

DEBRA PERLIN

EXPERIENCE

Citizens for Responsibility and Ethics in Washington (CREW)

Policy Director

Washington, D.C.
March 2022-present

- Lead, manage, hire, and mentor, a diverse team of lawyers, policy professionals, and interns who create and implement the organization's policy work aimed at building an ethical, transparent, and accountable government.
- Serve on senior leadership team and report directly to and regularly collaborate with President and CEO.
- Represent CREW at public conferences, symposia, donor engagements, coalition meetings, in the media, and before Congress where I have authored and submitted testimony for the congressional record in my name.
- Lead the organization's policy efforts to prevent insurrectionists from serving in public office in violation of the 14th Amendment by supporting CREW's groundbreaking litigation in *Anderson v. Trump* and authoring reports cited by the media and in legal filings such as *Disqualified: The Case for Donald Trump's Disqualification Under the 14th Amendment* and *An Insurrectionist in The Statehouse: The Case for Expelling Doug Mastriano*.
- Conceptualize, implement, and lead efforts to highlight the need for Supreme Court ethics reform resulting in CREW testifying before Congress three times in two years on the subject.

American Constitution Society

Director of Policy and Program

Washington, D.C.
June 2017–March 2022

- Served as organization's in-house expert on issues related to national security, separation of powers, rule of law, technology, and government reform and helped guide organizational strategy to advance reform proposals.
- Led policy work on Supreme Court confirmations process and liaised with Capitol Hill staff in preparation of multiple Supreme Court confirmation hearings.
- Identified, implemented, and managed private convenings bringing together academics, policymakers, and non-profit leaders on topics such as Department of Justice reform, administrative law reform, and Supreme Court reform to promote long-range planning and strategic thinking between the academy and Capitol Hill.
- Led public-facing programming (from conception to execution) on emerging legal issues highlighting ideas from academics, practitioners, legislators, and coalition partners. Topics included: *Democratic Deterioration at Home and Abroad*, *Election Security as a National Security Issue*, and *Advancing an Anti-Entrenchment Agenda: How to Save our Democracy by Deconcentrating Wealth and Power*.
- Represented the American Constitution Society at public events, with coalition partners, and at donor meetings. Manage and mentor junior staff and interns.

American University, Department of Justice, Law, and Criminology

Adjunct Professor, "The Supreme Court: Peeking Behind the Curtain"

Washington, D.C.
Spring 2018

Supreme Court of the United States

Supreme Court Fellow, Office of the Counselor to the Chief Justice

Washington, D.C.
October 2015 Term

- Selected for a competitive fellowship in judicial administration by a committee led by the Chief Justice.
- Assisted the Office of the Chief Justice in his role as the head of the judiciary by drafting speeches, conducting research, briefing foreign judges, and reviewing policies to increase accessibility and efficiency of the judiciary.
- Taught seminars to over 100 delegations of international judges and lawyers on the roles and functions of U.S. federal courts, including the Supreme Court's original and appellate jurisdiction.
- Researched, wrote, and presented a paper on comparative separation of powers to the U.S. Judicial Conference.
- Reviewed applications, hired, and supervised 6 interns. Established career development program for 20 interns.

U.S. Department of State, Bureau of International Narcotics & Law Enforcement (INL)

Justice Advisor, Office of Criminal Assistance Partnerships Rule of Law Team

Washington, D.C.
Sept. 2013–June 2015

- Led U.S. Government assessments of foreign justice systems. Strategized and recommended legislative and procedural reforms based on those assessments.
- Edited and contributed to *INL's Guide to Justice Sector Assistance*, *INL's Guide to Gender in the Criminal Justice System*, and *INL's Guide to Anticorruption Assistance*.
- Designed trainings for foreign judges and attorneys from over 20 countries on rule of law topics.

U.S. Department of State, Bureau of Democracy, Labor & Human Rights

Presidential Management Fellow, Office of International Religious Freedom

Washington, D.C.
Nov. 2011–Aug. 2013

- Conducted field research and Washington, D.C. based interviews to identify human rights abuses and distilled findings into written memoranda for Department of State leadership.
- Wrote sections of the Department's annual *Human Rights Report* and *International Religious Freedom Report*.

Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism
 Legislative Assistant & Program Associate

Washington, D.C.
 2006-2008

EDUCATION

Boston College Law School, Newton, MA
 J.D. *cum laude*

May 2011

Honors: Recipient of Drinan Family Fund Award in Support of Public Interest Law

Brandeis University, Waltham, MA

May 2006

B.A. *summa cum laude* in International & Global Studies and Near Eastern & Judaic Studies

Honors Thesis: "Assimilating Religion: Comparing Jewish and Muslim Assimilation Experiences in America"

