

## Biography

**Leah Goodridge** is a nationally renowned movement lawyer, thought leader and writer with over a decade of experience in housing rights and racial justice. Currently Leah is the Managing Attorney for Housing Policy at Mobilization for Justice where she leads a team of attorneys who provide tenants with legal representation in eviction court proceedings. Several of Leah's favorable court decisions have been published in the New York Law Journal. She also authored an amicus brief in a case which challenged ableism in housing and won at the New York State Court of Appeals.

Leah has had a tremendous impact on housing policy in New York. Former New York City mayor Bill de Blasio appointed Leah to the Rent Guidelines Board where she served nearly four years as a tenant representative. Working alongside coalitions, tenant organizers and elected officials, Leah successfully advocated for "rent freezes" (zero rent increases) twice for New York tenants. In 2021, Public Advocate Jumaane Williams appointed Leah to the City Planning Commission. There, Leah is a powerful voice speaking prominently on housing affordability, gentrification and racialized displacement.

Leah's honors and accolades include the 2022 New York Bar Association Firestarter award, 2022 Jane Jacobs award by Met Council on Housing, 2019 New York County Lawyers Association Public Service Award, 2018 New York Nonprofit Media 40 under 40 Rising Star award, the 2015 Fulbright Specialist award and the NAACP Legal Defense Fund Earl Warren Scholarship. She received her J.D. from the University of California at Los Angeles (UCLA) School of Law and her B.A. from Vassar College. Leah is a proud native of Brownsville, Brooklyn.