

## ELIZABETH JORDAN

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### EDUCATION

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

J.D. *magna cum laude*, May 2013

Honors: Order of the Coif - *top 10 percent of the graduating class*  
Arthur Garfield Hays Civil Liberties Fellow  
*Annual Survey of American Law* - Senior Staff Editor  
Teaching Assistant: Prof. Catherine Sharkey, Torts

**FULBRIGHT SCHOLAR**, Madrid, Spain, September 2009 - June 2010

Designed and implemented independent human rights research project. Presented findings at Fulbright conference.

**YALE UNIVERSITY**, New Haven, CT

B.A. *cum laude*, with distinction in Political Science and Latin American Studies, May 2006

Independent Study: Instituto de Historia Cubana, Havana, Cuba, May - August 2005

**PUBLICATIONS:** Margo Schlanger, Elizabeth Jordan, and Roxana Moussavian, *Ending the Discriminatory Pretrial Incarceration of People with Disabilities: Liability under the Americans with Disabilities Act and the Rehabilitation Act*, Harvard Law & Policy Review (forthcoming).

**AWARDS:** 2021 Arthur C. Helton Human Rights Award, AMERICAN IMMIGRATION LAWYERS ASSOCIATION.

### EXPERIENCE

**CIVIL RIGHTS EDUCATION AND ENFORCEMENT CENTER**, Denver, CO

*Founding Director, Immigration Detention Accountability Project*, June 2018 - present; *Fellow (attorney)*, June 2017 - 2018

Lead attorney, systemwide challenge to ICE detention, *Fraihat v. ICE*: develop mediation and litigation strategy, lead special master and mediation sessions, lead certain expert work, lead class member outreach and client management efforts, manage litigation costs. Direct abolitionist program focusing on intersection of disability and immigrant justice. Conduct culturally humble, trauma-informed investigation and representation of people with disabilities in ICE incarceration. Center clients and directly impacted people in project development, investigation, litigation, and negotiation. Develop partnerships. Recruit co-counsel and develop co-counsel relationships. Participate in coalitions. Speak at conferences, CLEs, and law schools.

**STURM COLLEGE OF LAW, UNIVERSITY OF DENVER**, Denver, CO

*Adjunct Faculty, Asylum Law and Advocacy Practicum*, January 2022 - present

Develop curriculum and co-lead 3-credit course on asylum law and advocacy. Course covers filing of asylum application, affirmative and defensive practice, other fear-based forms of relief, developing client relationships and being trauma-informed, detention and release, and immigration history and policy.

**THE DOOR'S LEGAL SERVICES CENTER**, New York, NY

*Immigration Staff Attorney*, January 2015 - June 2017

Represented unaccompanied minors facing deportation in immigration and family court proceedings. Conducted extensive courtroom advocacy and put on hearings in both proceedings.

Conducted trauma-informed interviews with clients. Drafted briefs, pleadings, and testimony. Provided holistic support to clients with social workers and other legal staff. Intern coordinator and recruiter. Participated in fundraising.

**CAPITAL APPEALS PROJECT**, New Orleans, LA

*Fellow (attorney)*, August 2013 - December 2014; *Law Clerk*, May - August 2011

Represented clients with first-degree and second-degree murder convictions on direct appeal and in post-conviction proceedings. Presented witness testimony during evidentiary hearing, drafted briefs and pleadings, interviewed clients and witnesses for fact and mitigation investigations, and observed trial as primary contact with client and family members.

**LEGAL AID SOCIETY, IMMIGRATION LAW UNIT**, New York, NY

*Hays Fellow Law Intern*, January - June 2013

Conducted group orientation in English and Spanish for detained immigrants prior to first appearances, individual intake interviews, and follow-up research and investigation, including family member interviews and criminal record reviews.

**ACLU RACIAL JUSTICE PROGRAM**, New York, NY

*Hays Fellow Law Intern*, August 2012 - January 2013

Drafted memoranda regarding imprisonment of indigent criminal defendants for non-payment of fines and fees and racial profiling in schools.

**ORLEANS PUBLIC DEFENDERS**, New Orleans, LA

*Law Clerk*, May - August 2012

Assisted public defenders on all aspects of their cases, including trial preparation, development of case theory and investigation, motion practice, client interviews, and client and case management.

**EQUAL JUSTICE & CAPITAL DEFENDER CLINIC**, EQUAL JUSTICE INITIATIVE, Montgomery, AL

*Student Advocate*, January - May 2012

Conducted a comprehensive mitigation investigation for a client on Alabama's Death Row, including approximately 50 interviews of relatives, friends, and jurors. Drafted state post-conviction petition. Mooted penalty phase closing argument.

**OFFICE OF THE APPELLATE DEFENDER**, New York, NY

*Legal Intern*, January - June 2011; September 2011 - January 2012; *Student Advocate*, January - May 2013

Researched and drafted winning appellate brief for felony client. Represented client at oral argument on appeal.

**HUMAN RIGHTS FIRST**, New York, NY

*Program Associate, Human Rights Defenders Program*, May 2007-August 2009

Conducted research and reporting in English and Spanish and advocacy focusing on Latin America and women's rights.

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

Fluent in Spanish (non-native), highly proficient in French, proficient in Portuguese.

Licensed and in good standing in New York, Louisiana, District of Colorado