

SOPHIE CRISPIN

EDUCATION

University of Wisconsin Law School

Madison, WI

Juris Doctor, May 2017

Honors: **Pro Bono Society Award of Distinction**, 2017, *recognizes over 100 hours of pro bono service*
Stearns-Shaw Scholarship, 2014 - 2017, *recognizes advocacy for the LGBTQ community*

Ohio Wesleyan University

Delaware, OH

B.A., Gender Studies, May 2014

BAR ADMISSION

Wisconsin (June 2017)

New York (June 2018)

EXPERIENCE

University of WI Law School, Eviction Defense Clinic, Director, July 2022 -present

New York, NY

- Develop curriculum for and teach evicetion defense experiential learning course
- Develop curriculum for and teach rental housing law seminar
- Directly supervise students practicing under my license
- Engage in complex litigation, including trials, motion practice, and negotiation
- Coordinate with other provider organizations to advocate for systemic change

NY Legal Assistance Group, Tenants' Rights Unit, Sr. Staff Attorney, August 2018-June 2022

New York, NY

Manhattan-based Right to Counsel Team, August 2018-July 2021

NYCHA Defense Team, July 2021-June 2022

- Defended tenants from eviction in Housing Court, Manhattan Supreme Court, and Administrative forums
- Managed 50+ open and active cases, from initial client meeting to resolution
- Engaged in complex litigation, including trials, discovery & depositions, and motion practice
- Coordinated with other provider organizations to advocate for systemic change
- Participated in direct supervision of interns and developed a program curriculum
- Sat on hiring committees and developed hiring policy for both staff and management-level positions

Legal Aid Society of Northeastern New York, Staff Attorney, Aug. 2017-Aug. 2018

Albany, NY

- Managed cases in judicial and administrative forums
- Filed complex post-incarceration motions for relief from collateral consequences and record sealing
- Participated in community and prison education and outreach efforts

Columbia Legal Services, Institutions Project, Intern, Summer 2016

Seattle, WA

- Researched and drafted motions for relief from incarceration-related financial obligations
- Assisted with a legislative effort to curb criminal record-related housing discrimination
- Produced an internal research guide on prison policies relating to transgender inmates in the 9th circuit

INVOLVEMENT

A Better NYLAG Staff Union, VP of Communications, November 2020 - June 2022

New York, NY

- Handled all internal and external communications for an organization of 150+ members
- Lead committees for Health & Safety and Office Reopening; met regularly with management
- Coordinated advocacy projects across multiple organizations