

# BRANDI J. HARDEN

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## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

### **HOWARD UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW, Washington, D.C.**

*Adjunct Professor, Huver I. Brown Trial Advocacy Team (Fall 2006-present)*

- Teach students trial advocacy skills and how to present plaintiff and defense sides of civil and criminal cases.
- Supervise and facilitate classes and workshops on case themes and theories; preparation and execution of witness examinations; and presentation of opening statements and closing arguments.

### **UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS | JUDGE ADVOCATE TRAINING, Washington, D.C.**

*Guest Presenter, Advanced Trial Advocacy Training (2016-present)*

- Taught Judge Advocate attorneys how to execute mock trials including opening statements, witness examinations, and closing arguments.
- Provided feedback and evaluations of litigation skills exercises.
- Presented trial advocacy training for attorneys for prosecution and defense sides of cases.

### **NEW YORK UNIVERSITY | FEDERAL DEFENDER CLINIC, New York, N.Y.**

*Visiting Faculty, Witness Examination Workshop (2014-present)*

- Prepared third-year law students who provide representation for indigent clients accused of misdemeanor offenses in the Eastern District of New York.
- Presented lectures on effective trial advocacy, witness examination skills, and witness interview techniques.
- Provided individualized feedback on witness examinations and trial advocacy exercises.

### **HARVARD LAW SCHOOL | CRIMINAL JUSTICE INSTITUTE, Cambridge, MA**

*Visiting Faculty, Trial Advocacy Workshop (2008-present)*

- Prepare third-year clinical students who represent indigent adult and juvenile clients facing misdemeanor and felony charges in the Boston Criminal Courts.
- Teach students litigation skills including opening statements, direct and cross examinations, expert witness testimony, and summations.
- Provide evaluations and feedback on student performances through the simulation-critique method.

### **AMERICAN UNIVERSITY | WASHINGTON COLLEGE OF LAW, Washington, D.C.**

*Adjunct Professor, Evidentiary Foundations & Objections (Fall 2016-Spring 2017)*

- Taught students how to approach to the Federal Rules of Evidence and the application of the Rules in a trial setting.
- Taught students how to advocate for and against the admissibility of evidence at trial.
- Graded students' in-class exercises, simulated pretrial motions, and witness examinations. Provided feedback on all in-class exercises including video reviews.

**U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING & URBAN DEVELOPMENT, Washington, D.C.**

*Trainer, Office of General Counsel-Fair Housing Enforcement Division (2016-2017)*

- Trained attorneys in the compliance and enforcement sections of the Office of Fair Housing, related to negotiation skills and conflict resolution strategies.
- Evaluated and provided feedback on mock housing negotiations and settlement discussions.
- Provided intensive litigation skills training and feedback on simulated trial advocacy exercises.

**HOWARD UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW | CRIMINAL JUSTICE CLINIC, Washington, D.C.**

*Supervising Attorney, Criminal Justice Clinic (Fall 2012-Spring 2013)*

- Supervised third-year law students representing indigent clients charged with misdemeanor offenses in D.C. Superior Court.
- Supervised all aspects of student preparation including review of students' case files, legal memoranda, research, and pre-trial motions. Supervised court appearances.

**LEGAL EXPERIENCE**

**HARDEN | PINCKNEY, PLLC, Washington, D.C.**

*Managing Partner, (2008-present)*

- Represent clients in the areas of criminal, civil and family law in both the Superior Court and United States District Court for the District of Columbia.
- Prepare and maintain case files and client contact from arraignment through trial.
- Attend court appearances including status, show cause, and sentencing hearings.
- Litigate pre-trial motions, and present openings, closings and witness examinations during bench and jury trials.

**PUBLIC DEFENDER SERVICE FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, Washington, D.C.**

*Supervising Attorney, Felony Trial Division (2007-2008)*

- Supervised and trained General Felony trial attorneys in all aspects of criminal cases.
- Observed attorneys handling of criminal cases in D.C. Superior Court, and provided feedback on individual performances.
- Prepared reports for the Trial Chief on the progress of each trial attorney, and attended monthly meetings within the Trial Division.

*Staff Attorney, Trial Division (2000-2008)*

- Represented juvenile and adult indigent clients in criminal matters ranging from misdemeanors to homicides, in D.C. Superior Court and before the United States Parole Commission.
- Prepared and litigated criminal cases including, investigations, pre-trial motions as well as jury and bench trials.

**HOWARD UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW | CRIMINAL JUSTICE CLINIC, Washington, D.C.**

*Student Attorney, (Fall 1999-Spring 2000)*

- Represented indigent clients in D.C. Superior Court charged with misdemeanor criminal offenses. Conducted investigations, interviews and prepared cases for trial.
- Prepared all aspects of criminal cases under the supervision of Honorable Peter Krauthamer, clinical instructor.

