




MARISSA KLASS

LEGAL INTERN

MOTIVATION


I am continuously learning about victim's rights and criminal defense law. I want to work in the legal field for a minimum of two years before attending law school.

ACHIEVEMENTS

 **Grade Point Average**
3.78/4.00

 **Study Abroad Acceptance**
Admission to the University of Oxford -- Lady Margaret Hall for 2020 - 2021; cancelled due to COVID-19

 **Civic Engagement Scholarship**
Awarded by American University, 2019 - 2022

 **Political Science Honors Society**
Admission to Honors Society for excellence in Political Science







EXPERIENCE

- 2022 - Present** **Legal Intern**
Title IX Law Firm, Washington, DC
Conduct research on current and historical laws and draft legal documents
- 2020** **Research Interviewer**
American University, Washington, DC
Interviewed college students for Shades of Justice Research Project, under the advisement of Dr. TaLisa Carter
- 2019** **Research Student**
American University, Washington, DC
Researched descriptive representation of Asian Americans in US State Legislatures for the Summer Scholars and Artists Program, under the advisement of Dr. David Lublin
- 2019 - 2021** **Senior Program Leader**
American University, Washington, DC
Provided student support, planned events, lead meetings, and managed student staff

EDUCATION

- 2018 - Present** **American University**
Washington, DC
Undergraduate Senior with double major in Political Science and Justice and Law, with concentrations in Political Theory and Criminal Justice. Certificate in the School of Public Affairs Leadership Program
- 2014 - 2018** **Marlboro High School**
Marlboro, New Jersey

SKILLS

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| Problem Solving |  | Focus |  |
| Pattern Recognition |  | Consistency |  |
| Analytical Processing |  | Direct Communication |  |

VOLUNTEER WORK

COURT APPOINTED SPECIAL ADVOCATE
CASA DC | 2021 - Present
Support youth in foster care system and write court report with placement recommendations

NORTH AMERICAN PROGRAMMING VP
The Reform Jewish Youth Movement | 2018 - 2019
Wrote and facilitated social justice-oriented educational programs

INTERESTS

Victim's Rights

Research and advocate for victims of sexual violence and sexual harassment, with comprehension of intersecting identities



Mental Health Advocacy

De-stigmatizing mental health and learning disabilities, with an emphasis on accommodations, rather than "solving" a disability



LGBTQ+ Justice

Share information with peers and people of older generations about the nuances of non-heteronormative and transgender identities



Cash Bail Abolition

Research and generate multiple papers and educational programs on the impact of cash bail, offering alternative recommendations



REGIONAL PROGRAMMING VP

The Reform Jewish Youth Movement | 2016 - 2018

Created educational programming for weekend-long events and coordinated acquisition of learning materials, as well as event set-up and break down

RELEVANT COURSES



The Second Sex and Survivors - Independent Study



Politics and Literature



Contemporary Political Thought



Victim's Rights



Advocate: Offenders in Society



Public Defense and the 6th Amendment



Corrections and the Constitution



The Prison Community



Justice and Public Policy

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