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## EDUCATION

New York Law School | Juris Doctor, 2009 | NY Barred  
 Vassar College | Bachelor of Arts, 2006 | Ford Scholar

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

**Democracy Forward | Washington, D.C. | Communications Director | Apr 2019-  
 Press Secretary Apr 2017-19**

- Establishing the national profile of a new non-profit legal organization formed to expose corruption and fight back for those harmed by unlawful Executive Branch actions, by quickly forming and leveraging relationships with reporters, editors and producers -- across subject matter beats -- and earning over 3,000 placements in high-tier national, regional and international media
  - *Clip Samples*
    - WaPo-Energy 202 | [EPA restores funding to Chesapeake Bay newspaper that reported on the agency](#)
    - E&E News | [Oil and Gas Lawsuit: Interior 'secret policy' skirted drilling regs](#)
    - Univision | [Documentos revelan campaña silenciosa para negar préstamos hipotecarios a beneficiarios de DACA](#)
    - Alabama Political Reporter | [Gulf environmental group's lawsuit claims waivers for offshore oil drillers are unsafe, illegal](#)
    - Atlanta Journal Constitution | [Kemp, Trump proposal to block ACA shopping website draws legal fight](#)
- Crafting and executing national and regional press strategies for a general audience around complex investigative research, technical and scientific matters, and substantive litigation on diverse policy areas ranging from tax reform, national security, access to justice, women's health, agriculture, labor protections, education, financial services reform, and environmental protections
  - *Clip Samples*
    - New York Times | [Lawsuit challenges secrecy of White House advisers on infrastructure](#)
    - Montana AP | [Judge says conservation group can look into energy panel](#)
    - Huffpost | [NOAA opens — then halts — inquiry into alleged political meddling](#)
    - KCRG (Iowa ABC) | [Waterloo business owner wins lawsuit over discriminatory lending](#)
- Aligning Democracy Forward's core message and values with innovative high-level communications plans that spark federal oversight investigations and Congressional inquiries into improper Cabinet level activity
  - *Clip Samples*
    - Politico | [National archives probes Wilbur Ross' use of private email](#)
    - Newsweek | [Interior department tapped wildfire preparedness funds for Ryan Zinke helicopter tour](#)
    - New York Times | [Ethics office examines allegations that Interior dept. officials violated transparency laws](#)
    - E&E | [Greens sue DOJ For Ditching Popular Enforcement Tool](#)
- On-the-record spokesperson with a portfolio of over 100 lawsuits across 40 Executive Branch entities, in addition to providing media preparation and coaching to Democracy Forward senior staff
  - *Clip Samples*
    - WaPo | [Don't sleep on Wilbur Ross](#)
    - E&E | [Solar grant costs 10 times more than agency claimed — emails](#)
    - Make it Plain podcast | [Suing Trump for failing to reopen healthcare enrollment during coronavirus with Charisma Troiano of Democracy Forward](#)
    - NPR | [Lawsuit argues 'ticking time bomb' could invalidate thousands of health rules](#)

- Spearheading multi-coalition media and messaging campaigns with major non-profit groups, Native American tribes, labor unions and U.S. cities that represent an array of stakeholders including the residents of Chicago, Philadelphia, Baltimore and Columbus as well as the Council for Global Equality, the United Steelworkers Union, the Wilderness Society, Paralyzed Veterans of America, the National Women's Law Center, the Humane Society and the Lawyer's Committee for Civil Rights

- *Clip Samples*

- Newsy | [Lawsuit seeks more protection of Native kids in foster care](#)
- CNN's The Lead with Jake Tapper | [WH delay could make it easier for airlines to lose wheelchairs](#)
- WaPo | [Healthcare workers and unions file lawsuit against OSHA, saying it is not keeping them safe](#)
- EcoWatch | [Trump's trophy hunting council disbanded after legal defeat](#)

## **Brooklyn District Attorney's Office | Brooklyn, NY | Press Secretary | Jun 2015 - Apr 2017**

- Served as an on-the-record spokesperson for the Brooklyn District Attorney's Office -- one of the largest offices in the country -- and quickly leveraged newly formed reporter relationships to land high-tier earned media surrounding complex and technical criminal justice and policy related matters

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- NYT | [A false conviction is overturned, but the system that allowed it remains](#)
- NYT | [For victims, an overloaded court system brings pain and delays](#)
- Vice | [Why do so many New Yorkers have outstanding warrants?](#)

- Planned and managed high-level communications and media campaigns that aligned with the Office's core message of justice, fairness, and accountability. This, in turn, raised the Office's national profile including features in Ava Duvernay's the 13th documentary, PBS Newshour and the Women in the World summit

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- PBS Newshour | [How NYC is tackling 1.4 million open arrest warrants for 'quality-of-life' crimes](#)
- CNN | [81-year-old's exoneration underscores success of Brooklyn prosecutor](#)
- CNN | [How the Iron Pipeline funnels guns into cities with tough gun laws](#)

- Lead speech and op-ed writer for the District Attorney and members of the executive team with a focus on translating technical legal issues for the general public

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- NY Daily News | [Ken Thompson: Justice for Akai Gurley doesn't equal jail time for Peter Liang](#)
- Reuters | [Newsmaker: Brooklyn DA Ken Thompson on Congress fail](#)

## **Everything Brooklyn Media | Brooklyn, NY | Chief Legal Correspondent | Aug 2012 - May 2015**

- Starting as a reporter's assistant and rising to Chief Legal Correspondent, I quickly transformed the newspaper's legal editorial page into a trusted resource for reporting on major criminal cases and civil litigation across Brooklyn's state and federal courts

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- Brooklyn Daily Eagle | [New law aims to curb 'paper terrorists'](#)
- Brooklyn Daily Eagle | [The 'indomitable' Jack Weinstein: The living legacy of a Brooklyn federal judge](#)
- Brooklyn Daily Eagle | [Brooklyn federal judge finds stop-and-frisk of parolee illegal](#)

- Served as on-camera legal reporting analyst for WNBC and host and producer for a daily cable news program, *BK Live*

- *Clip Samples*

- BK Live | [Brooklyn Eagle legal editor discusses NYC municipal IDs](#)
- BK Live | [Interview with Rep. Hakeem Jeffries](#)

**Shaev & Fleischman, LLP | New York, NY | Associate Attorney | Jan - Dec 2010**

- Represented clients in Chapter 7 bankruptcy litigation.

**PRO-BONO/VOLUNTEER**

**Ego-Ideal, Inc. | Decatur, Georgia | Pro Bono Counsel | 2014-Present**

- Legal counsel for a non-profit organization that works to address the needs of transitional-aged youth and adults with disabilities.