**SOUTHERN CENTER FOR HUMAN RIGHTS, Atlanta, GA**

*Intern Investigator, (June 1999-August 1999)*

- Researched and investigated criminal and civil matters involving death row inmates.
- Prepared legal memoranda for inmates with ongoing civil litigation.
- Obtained and provided mitigation information for death penalty phase hearings.
- Conducted research for civil litigation involving inmates housed on death row in the south, specifically AL, GA, and N.C.

**DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, Washington, D.C.**

*Intern, Office of the Executive Secretary, (1999)*

- Performed administrative tasks and compiled charts and data in the Office of the Executive Secretary, Alexis G, Herman.

**DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, Washington, D.C.**

*Intern, Antitrust Division | Computers and Finance Section, (Summer 1998)*

- Drafted legal memoranda and Federal Register Notices for the Computers and Finance Section.
- Performed administrative work during the *Microsoft* litigation.

**AREAS OF INTEREST**

- Evidence
- Criminal Law
- Litigation
- Trial Advocacy
- Mass Incarceration
- Wrongful Arrests & Conviction
- Criminal Procedure
- Indigent Defense

**PRESENTATIONS AND APPEARANCES**

**MARYLAND OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC DEFENDER**

- *Faculty, New Attorney Training, (2015-present)*

**AMERICAN UNIVERSITY | STEPHEN WEINSTEIN TRIAL ADVOCACY PROGRAM**

- *Visiting Lecturer, Litigation Skills Summer Institute (2014-present)*

**WASHINGTON COUNCIL OF LAWYERS**

- *Faculty, Litigation Skills Training (2010-present)*

**THE BRONX DEFENDERS | THE DEFENDER'S ACADEMY**

- *Faculty, Spring Training, Advanced Cross-Examination Workshop (2009-present)*

**GIDEON'S PROMISE (S.P.T.D.C.)**

- *Faculty, Summer Training Class (2006-present)*

**NEW JERSEY OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC DEFENDER**

- *Faculty, First Annual Spring Training Program (2017)*

**MISSOURI STATE PUBLIC DEFENDER**

- *Faculty, Advanced Trial Advocacy Workshop (2016)*

## **NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF CRIMINAL DEFENSE LAWYERS**

- *Guest Lecturer*, Spring Meeting & Seminar, 2010  
“Car Stops: How to Put the Brakes on the Government.”

## **DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA BAR**

- *Program Sponsor*, Criminal Law & Individual Rights Section, 2015  
“Police Officer’s Use of Force in Inner-City Neighborhoods and the Fallout in These Communities.”

## **THE PUBLIC DEFENDER SERVICE FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**

- *Faculty*, Trial Practice Institute, 2014-present  
Theme and Theory, Openings, Direct and Cross Examinations
- *Guest Lecturer*, Summer Series, 2009  
“Nuts and Bolts of Debriefing: When Trial Isn’t the Answer for Your Client.”
- *Guest Lecturer*, Summer Series, 2008  
“How to Cross-Examine and Win... The Do’s and Don’ts of Cross-Examination.”
- *Panel Moderator*, Deborah T. Creek Criminal Practice Institute (CPI), 2007  
Discussion: “The Entertainment Industry’s Impact on Social Perceptions of Criminal Justice: What Defense Attorneys Are Up Against and How to Level the Playing Field.”
- *Chairperson*, Deborah T. Creek Criminal Practice Institute (CPI), 2004  
“The Color of Justice, *Brown v. Board of Education* The 50<sup>th</sup> Year Anniversary.”

## **EDUCATION**

### **HOWARD UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW, J.D., May 2000**

Honors and Activities:            *National Champions*, NITA, Mock Trial-Tournament of Champions  
Student Bar Association, Executive Board-Chief of Staff  
BARBRI Bar Foundation, Lead Representative  
Class Officer, Treasurer

### **HOWARD UNIVERSITY, B.A., Speech Communications, May 1997** Minor: Psychology

Honors and Activities:            *National Champions*, AMTA-Mock Trial Competition  
Howard University Homecoming Steering Committee, Executive Board-  
Vice Chair  
Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated

## **BAR AND PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS | ACTIVITIES**

*Member*, District of Columbia Bar

*Member*, United States District Court for the District of Columbia

*Member*, Super Lawyers, 2016 | 2017

*Co-Chair*, D.C. Bar, Criminal Law and Individual Rights Section, Steering Committee, 2014-2017

D.C. Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers, Lawyers of the Year, 2015

*Member*, Criminal Justice Act Advisory Committee 2011-present

*Mentor*, D.C. Law Camp: The Law and Government Explorers' Program, 2011-present

*Volunteer*, D.C. Superior Court | U.S. Marshal Service, Safe Surrender, 2011 | 2016

*Volunteer*, Public Defender Service, Expungement Summit, 2009-2013

*Member*, Superior Court Trial Lawyers Association, 2008-present

*Attendee*, District of Columbia Judicial and Bar Conference 2008-2016

*Member*, D.C. Public Defender Service Hiring Committee, 2005-2008