

RENA N. SHAK

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EMPLOYMENT EXPERIENCE

FRANKLIN COUNTY PUBLIC DEFENDER

Staff Attorney, Municipal Unit (May 2014-April 2016)

Staff Attorney, Common Pleas Unit (April 2016-Present)

- Handle all offenses from traffic to aggravated murder.
- Conduct jury trials, court trials, and motion hearings.
- Review cases for constitutional rights violations.
- Manage and maintain large daily dockets, office appointments, jail visits, and scheduling.
- Request and review Columbus Police Department directives, citizen complaints, and internal affairs investigations.
- Monitor current state and local policy initiatives, offer testimony, and work with professional organizations to lobby for, or against, legislation affecting vulnerable community members.

OFFICE OF THE OHIO PUBLIC DEFENDER, LEGAL DIVISION

Attorney Clerk (February 2014- May 2014)

- Worked in conjunction with the Death Penalty Division and Wrongful Conviction.

ROSS & MIDIAN, LLC, Attorney Clerk (April 2012- May 2014)

CAPITAL UNIVERSITY LEGAL CLINIC, Legal Intern (2013)

VALLEY VIEW MAYOR'S COURT, Prosecutor Extern (2012-2013)

LAW AND LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE, Instructor (October 2011 - April 2012)

OFFICE OF THE OHIO PUBLIC DEFENDER, WRONGFUL CONVICTION PROJECT

Extern (August 2011- December 2011)

JOHN GLENN SCHOOL OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS, THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY

Student Assistant, Office of Admissions and Student Services (September 2009 - May 2010)

- Served as support to Senator John Glenn and staff, faculty, and students.

AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY OF OHIO

Government Relations/Advocacy Intern (September 2008 - June 2009)

- Assisted office in grassroots advocacy movements and lobbying regarding new legislation.

EDUCATION

CAPITAL UNIVERSITY LAW SCHOOL, Juris Doctor

- *Concentration, Criminal Law*
- *Inductee, Order of the Curia, National Honorary Legal Fraternity*
- *Admitted, Ohio Bar 2013*

THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY, Bachelor of Arts

- *Cum Laude, Honors Degree*
- *Major, Political Science*
- Degree Focus, Security and Intelligence
- *Minor, International Relations and Diplomacy*

AFFILIATIONS & VOLUNTEER SERVICE

2021 Semi-Finalist, City of Columbus Inspector General

2021 Judicial Candidate, Franklin County Municipal Court

Y.E.S!, DRESS FOR SUCCESS COLUMBUS, Board Member, Member-at-Large, Volunteer

THE COLUMBUS SHAMROCK CLUB, Member

COLUMBUS BAR ASSOCIATION, Member

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF BLACKS IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE, Member

FRANKLIN COUNTY DEMOCRATIC LAWYERS CLUB, Board Member and Event Coordinator

COLUMBUS LEGAL AID EXPUNGEMENT CLINIC, Volunteer

PL+US (PAID LEAVE FOR THE UNITED STATES), Campaign Advocate

GODDESSES FOR GOOD, Co-Founder (2017-2018)

- Raised \$10,000.00+ and supplies/donations for local organizations.
- Organizations included: Planned Parenthood of Ohio, CRIS (Center for Refugee and Immigration Services), Meals on Wheels (Lifecare Alliance), Kaleidoscope Youth Center, Student Success Stores (Columbus City Schools), St. Vincent Family Center, Dress for Success Columbus, ACLU of Ohio.

MOCK TRIAL COACH, Whetstone High School, Ohio Mock Trial Association (2016-2018)

CAMPAIGN & EARLY VOTE VOLUNTEER, Multiple local, state, and national campaigns

ANNUNCIATION GREEK ORTHODOX CATHEDRAL, Parishioner & Volunteer

GONZAGA IN FLORENCE, Study Abroad, Gonzaga University Law School, Florence, Italy (2011)

CAPITAL UNIVERSITY LAW REVIEW, Associate Editor (2012-2013); Staff Member (2011-2012)

- Wrote a 92-page comment focusing on Ohio's anti-sex trafficking legislation and its effects.

SIGMA EPSILON PHI, Alumna, The Ohio State University, Multi Cultural Greek Council

MORRILL SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT, Alumna, The Ohio State University, Office of Diversity and Inclusion

LANGUAGES

MODERN GREEK Conversationally fluent in speaking, reading, and writing

SPANISH Basic knowledge ; 4 years in high school and 4 quarters of college coursework