

JADE BROWN

EDUCATION

Boston University School of Law, Boston MA

J.D., May 2016, Concentration in Litigation and Dispute Resolution

Civil Litigation Clinical Program (2014 - 2015)

Research Assistant to Clinical Professor Connie Browne (2015 - 2016)

Student Faculty Selection Committee Appointee (2015 - 2016)

BU Public Interest Fellow (2016)

University of Florida, Gainesville, FL

B.S., Journalism and Communications, May 2011

Minor in Education, Florida Pathways to Teaching Program

Bar Admissions:

Massachusetts Bar, 2016; New York Bar, 2019

Federal District Court, Massachusetts, 2018

EXPERIENCE

Boston University School of Law, Boston, MA

June 2020 – present

Lecturer and Clinical Instructor, Civil Litigation and Justice Program

- Supervise 3.03 SJC student attorneys in housing, employment, consumer and family law cases.
- Provide instruction, support and advice on all aspects of litigation including client counseling, legal strategy and legal drafting.
- Co-teach the seminar component of the clinic for the Fall and Spring semesters.
- Assist in developing materials for the course and utilizing technology to address challenges posed the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Spearhead the BU MADE (Massachusetts Defense for Eviction) Project in which law-student-volunteers utilize technology to assist tenants to remotely file an Answer to eviction cases.
- Provide housing and consumer law trainings for pro-bono attorneys and community organizations.

Greater Boston Legal Services, Boston, MA

Sep. 2016 – June 2020

Staff Attorney, Housing and Consumer Units

- Represented clients in civil cases including housing, student loan, debt collection, credit reporting, bankruptcy and fraud cases.
- Developed and staffed a Lawyer for the Day Debt Clinic to represent consumers sued by debt collectors in small claims court.
- Staffed the Lawyer for the Day Housing Clinic at the Metro South and Eastern Housing Courts.
- Hired and directly supervised legal interns for a variety of projects and cases.
- Conducted “know your rights” legal trainings for community organizations.

Legal Intern, Consumer Unit

May 2015 – Aug. 2015

- Collaborated with senior attorney to represent homeowners facing post-foreclosure eviction, including writing and arguing a motion for summary judgment in district court.
- Engaged in client counseling and settlement negotiations.
- Conducted research for attorneys working on the Massachusetts Earned Sick Time Law.

Boston University School of Law, Civil Litigation Program, Boston, MA

Sept. 2014 – May 2015

Student Attorney

- Provided legal advice and representation to clients in unemployment benefits cases and housing eviction cases.
- Represented clients in unemployment hearings including conducting direct and cross-examination of the parties.
- Negotiated settlement and dismissal of an eviction case.

State Street Corporation, SSGA, Boston, MA

July – Aug. 2014

Legal Intern

- Conducted legal research and drafted legal memoranda on issues relevant to the asset management division.
- Worked with senior attorneys to draft article on recent developments in securities law for the division’s monthly newsletter.
- Reviewed contracts for key provisions and compared them with industry standards to recommend changes.

Suffolk County District Attorney’s Office, Major Felonies Unit, Boston, MA

May – July 2014

Legal Intern

- Drafted pleadings, including motions *in limine*, motions to suppress and responses to motions by opposing counsel.
- Researched case law for prosecutors’ intended trial arguments and transcribed audio-recorded evidence.
- Attended several key court sessions to assist attorneys and observe court proceedings.

Research Analyst

- Investigated customers' executive office complaints pursuant to the OCC Article VII Foreclosure Review order.
- Collaborated with Legal and Compliance, and Quality Control departments to adhere to fair lending and state and federal statutes.
- Cooperated with Deloitte Consulting, LLP to meet sample testing goals with 95% overall accuracy and to recommend next steps.

PANELS, PRESENTATIONS AND TESTIMONY

- Conducted BBA training on Housing Law for pro bono volunteers, 2020.
- Moderated Barbara Jordan Speaker Series, Speaker Deborah Archer, "Jim Crow in the 21st Century: The Impact of Crime Free Housing Ordinances and Mass Criminalization on Racial Segregation," 2020.
- Guest panelist for Rep. Ayanna Pressley's Virtual Town Hall Meeting on COVID-19 pandemic and legal resources, 2020.
- Guest panelist at BU Civil Litigation Clinic class on legal ethics, 2020.
- Testified before the Massachusetts Legislature about the effects of wage garnishment on low-income consumers, 2020.
- Presenter at Urban Edge's Credit Counseling Boot Camp, 2017, 2018 and 2019.
- Guest speaker on debt collection rights at Roxbury Community College, 2017.
- Presenter at Money Talks Conference, hosted by the Bay State Banner at Roxbury Community College, 2016.

MEDIA

- "I can't believe it, I can't believe it." Voices of BU Women Rejoicing with Kamala Harris," BU Today, November 2020. (Quoted)
- "SJC chief justice nominee could be first Black woman to lead Mass. supreme court," The Daily Free Press, November 2020. (Quoted)
- "Do court bans on electronic devices impede access to justice?," ABA Law Journal, April 2019 issue. (Quoted).
- "Cellphones in the Courthouse: An Access to Justice Perspective," Mass. Appleseed Center for Law and Justice, 2018 (Quoted).
- "A Pound of Flesh: The Criminalization of Private Debt," American Civil Liberties Union, 2018 (Interviewed).

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS AND SERVICE

- MADE (Massachusetts Defense for Eviction) Training Cohort, 2020 – present
- BU Law VCAP Fellowship Working Group, 2020 – present
- BU Law Public Interest Fellowship Selection Committee
- NCLC National Debt Working Group, 2018 – present