

# ROBERT AARON MAES

## EDUCATION

**American University, Washington College of Law, Washington, DC**

*Juris Doctor*, May [REDACTED]

**Bar Admissions:** New York ([REDACTED]); Tennessee ([REDACTED])

**The University of New Mexico, Albuquerque, NM**

*Bachelor of Arts* in English | Minor in Political Science, December [REDACTED]

## WORK EXPERIENCE

**Brooklyn Defender Services, Family Defense Practice, Brooklyn, NY**

*Senior Staff Attorney*, (Sept. 2017 - present)

- Provide free legal representation to parents in child neglect and abuse proceedings who are at risk of losing their children to foster care in Kings County Family Court.
- Represent parents in related proceedings such as custody, family offense, and termination of parental rights.
- Focus particularly on fighting removals of children from parents diagnosed with mental illnesses.

**The Honorable Magistrate Judge Renee Raymond, Washington, DC**

*Law Clerk*, (Sept. 2016 - Sept. 2017)

- Assisted Judge Raymond manage high-volume mortgage foreclosure, tax-lien, and criminal arraignment dockets.
- Reviewed motions filed with the court and drafted orders.
- Provided in court support to the Judge and courtroom staff.
- Conducted legal research and wrote memorandum on a variety of legal issues for Judge Raymond.

**Law Offices of the Shelby County Public Defender, Memphis, TN**

*Assistant Public Defender, Gideon's Promise Fellow* (Aug. 2015 - Aug. 2016)

- Provided free legal representation to persons charged with misdemeanor and felony offenses during all stages of criminal proceedings from arraignment to trial.
- Litigated in dozens of preliminary hearings, bench trials, and negotiated with prosecutors to achieve best possible outcomes.
- Wrote and litigated pre-trial motions, motions to suppress evidence, and a writ of habeas corpus.
- Represented clients in specialty diversion courts such as mental health and substance abuse.

**Washington College of Law Criminal Defense Clinic, Washington, DC**

*Student Attorney* (Jan. 2015 - May 2015); *Investigator* (Sept. 2014 - Dec. 2014)

- Represented clients charged with misdemeanor and felony offenses in state criminal court in Montgomery County, Maryland.
- Co-chaired a jury trial with another student attorney from jury selection to sentencing.
- Interviewed potential witnesses, conducted legal research, and drafted motions in limine.

**Federal Public Defender for the Eastern District of Virginia, Alexandria, VA**

*Law Clerk* (Sept. 2014 - Dec. 2014)

- Wrote a motion to suppress evidence obtained through an unlawful search incident to arrest.
- Participated in client interviews with Assistant Federal Public Defenders.
- Reviewed and helped draft pre-sentencing reports, appellate briefs, and legal memorandums on various legal issues.
- Researched and wrote memoranda on various legal topics such as whether a term of supervised release continues upon a client's transfer to ICE; and the admissibility of electronic metadata pursuant the Federal Rules of Evidence.

**The Public Defender Service for the District of Columbia, Washington, DC**

*Law Clerk* (Jan. 2014 - Aug. 2014)

- Reviewed and helped draft motions to preclude admission prior testimony of unavailable witnesses into evidence and seeking sanctions against the government for decades old *Brady* violation
- Wrote motions to terminate a client's supervised probation, and to quash a subpoena for DNA test results.

