

Ashley C. Harrington Bio

Ashley Harrington is federal advocacy director and senior policy counsel at the Center for Responsible Lending (CRL). Ashley provides strategic leadership and insight into federal opportunities and threats around CRLs issue areas. Ashley's portfolio includes general consumer lending issues, with a particular focus on student debt.

Ashley recently returned to CRL from a brief project at UNCF (the United Negro College Fund). At UNCF, Ashley served as the director of the National Social Justice Program and was a member of the Public Policy and Government Affairs team. In that role, Ashley led new policy and programmatic efforts to address systemic issues that perpetuate racial and economic inequality. The program's initial focus was criminal justice reform, especially as it intersects with higher education. In addition to spearheading this program, Ashley worked on student debt issues.

Before UNCF, Ashley served as CRL's special assistant to the president and policy counsel. She assumed a lead role in federal advocacy efforts and was a primary negotiator for the Department of Education's 2017 – 2018 Borrower Defense to Repayment Rulemaking Committee. Ashley previously worked in the Office of Governor Andrew Cuomo as special assistant to the chief diversity officer, focusing on supplier diversity in government contracting and state workforce diversity.

Originally from Greensboro, NC, Ashley received her B.A. in Public Policy Analysis from UNC-Chapel Hill. After UNC, Ashley earned her J.D. from New York University School of Law where she was a Derrick Bell Public Service Scholar and an Articles Editor of the *NYU Law Review*. Ashley is admitted to practice law in New York.