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Tiffany R. Wright is an adjunct professor and supervising attorney of the Human and Civil Rights Clinic. Tiffany is an accomplished appellate attorney and devotes a significant part of her practice to civil rights cases in federal and state appellate courts. She was one of the lead attorneys in *Taylor v. Riojas*, where the U.S. Supreme Court—without even requiring oral argument—summarily reversed the grant of qualified immunity to prison guards who subjected an inmate to inhumane conditions.

*Taylor* is one of the few times in history that the Supreme Court has reversed the grant of qualified immunity to law enforcement. Tiffany was also lead counsel and presented oral argument in the Second Circuit Court of Appeals in *Uniformed Fire Officers' Association v. DeBlasio*, where she defeated police unions' effort to prevent public disclosure of police misconduct records following the repeal of a New York law that had kept such records secret for decades.

Tiffany served as a law clerk to the Honorable Sonia Sotomayor of the U.S. Supreme Court, the Honorable David S. Tatel of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit, and the Honorable Royce C. Lamberth of the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia.

She is a *magna cum laude* graduate of the Georgetown University Law Center, where she was an editor of the Georgetown Law Journal and the editor-in-chief of the *Georgetown Law Journal's Annual Review of Criminal Procedure*. Tiffany has been profiled by the [Washington Post](#) and [C-SPAN](#).

Under the leadership of Tiffany Wright and Ed Williams, the Human and Civil Rights Clinic trains students in all aspects of appellate advocacy and litigates significant civil rights appeals in state and federal courts. During the 2020-2021 academic year, the Clinic filed three briefs in the U.S. Supreme Court, as well as many other briefs in the federal courts of appeals.

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