

# BARBARA HO

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## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

### **THE LEGAL AID SOCIETY, HOMICIDE DEFENSE TASK FORCE**

New York City, New York

*Staff Attorney, January 2020-present*

- Defend clients charged with murder across all boroughs in New York City.
- Direct multidisciplinary defense teams of mitigation specialists, investigators, and paralegal case handlers to build comprehensive case strategies.
- Train staff attorneys on trial advocacy, suppression hearing skills and foundational criminal defense practice.
- Serve as faculty for the Intensive Trial Advocacy Program (ITAP) at Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law.

### **THE LEGAL AID SOCIETY, CRIMINAL DEFENSE PRACTICE**

New York, New York

*Staff Attorney, October 2007-January 2019*

- Defended indigent clients accused of offenses ranging from violations to murders across all stages of criminal proceedings.
- Mentored and supervised academic-year and summer law student interns.

### **UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF FLORIDA**

#### **THE HONORABLE JAMES G. GLAZEBROOK, U.S. MAGISTRATE JUDGE**

Orlando, Florida

*Law Clerk, September 2005-August 2007*

- Drafted judicial orders addressing complex federal legal issues, procedural motions, and constitutional questions.

### **INTERNATIONAL BRIDGES TO JUSTICE**

Beijing, China

*Fellow, March 2005-August 2005*

- Organized a training conference for 100 National Legal Aid of China criminal defense lawyers in Lanzhou.
- Collaborated with Peking University Law School to launch the inaugural Criminal Justice Initiatives Workshop for law students at Northwest University of Political Science and Law in Xi'an.
- Designed and taught specialized English courses for National Legal Aid of China attorneys in Beijing, focusing on the comparative analysis of American constitutional and criminal law.

### **MIAMI-DADE PUBLIC DEFENDER'S OFFICE**

Miami, Florida

*Assistant Public Defender, August 2003-March 2005*

- Represented indigent clients across a diverse caseload spanning misdemeanor, felony, and juvenile cases.
- Managed a high-volume caseload of 100 to 150 active felony cases, ensuring holistic client-centered representation under tight deadlines.

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

### **THE CITY UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK SCHOOL OF LAW**

Queens, New York

*Visiting Professor and Supervising Attorney, January 2019-January 2020*

- Co-taught the Criminal Defense Seminar and Clinic to facilitate student development in trial advocacy skills, substantive criminal law, and case evaluation and an understanding of critical issues within the criminal legal process, with a focus on its disproportionate impact on communities of color.
- Supervised students representing indigent clients charged with misdemeanors in Queens County Criminal Court.
- Compiled an executive clemency application (featured in [The New York Times](https://bit.ly/NYTclemency); <https://bit.ly/NYTclemency>) that secured the release of a client serving a life sentence for a double homicide.
- Won the release of a client serving a 25 to 50-year sentence through written parole advocacy and rigorous client preparation for the New York State Board of Parole.

## EDUCATION

### **UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO LAW SCHOOL**

Chicago, Illinois

*Juris Doctor, June 2003*

- Edwin F. Mandel Legal Aid Clinic, Criminal Juvenile Justice Project (elected Clinic Student Board)
- The University of Chicago Roundtable (Journal Staff Member)
- Cook County Office of the Public Guardian, Juvenile Division (Summer Law Clerk)
- *Res Musicata* classical music chamber society (Founding Member and Violinist)

### **COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY**

New York, New York

*Bachelor of Arts in Economics and Political Science, May 2000*

- Columbia Daily Spectator (Features Staff Writer and Copy Editor)
- The Dayton Daily News (Summer Reporting Intern, investigated and authored news articles and feature stories)
- Columbia University Orchestra (Violinist)
- Columbia Orchestra for Asian Music (Violinist)
- St. Luke's-Roosevelt Hospital Center's HIV/AIDS patient support program (Volunteer)

Interests: baking, ballet, yoga, dogs