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS AND PODCASTS

- *The Future of the 14th Amendment: A Discussion on Trump v. Anderson*, University of Maryland Francis King Carey School of Law, March 2024 (invited speaker)
- *Is Trump Disqualified from Office?: A Discussion on Trump v. Anderson*, George Mason Law School ACS Event, February 2024 (invited speaker)
- *The 14th Amendment and Donald Trump*, Boston College Law School ACS Event, February 2024 (invited speaker)
- *Voting Rights, Ethics, and the Supreme Court*, Common Cause Indiana, December 2023 (invited speaker)
- *The History and Context of Supreme Court Accountability*, Hofstra University Law School Symposium on Accountability and the Supreme Court, September 2023 (invited speaker)
- *Accountability for Political Violence and the 14th Amendment*, University of Denver Sturm College of Law ACS Event, March 2023 (invited speaker)
- *The History, Development, and Future of the 14th Amendment*, University of Pennsylvania Law School Journal of Constitutional Law Symposium, January 2023 (invited speaker)
- *Catching Up on All Things January 6th*, Broken Law Podcast, August 2022 (invited speaker)
- *Ukraine: Democracy's Moment of Truth*, Broken Law Podcast, March 2022 (organizer and host)
- *January 6th, One Year Later*, Broken Law Podcast, January 2022 (organizer and host)
- *Saving Democracy*, ACS Webinar, December 2021 (organizer and moderator)
- *State of Democracy, Parts I and II*, Broken Law Podcast, November 2021 (organizer and host)
- *The Legal Legacy of 9/11, Parts I and III*, Broken Law Podcast, September 2021 (organizer and host)
- *Filibustering Progress: To Reform or Not to Reform the Filibuster*, ACS Webinar, May 2021 (organizer and moderator)
- *Insurrection at the Capitol: Where do we go from here?*, ACS Webinar, January 2021 (organizer and moderator)
- *Staying Strong – Advocacy in a Pandemic*, Women of Reform Judaism District Convention, October 2020 (invited speaker)
- Documentary Screening & Discussion of *Alternative Facts: The Lies of Executive Order 9066*, Congressional Asian Pacific American Caucus, March 2020 (invited speaker)
- *Contained? Government Authority During a Health Crisis*, ACS Webinar, March 2020 (organizer and moderator)
- *War Powers, War Crimes, & Wartime Detention: A Discussion of the Trump Administration's Iran Actions*, ACS Webinar, January 2020 (organizer and moderator)
- *The Constitution and the 2020 Election*, ACS Webinar, September 2019 (organizer and moderator)
- *What's Next: After Mueller*, ACS Webinar, July 2019 (organizer and moderator)
- *The Supreme Court: Pending Cases and Impending Impact*, Women of Reform Judaism Social Justice Conference, May 2019 (invited speaker)
- *Law and the Judicial System*, AAUW's National Conference for Student Leaders, May 2019 (invited speaker)
- Opening Plenary – Documentary Screening & Discussion of *RBG: Hero, Icon, Dissenter*, AAUW's National Conference for College Women Student Leaders, May 2019 (invited speaker)
- *Bypassing Congress in the Name of National Security: Trump's "National Emergency" Declaration*, ACS Webinar, February 2019 (organizer and moderator)
- *The Special Counsel, Executive Power, and Brett Kavanaugh*, ACS Webinar, July 2018 (organizer and moderator)

- *Gender and Accountability in Post-Conflict Countries*, American Society of Criminology Conference, November 2015 (invited speaker)
- *Prosecutorial Reform Overseas*, National Association of Attorneys General, June 2014 (invited speaker)

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

- *Americans and the Court: How Public Outcry Has Influenced the Court to Address Judicial Ethics Crises*, HOFSTRA LAW REVIEW (forthcoming 2024)
- *Disqualified: The Case for Donald Trump's Disqualification Under the 14th Amendment*, CREW, July 2023 (co-author)
- *Trump on Trial: A Model Prosecution Memo for Federal Election Interference Crimes*, JUST SECURITY, July 2023 (co-author)
- *In Trump Case, Procedures Exist to Safeguard the Former President's Right to an Impartial Jury*, JUST SECURITY, April 2023
- *An Insurrectionist in The Statehouse: The Case for Expelling Doug Mastriano*, CREW, April 2023 (co-author)
- *Fulton County, Georgia's Trump Investigation: An Analysis of the reported facts and applicable law*, BROOKINGS INSTITUTE, November 2022 (co-author)
- *Defending Democracy Starts at Home*, ACS BLOG, March 2022
- *Timing is Everything: Justice Breyer's Retirement and the Court's Contempt for Government Regulation*, ACS BLOG, February 2022
- *The Supreme Court is Giving George W. Bush the Last Laugh on Guantanamo*, POLITICO, September 2021
- *Protect Our Courts: Investigate January 6th*, THE HILL, June 2021
- *The World is Watching: The U.S. Should Follow Its Own Advice & Establish a 1/6 Commission*, JUST SECURITY, May 2021
- *Marbury on the Thames: Separation of Powers in the United Kingdom's Nascent Supreme Court*, 42 N.C. J. INT'L L. 191 (2016)

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- Truman National Security Project, Security Fellow (Feb. 2020–present)
- Union for Reform Judaism, Board of Trustees (Dec. 2019–present)
- Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism's Commission on Social Action, Vice-Chair (2022-present) and Member (Oct. 2016-present)
- Bar Admissions: New York (Jan. 2012), Supreme Court of the United States (Nov. 2015)