SPRING 2025

## PUBLICATIONS

[\*The Delinquent Guidelines: Calling on the U.S. Sentencing Commission to Stop Counting Defendants' Prior Offenses Committed Before Age 18.\*](#) 19 Harv. L. & Pol'y Rev. 1 (2024) (with Nicholas Pugliese)

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

FEDERAL DEFENDERS OF NEW YORK, INC., New York, NY  
*Assistant Federal Defender, Southern District of New York*, 2017–2025

LEGAL AID SOCIETY, Staten Island, NY  
*Criminal Defense Practice Staff Attorney*, 2014–2017

QUINN EMANUEL URQUHART & SULLIVAN, LLP, New York, NY  
*Associate*, 2012–2014

HONORABLE CHESTER J. STRAUB, U.S. COURT OF APPEALS FOR THE SECOND CIRCUIT, New York, NY  
*Law Clerk*, 2011–2012

HONORABLE MYRON H. THOMPSON, MIDDLE DISTRICT OF ALABAMA, Montgomery, AL  
*Law Clerk*, 2009–2010

CHARLOTTESVILLE CITY SCHOOLS, Charlottesville, VA  
*Social Science Teacher and Founding Debate Coach*, 2004–2006

## APPEARANCES IN POPULAR MEDIA

Sarah Stillman, [\*Sentenced to Life for an Accident Miles Away\*](#), THE NEW YORKER (Dec. 11, 2023) (interviewed) (winner of the 2024 Pulitzer Prize in explanatory reporting)

## OTHER WRITING

[\*Don't Make a Federal Case Out of Gun Possession\*](#), N.Y. DAILY NEWS (Feb. 3, 2022) (op-ed)

Alabama Capital Postconviction Manual, [\*Equal Justice Initiative of Alabama\*](#) (5th ed., 2009) (contributor)

## EDUCATION

### NEW YORK UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW, New York, NY

J.D., *cum laude*, May 2009

Honors: *Root-Tilden-Kern Scholar*—full tuition award for public service and academic merit  
*Voice from the Class of 2009*—J.D. graduate chosen as convocation speaker  
*Ann Petluck Poses Memorial Prize*—outstanding work in a clinical course  
*Review of Law and Social Change*, Alumnae Coordinator and Staff Editor

Activities: Hon. Leonard Sand & Hon. John Koeltl, Teaching Assistant (2008-2009)  
Professor Burt Neuborne, Research Assistant (2007–2009)  
Professor Bryan Stevenson, Research Assistant (2008–2009)  
Federal Defender Clinic, Student Advocate (2008–2009)  
Equal Justice and Capital Defender Clinic, Student Advocate (2007–2008)

### UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA, Charlottesville, VA

B.A. in Political and Social Thought and Foreign Affairs, *with high distinction*, May 2004

## CONTINUING EDUCATION

### NATIONAL CRIMINAL DEFENSE COLLEGE, Macon, GA

Graduate, June 2017

## PUBLIC SPEAKING

- NYU Law, October 26, 2020: Law student lunch discussion about federal defense
- NYU Law, April 21, 2020. Spoke to admitted students on “admitted students’ day” about pursuing a career in public interest at NYU Law school
- Yale Law School, January 28, 2020. Speech entitled: Defending indigent clients in state and federal court while maintaining your passion, drive, and mind
- NYU Law, October 4, 2019. Law student lunch discussion about federal defense
- NYU Law, September 4, 2019. Spoke to new students about pursuing a career in criminal defense and public interest law
- NYU Law, October 5, 2018. Law student lunch discussion about federal defense
- NYU Law, August 31, 2015: Spoke to students interested in pursuing careers in criminal law
- NYU Law, April 2, 2015: Spoke to students about pursuing a public interest career
- NYU Law, November 5, 2014. Spoke to public interest students about clerkship hiring process
- NYU Law, November 13, 2013. Spoke to public interest students about clerkship hiring process
- NYU Law, January 19, 2012. Spoke to Root-Tilden-Kern Scholars about the selection process for choosing new scholarship recipients
- NYU Law, April 1, 2011. Spoke to students about the clerkship hiring process
- NYU Law, January 20, 2011. Spoke to Root-Tilden-Kern Scholars about the selection process for choosing new scholarship recipients
- Theatre at Madison Square Garden, May 14, 2009. JD class speaker for NYU Law convocation.
- NYU Law, 2009: Securing a clerkship (<https://vimeo.com/64233808>)
- NYU Law, January 26, 2009: Introduced Robin Steinberg, former Executive Director of the Bronx Defenders before her lecture: “Beyond Lawyering: A Holistic Vision of Public Defense.”
- NYU Law, September 22, 2008: Introduced Bryan Stevenson, Director of the Equal Justice Initiative, who gave a lecture on “Resisting Injustice,” before more than 500 students
- NYU Law, October 10, 2007: Introduced Bryan Stevenson, Director of the Equal Justice Initiative, who gave a lecture on “Resisting Injustice,” before more than 500 students

## **BAR ADMISSIONS, ASSOCIATIONS, & PROFESSIONAL SERVICE**

Bars: New York (2011), United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit (2011), Southern District of New York (2012), Eastern District of New York (2012)

Associations: National Association of Federal Defenders, National Association for Public Defense

Professional Service: *Association of Legal Aid Attorneys Union Representative* (2014–2023), *Member of NYU Law's 10 Year Reunion Committee* (2015–2019), *Alumni Member of NYU Law's Strategic Planning Committee* (2015–2016), *Alumni Member of NYU Law's Dean of Students Search Committee* (2015), *Student Member of NYU Law Admissions Committee* (2008–2009); *Root-Tilden-Kern Scholarship Selection Committee* (2006–2009)