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Top Skills

Civil Rights

Litigation

Legal Research

Languages

English (Native or Bilingual)
Spanish (Limited Working)

Honors-Awards

Top 40 Lawyers Under 40

Paul Robeson Distinguished Alumni Award

Natl Association of Attorneys General Best Brief Award

The Network Journal Top 40 Under 40 Achievement Award

2015 Rising Stars

Publications

Seeking Higher Ground The Hurricane Katrina Crisis, Race, and Public Policy Reader

America Votes! A Guide to Modern Election Law and Voting Rights

Barack Obama and African American Empowerment: The Rise of Black Leadesrship

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Assistant Attorney General, Civil Rights Division at U.S. Department of Justice

Washington, District of Columbia, United States

Summary

Assistant Attorney General, Civil Rights Division, U.S. Department of Justice

Experience

U.S. Department of Justice Assistant Attorney General May 2021 - Present (2 years 5 months)

Washington DC-Baltimore Area

Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law President & Executive Director January 2016 - May 2021 (5 years 5 months) Washington, DC

Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law works to secure equal justice for all targeting discrimination faced by African Americans and other racial and ethnic minorities. The Lawyers' Committee is a nonpartisan, nonprofit organization, formed in 1963 at the request of President John F. Kennedy to enlist the support and leadership of lawyers across the country in the work needed to combat racial discrimination and inequality – work that continues to be vital today.

Office of the New York State Attorney General Chief, Civil Rights Bureau August 2011 - November 2015 (4 years 4 months)

leading the Civil Rights Bureau for New York State Attorney General Eric Schneiderman. The Bureau works to promote equal justice under law and seeks to enforce the civil rights of all New Yorkers. The Bureau enforces laws that protect all New Yorkers from discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age, marital status, sexual orientation, gender identity, military status, source of income or disability.

Using federal, state, and local civil rights laws, such as the Voting Rights Act of 1965, the Fair Housing Act, the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the Americans

with Disabilities Act and other landmark laws, the Bureau investigates and prosecutes discrimination in a variety of areas.

Recent cases handled by the Bureau have helped to promote voting rights, access to fair housing and lending opportunities, access to equal employment and educational opportunities and equal access for individuals with disabilities. In addition, the Bureau has worked to combat immigration services fraud, discrimination and harassment in the workplace and police misconduct. The Bureau seeks to lift barriers faced by persons based on sexual orientation, language ability and criminal conviction status. The Bureau's goal is to combat discrimination faced by all New Yorkers, particularly among the most vulnerable individuals in our state.

Read more about the work of our office here: http://www.ag.ny.gov/press-releases/93

NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund, Inc. Co-Director, Political Participation Group April 2006 - August 2011 (5 years 5 months)

Civil Rights Division, U.S. Department of Justice Trial Attorney September 2000 - April 2006 (5 years 8 months)

Education

Columbia Law School Doctor of Law - JD, Law · (1997 - 2000)

Harvard University
A.B. (1993 - 1997)

Choate Rosemary Hall (1989 - 1993)