

SAMUEL SPITAL

Education

HARVARD LAW SCHOOL, J.D., *magna cum laude* June 2004
Editor-in-Chief, *Harvard Civil Rights-Civil Liberties Law Review*; Executive Editor, *Harvard BlackLetter Law Journal*; Tenant Advocacy Project; Research Assistant for Profs. Laurence Tribe and Lani Guinier.

HARVARD UNIVERSITY, A.B. in Government, *magna cum laude* June 2000

Experience

NAACP LEGAL DEFENSE & EDUCATIONAL FUND, INC. July 2017-Present
As Director of Litigation, supervise and actively participate in LDF's litigation in the areas of criminal justice, political participation, education, and economic justice. Involved in cases at all stages of federal and state court litigation, including a substantial docket of merits and amicus briefs in the Supreme Court.

HOLLAND & KNIGHT, LLP Oct. 2006-Sept. 2009/Sept. 2012-July 2017
As an associate and then partner, litigated cases involving voting rights, administrative law, appellate jurisdiction, preclusion law, intellectual property rights, insurance law, and federal habeas corpus actions. Argued multiple federal appeals. Rising Star, *New York Law Journal*.

SQUIRE SANDERS (US) LLP Sept. 2009-Sept. 2012
Represented pro bono and commercial clients in a variety of matters. Successfully argued a capital habeas case in the Eleventh Circuit Court of Appeals and a case involving treaty interpretation in the Second Circuit Court of Appeals. Co-counsel in a successful bench trial in a federal habeas case.

COLUMBIA LAW SCHOOL, Lecturer-in-Law Sept. 2012-May 2016
Taught capital habeas and prison litigation seminar and supervised clinical students.

BROOKLYN LAW SCHOOL, Adjunct Professor Jan. 2008-May 2009

THE HONORABLE JOHN PAUL STEVENS, Law Clerk July 2005-July 2006

THE HONORABLE HARRY T. EDWARDS, Law Clerk Aug. 2004-July 2005

LAWYERS' COMMITTEE FOR CIVIL RIGHTS UNDER LAW, Washington, D.C. June 2003-Aug. 2003

CENTRE NATIONAL POUR LA RECHERCHE SCIENTIFIQUE, Paris, France Sept. 2000-May 2001

Publications: *Trump Administration Held Accountable by the APA but a Missed Opportunity for the Constitution*, GEO. WASH. L. REV. ON THE DOCKET (June 24, 2020) (with N. Merle); *It Could Have Been Worse, But a Statute Designed to "Break Down All Discrimination" Against African Americans Deserves Better than Comcast Corp. v. Nat'l Assoc. of African American-Owned Media*, GEO. WASH. L. REV. ON THE DOCKET (Apr. 9, 2020); *A Doctrine of Sameness, not Federalism*, 34 N. Ill. U. L. Rev. 561 (2014); *Dedication to Justice John Paul Stevens*, 44 LOY. L. REV. 839 (2011); *Restoring Brown's Promise of Equality After Alexander v. Sandoval*, 19 HARV. BLACKLETTER L.J. 93 (2003).

Bar/Court Admissions: New York State; U.S. District Courts (S.D.N.Y & D.D.C); U.S. Courts of Appeals for the First, Second, Third, Fourth, Fifth, Eleventh, and D.C. Circuits; U.S. Supreme Court.