

Sarah Gottlieb

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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Office of the Public Defender, State of Maryland, Baltimore, MD

Assistant Public Defender III, Felony Division, March 2015 – July 2021

Misdemeanor Jury Trial Division, March 2013 – February 2015

- Represented criminal defendants in misdemeanor, felony, and life penalty cases, including murder and attempted murder.
- Managed a caseload of approximately 50 – 70 cases in Baltimore City Circuit Court, including multiple life felonies simultaneously.
- Litigated on behalf of clients in trials, motions to suppress, violation of probations, and bail reviews.
- Aided clients in understanding collateral consequences, including immigration, filing for expungement, and obtaining addiction and mental health treatment.
- Obtained acquittals in murder, attempted murder, accessory after murder, and firearm possession jury trials.
- Secured an acquittal in a first degree murder case after the client was wrongfully convicted and previously sentenced to life in 2016. The case was overturned due to repeated objections and a mistrial request when the Court allowed a Baltimore homicide detective to testify as to why he thought the witnesses' stories were not inconsistent.
- Successfully procured a Motion for a Judgment of Acquittal to first degree attempted murder charges and accessory after the fact to first degree murder.
- Won a Motion to Suppress Statement in a first degree murder case, resulting in the Judge striking the portion of the statement taken prior to proper Miranda advisements.
- Won a Motion to Suppress Illegal Arrest in a first degree murder case, resulting in the Judge suppressing the statement given by the client as fruit of the poisonous tree and securing a dismissal of all charges.
- Won a motion in limine to cross examine a Baltimore police officer about Internal Affairs Disclosures and was able to use this information to demonstrate to the jury that the officer did not follow the rules and procedures of the Baltimore police department. The client was acquitted on all charges.
- Elicited information through cross examination showing that the State's witnesses had violated sequestration in firearm possession case, resulting in the Judge granting a Motion for a Judgement of Acquittal to all charges.
- Member of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Counsel, Culture subcommittee, Retention subcommittee, working to ensure diversity is valued in every employee.

Committee for Public Counsel Services, Springfield, MA

Trial Attorney, Public Defender Division, September 2010 – January 2013

- Represented criminal defendants in matters involving a variety of felonies and misdemeanors.
- Managed a caseload of approximately 60 – 80 cases at a time in various state courts, including Springfield District Court, Holyoke District Court, and Hampden Superior Court.
- Advocated and successfully litigated on behalf of clients in trials, motions to suppress, violations of probations, and bail reviews.

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Sugarman & Sugarman, P.C., Boston, MA

Litigation Associate, September 2009 – July 2010

- Carried a caseload of approximately 30 cases in various courts including probate, district, and superior court.

Hon. F. Dennis Saylor, IV, U.S. District Court, Worcester, MA

Legal Intern, January – May 2009

- Drafted daily memos for motion hearings. Reviewed habeas corpus petitions and Social Security appeals.

Democratic National Committee, Washington, DC

Associate, Compliance Department, July – December 2008

- Monitored DNC compliance with federal election laws. Researched background information on donors.

International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia, The Hague, Netherlands

Law Clerk, Summer 2007

- Assisted Office of the Prosecutor with case work and conducted evidence gathering projects.

Children's Legal Services, Brookline, MA

Law Clerk, Summer 2006

- Assisted in all phases of family, probate, and child welfare matters. Drafted briefs and motions, performed legal research.

Suffolk County Jail, Boston, MA

Social Work Intern, 2004-2005

- Performed HIV tests, including pre and post test counseling. Conducted casework and intakes for defendants.

Germaine Lawrence, Arlington Heights, MA

Residential Counselor, 2003-2004

- Created and implemented behavior plans. Assessed patients' progress and discussed future placement with clinical team.

EDUCATION

Boston College Law School, Newton, MA

Juris Doctor, cum laude, May 2008

- Criminal Law Clinic, Ayer District Court, Ayer, MA, September – December 2007
Represented the District Attorney at arraignment hearings; argued motions at suppression and bail hearings.
- Criminal Law Clinic, Federal Public Defender's Office, Boston, MA, January – May 2008
Researched complex legal issues and wrote memoranda regarding 4th Amendment and Miranda violations, as well as juror misconduct.

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- New England Innocence Project, Case Review Independent Study, January – May 2007
Reviewed hundreds of pages of trial transcript to determine whether litigation should pass beyond the initial screening phase.

Boston University, Boston, MA

Bachelor of Arts, Sociology and Art History, cum laude, August 2003

- Awarded Distinction for thesis: *Standing Apartheid on Its Head*
- T.V. Edwards Law Firm, Legal Intern, Criminal Legal Aid Department, Summer 2002
Interviewed, advised, and attended court with indigent clients from a variety of ethnic backgrounds. Researched case law.

MEMBERSHIPS AND BAR ADMISSIONS

- Maryland Criminal Defense Attorneys' Association
- Maryland Bar Association
- National Association for Public Defense
- National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers
- ACLU of Maryland
- Baltimore Hebrew Congregation Justice Committee
- Admitted to practice in Maryland, New York, Massachusetts, the United States District Court for the District of Massachusetts, and the First Circuit Court of Appeals, Massachusetts.

PRESENTATIONS

Social Media in Criminal Practice, February 2021, Maryland Office of the Public Defender (Presenter)

Impeachment in Criminal Practice, February 2021, Maryland Office of the Public Defender (Presenter)

Policing in Maryland: The Law Enforcement Officer's Bill of Rights, March 2021, Jews United for Justice (Moderator/organizer, panel presentation featuring Deborah Levi, Director of Special Litigation for the Office of the Public Defender, Dayvon Love, Director of Public Policy for Leaders of a Beautiful Struggle, and Captain Joe Perez, President of National Hispanic Law Enforcement Association)

Motions Practice, April 2021, Maryland Office of the Public Defender (Presenter)