

Brian M. Fields

Education

University of Louisville Brandeis School of Law

Juris Doctor, *Summa Cum Laude*

GPA: 3.747

Graduation: May 2022

Activities: Editor-in-Chief Journal of Animal and Environmental Law, Vol. 13
President Louisville Student Bar Foundation

Awards: Leon Seidman Award for Outstanding Commitment to Law & Community Service, Robert C. Jayes Award for Outstanding Leadership and Service, CALI Award for Most Outstanding Student (x8): *Constitutional Law 2, Decedents Estates, Wills, Trusts, Comparative Free Speech and Media Law, Advanced/Upper-Level Writing, Civil Rights and Civil Liberties Litigation, Advanced Constitutional Law, Environmental Law, Urban Law and Policy*, Greenebaum Public Service Fellowship 2020, Greenebaum Public Service Fellowship 2021, Central High School Partnership Award

University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

Bachelor of Arts, Political Science, *Summa Cum Laude*

GPA: 3.827

Graduation: May 2018

Minors: Islamic/Middle Eastern Studies, History

Certificates: Business, U.S. Defense Intelligence

Activities: Phi Beta Kappa Honors Society, Student Government, Sexuality and Gender Alliance, Honors Carolina

Experience

Legal Aid Society of Louisville

Attorney- Economic Stability Unit (Previously Criminal Expungement Fellow)

September 2021 - Present

- Practices law on issues involving consumer rights, criminal expungement, bankruptcy, student loans, and tax law
- Obtains criminal expungements of Class D felonies and misdemeanors for indigent Kentuckians eligible for expungement under Kentucky Revised Statutes
- Works with pro bono partners at various private and public entities to help promote effective collaboration on volunteer legal services involving criminal expungement, low-income tax assistance, bankruptcy, and consumer rights matters
- Assists in the facilitation of expungement clinics, low-income tax clinics, debt defense clinics, and small claims clinics with community partners
- Regular outreach across the 15-county service area of Legal Aid Society to ensure all people within our service area have the knowledge to access free civil legal assistance

University of Louisville Brandeis School of Law

Research Assistant

April 2021 – May 2022

- Assisted Professor Dan Canon in civil rights research and community-based projects in the Louisville area
- Helped facilitate curriculum development for University of Louisville clinic/internship program
- Worked on issues of police misconduct, policing reform, discrimination, and LGBTQ+ rights
- Spearheaded an initiative to fundraise for a program to eliminate economic barriers to community engagement work for public interest law students
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Kentucky Innocence Project

Volunteer Extern, Law Clerk

August 2020 – June 2022

- Reviewed case files to assist on research for exonerations for clients with Kentucky convictions claiming complete and factual innocence
- Helped KIP attorneys to further exoneration efforts by discussing theories of innocence, meeting with clients, and reviewing previous trials
- Assisted on drafting of testing motion in capital murder case and reviewing previous trials to help strengthen facts indicating complete and factual innocence

Brandeis Human Rights Advocacy Program`

Human Rights Advocacy Program Fellow

August 2019 – May 2022

- Assists with local human rights advocacy through community engagement projects in areas of need

- Conducts independent research and outreach projects aimed at fostering better human rights conditions in the Greater Louisville area

Ban Conversion Therapy Kentucky

Operations Director

October 2019 - July 2021

- Coordinating organizers, staffers, volunteers on advocacy for statewide ban on “conversion therapy” ban for minors, including annual lobby day in state capital of Frankfort, Kentucky
- Logistically managing grassroots network to support legislation action on LGBTQ+ rights
- Ghostwriting op-eds in statewide newspapers on behalf of Republican and Democrat bill sponsors in support of a conversion therapy ban for minors

Marshall-Brennan Constitutional Literacy Project at Central High School

Instructor

August 2020 - May 2021

- Created curriculum and taught a class of high school seniors about civil rights and liberties while connecting the curriculum to real student experiences
- Facilitated learning exercises that helped students understand their constitutional rights and engage with current constitutional questions faced by our community and country
- Worked with other teachers to implement and maintain student productivity and well-being during the COVID-19 pandemic

Appalachian Citizens’ Law Center

Legal Intern

May 2020 - August 2020

- Assisted on legal research regarding impact of corporate bankruptcies on low-income communities in Eastern Kentucky and West Virginia
- Researched and wrote on the intersection of environmental justice and energy bankruptcies in Appalachia
- Assisted with statutory analyses of state and federal environmental administrative law and bankruptcy law
- Took part in community meetings on clean water access and infrastructure development in Martin County, Kentucky

University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill Student Government

Director of State and External Affairs

April 2017 - April 2018

- Served as liaison to facilitate relationships between student body, university administration, and the Chapel Hill community
- Organized campus-wide civic engagement efforts at UNC-Chapel Hill to increase turnout in municipal and federal elections
- Promoted community partnerships between students and community organizations through hosting of events
- Attempted to reduce instances of police being called on students by spearheading the “Good Neighbor Initiative” to provide non-police alternatives to conflict resolution
- Advocated for universal free Narcan access on campus as part of university-wide harm reduction efforts

University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill

Student LGBTQ Liaison to the Provost

April 2017 - April 2018

- Sat as an undergraduate appointee on UNC-Chapel Hill Provost’s Committee on LGBTQ Life
- Analyzed results of Campus Climate Report and works to improve conditions for LGBTQ community members with a focus on historically underrepresented and marginalized community members
- Allocated funding to organizations, projects, and campaigns relevant to campus LGBTQ engagement, safety, wellness, and extracurricular opportunity
- Worked to ensure student, faculty, and staff protections of members of the LGBTQ community on campus
- Helped with the creation of an LGBTQ alumni network of all-LGBTQ graduate and undergraduate students, as well as faculty and staff at UNC Chapel Hill