

Cassie Chambers Armstrong

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Education

Harvard Law School, Boston, MA

J.D., May 2015

Journal on Legislation

Activities: Harvard Legal Aid Bureau, President and Student Attorney; Harvard Defenders, Student Attorney; Research Assistant, Professor Cass Sunstein; Women's Law Association Executive Board

The London School of Economics and Political Science, London, UK

M.Sc. in Public Management and Governance, September 2012

Concentration: Social and Economic Policy

Degree with Distinction

Thesis: *Comparative Healthcare Social Contracts in the US and the UK*

Yale University School of Public Health, New Haven, CT

M.P.H., June 2011

Concentration: Health Policy

Thesis: *Understanding the Effects of Media Messaging on Smoking Cessation*

Yale College, Yale University, New Haven, CT

B.S., *summa cum laude* in Psychology, June 2010

Phi Beta Kappa

Activities: Senior Class Council; Freshman Counselor; Research Assistant to Professor Karyn Frick

Teaching and Research Interests

Access to Justice, Rural Court Systems, Poverty Law, Tort Law, Family Law, Administrative Law, Legislation

Books

Cassie Chambers. *Hill Women: Finding Family and a Way Forward in the Appalachian Mountains*. Random House: Ballantine Books. January 2020.

Other Publications

Cassie Chambers Armstrong, *The Price of Fundamental Rights*. 74 Rutgers Law Review, 4 (2022)

Cassie Chambers Armstrong, *The Role of Local Government in Promoting Environmental Policy*. 13 Ky. J. Equine, Agric. & Nat. Res. L. 2 (2021).

Jon Fleischaker, Michael Abate, and Cassie Chambers Armstrong. *The First Amendment and Public Access: An Update on Recent Developments in Kentucky Law*. Bench & Bar Magazine. January 2019.

Presentations and Panel Discussions

Keynote Speaker: *Trends in Rural and Urban Domestic Violence*. Domestic Violence in Appalachian Culture Conference. October 2022.

Keynote Speaker: *Constitutional Amendment 2 in Kentucky*. AAUW Women's Equality Celebration. September 2022.

Keynote Speaker: *Triumphing Over Disparities: Women, Health and Appalachian Resilience*. Appalachian American Alliance for Nurse Practitioners Annual Conference. March 2021.

Plenary Session Speaker: *Rural Courts and Access to Justice*. National Association of Women Judges Annual Conference. October 2021.

Panelist: *Motherhood and the Law Symposium*. April 2021.

Panelist: *Justice for All? The State of Access to Justice in Kentucky*. February 2018.

Work Experience

Louisville Metro Council, Louisville, KY

Councilwoman (November 2020-Present) Elected to represent Louisville's 8th Council District in the city's legislative body.

University of Louisville, Brandeis School of Law, Louisville, KY

Assistant Professor (November 2020-Present) Taught Tort law, Administrative Law, and Access to Justice; researched access to justice issues in urban and rural court systems.

Kaplan Johnson Abate & Bird LLP, Louisville, KY

Associate Attorney (September 2018-January 2021) Litigated cases in the areas of business litigation, government transparency, and other areas of complex litigation; handled multiple cases before the Court of Appeals and Supreme Court of Kentucky.

Skadden Fellow, Louisville, KY

Attorney at Louisville Legal Aid Society and Kentucky Equal Justice Center (August 2016-June 2018) Represented victims of domestic violence in Family Law matters; designed and implemented a comprehensive program to provide legal services to rural victims of domestic violence; litigated appeals on poverty law issues.

Law Clerk to the Hon. Amul Thapar, Eastern District of Kentucky, Covington, KY

Term Clerk (August 2015-May 2016) Managed a docket of active cases; wrote draft orders; conducted legal research.

Harvard Legal Aid Bureau, Cambridge, MA

President, (January 2014-January 2015) Responsible for overseeing day-to-day operations of a non-profit organization with 50+ staff and 250+ active legal cases; developed and implemented an Alumni Fundraising Campaign; designed and launched an Alumni Association; ran weekly Board and Executive Committee meetings; provided direct representation to clients in family law cases.

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Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom, Washington, DC

Summer Associate, Litigation and Political Law, (May 2014-July 2014) Worked on a pro bono housing case; received training in litigation skills; participated in hearing preparation; conducted legal research.

Department of Justice, Washington, DC

Summer Law Clerk, Vaccine Litigation, (June 2013 – August 2013) Drafted a response to a motion for review of a Special Master's decision; wrote a motion to dismiss a petition for compensation; assisted senior attorneys with trial preparation.

Parliamentary Office of Science and Technology, London, UK

Postgraduate Fellow, (January 2012 - August 2012) Represented the UK government at an EU-wide bioethics meeting; wrote analytic memos to help the UK government choose among policy options.

Connecticut Office of the Healthcare Advocate, Hartford, CT

Policy Fellow, (January 2011 - June 2011) Attended Affordable Care Act implementation meetings; drafted testimony for the Healthcare Advocate; tracked health legislation.

U.S. Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions, Washington, DC

Graduate Intern, Health Policy Subcommittee, (June 2010 - August 2010) Represented the Subcommittee on Health at health reform implementation meetings; assisted with developing initial health reform implementation strategy.

Selected Honors and Awards

- Legal Aid Society, Champion of Justice (2021)
- Kentucky Bar Association Young Lawyer's Division Award for Service to the Community (2018)
- Graduate of IGNITE Louisville and FOCUS Louisville (2017)
- Harvard Law School Dean's Award for Community Leadership (2015)
- Fulbright Scholar to the United Kingdom (2011-2012)
- Rotary Ambassadorial Scholar (2011-2012)

Community Involvement

- Trustee, Berea College (2021-Present)
- Domestic Violence Prevention Coordinating Council (2022-Present)