Experience

Fix the Court

Executive Director

Created and run only grassroots organization in existence that advocates for great openness and accountability at U.S. Supreme Court, including expanded broadcast access to its hearings, an end to life tenure for its justices and stronger judicial ethics and disclosure rules.

- Became go-to SCOTUS transparency advocate nationally, speaking at congressional press conferences and top law schools. •
- Wrote dozens of op-eds (N.Y. Times, USA TODAY, L.A. Times) and appeared on TV (MSNBC, PBS, C-SPAN) to push for reform.
- Manage staff and consultants who deliver graphics, digital ads and research in accordance with strategic direction.
- Gained support of >200,000 followers on social media and e-mail, who've sent thousands of letters to lawmakers on our "fixes."
- Victories include: found conflicts of interest the justices themselves missed; convinced the justices to sell off millions of dollars in stock; raised problems with justices' reimbursed travel after Justice Scalia's death while on a trip; worked with Congress to get GAO to write report on impact of broadcast media in appellate courtrooms; currently working with both parties on proposals in Congress to institute 18-year term limits, streaming audio access and new ethics and disclosure rules at the court.

SKDKnickerbocker

Vice President

- Provided strategic communications counsel to advocacy organizations, associations, non-profits and elected officials, including:
- The Coalition for Court Transparency, 20 media / policy nonprofits advocating for end to Supreme Court's broadcast media ban.
- TheDream.US: Managed media initiatives for bipartisan group of Latino advocates assisting Dreamers find higher ed opportunities.

Rubenstein Associates

New York, N.Y. Associate Vice President 2011 - 2012

- Served as primary contact on public affairs accounts for education, health care, energy, scientific research and legal clients, including:
- Mikhail Khodorkovsky, Russia's longest-serving political prisoner: wrote messaging, op-eds for Khodorkovsky, his son, allies.
- AT&T: Planned outreach events and initiatives with community stakeholders as part of company's expanded investment in the city.

New York State government

Deputy Director of Communication / Spokesman, New York State Department of State

Acted as on-the-record spokesman; wrote speeches, op-eds and press releases; executed press events promoting wide range of departmental programs, such as economic development, local government consolidation, environmental protection and boxing.

Press Officer, New York State Executive Chamber

Coordinated governor's press events on education, environment, economic development, small business and housing policy.

The Glover Park Group

Senior Associate

Coordinated public affairs accounts in the in the financial services, environmental, civil rights and technology sectors, including:

- General Motors restructuring: Served as spokesman for GM's unsecured creditors, who held half of GM's \$28 billion debt.
- "Beyond Guantanamo": Coordinated media strategy for attorneys, former D/R U.S. officials around habeas at the military prison. •

Commencement speaker

First Coast News (WTLV NBC-12 / WJXX ABC-25)

Producer

Produced live local evening newscast for market's top-rated station, managing anchors, reporters, photographers and editors.

Education

Medill School of Journalism, Northwestern University

Master of Science in Journalism, June 2006 •

Washington University

- Bachelor of Arts, with honors, May 2004
 - Anthropology and political science majors; writing minor Affiliate student in anthropology, University College London, spring 2003

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St. Louis, Mo.

2009 - 2010

New York, N.Y.

Washington, D.C.

2012 - 2014

New York, N.Y.

2014-present

Jacksonville, Fla.

Evanston, Ill.

Washington, D.C. 2007 - 2009

2006 - 2007