

# TOM JAWETZ

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## EDUCATION

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**YALE LAW SCHOOL, J.D.**, June 2003

**Honor:** Charles G. Albom Prize for excellence in judicial appellate advocacy in a clinical program

**Activities:** Jerome N. Frank Legal Services Organization, Student Board Member  
*Yale Human Rights and Development Law Journal*, Submissions Editor  
Yale Law Revue comedy show

**DARTMOUTH COLLEGE, A.B. *summa cum laude***, Philosophy major, Government minor, May 1999

**Honors:** Rufus Choate Scholar (all semesters)  
*Phi Beta Kappa* (early induction)

## EXPERIENCE

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**CENTER FOR AMERICAN PROGRESS, WASHINGTON, DC**

***Vice President for Immigration Policy*** (Sept. 2015–present). Direct all research and advocacy pertaining to immigration policy matters for the organization. Draft written products, including reports, columns, op-eds, and sign-on letters. Testify before congressional committees and work with federal, state, and local elected officials and their staffs to promote progressive immigration policies in the national interest. Manage a team of 7.5 FTEs and raise and track a \$1.1 million annual budget.

**UNITED STATES HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY, WASHINGTON, DC**

***Immigration Subcommittee Chief Counsel*** (June 2014–Aug. 2015); ***Counsel*** (May 2009–June 2014). Devise and execute strategies for immigration-related hearings and markups before the Committee on the Judiciary and legislation on the House Floor. Advise Democratic leadership, Members of Congress, and staff on all areas of immigration law and policy. Draft and coordinate legal memoranda, letters, op-eds, and amicus briefs for Members of Congress to help shape national immigration policy. Conduct oversight over the Department of Homeland Security and the Department of Justice. Negotiate, draft, and move immigration legislation. Coordinate with NGOs and coalitions regarding immigration policy and politics.

**AMERICAN CIVIL LIBERTIES UNION, NATIONAL PRISON PROJECT, WASHINGTON, DC**

***Immigration Detention Staff Attorney*** (Jan. 2007–May 2009). Represented immigration detainees in class action and individual challenges to unlawful conditions of confinement. Negotiated settlements, drafted briefs, and argued motions in federal court. Investigated complaints relating to detention conditions, assisted organizations, attorneys and detainees, and coordinated with NGOs and coalitions. Worked with government officials to provide guidance on internal investigations and advocate for greater oversight. Testified at congressional hearings on detention conditions and transparency, reviewed draft legislation, and briefed congressional staffers.

***Litigation Fellow*** (Nov. 2005–Jan. 2007). Investigated abuses in Louisiana jails and prisons during and after Hurricane Katrina. Produced comprehensive report about the belated evacuation of Orleans Parish Prison. Researched and drafted legal briefs for prison conditions lawsuits.

**WASHINGTON LAWYERS' COMMITTEE FOR CIVIL RIGHTS AND URBAN AFFAIRS, WASHINGTON, DC**

***Arthur Liman Public Interest Fellow*** (Oct. 2004–Oct. 2005). Represented asylum seekers in judicial and administrative proceedings. Designed legal orientation project for *pro se* immigration court respondents. Served as Acting Director of the Immigrant and Refugee Rights Project.

## EXPERIENCE (cont.)

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### THE HONORABLE KIMBA M. WOOD, NEW YORK, NY

*Law Clerk, United States District Court, Southern District of New York* (Oct. 2003–Oct. 2004).

### JEROME N. FRANK LEGAL SERVICES ORGANIZATION, NEW HAVEN, CT

*Student Director, Immigration Legal Services Clinic* (Sept. 2001–June 2003). Represented asylum seekers in asylum interviews and administrative appeals. Supervised student casework and conducted client intake.

*Student Clerk, Complex Federal Litigation Clinic* (Jan. 2002–June 2002). Represented immigrant habeas petitioner in federal court and secured his return after he was wrongly deported.

### YALE LAW SCHOOL, NEW HAVEN, CT

*Teaching Assistant* (June 2002–Jan. 2003; June 2001–Jan. 2002). Developed assignments and conducted section meetings for first-year civil procedure classes taught by Professors Harold Koh and Owen Fiss.

### AMERICAN CIVIL LIBERTIES UNION, IMMIGRANTS' RIGHTS PROJECT, NEW YORK, NY

*Law Student Intern* (Summer 2002). Researched and briefed issues pertaining to public access to immigration hearings, the scope of injunctive relief, and the requirements of due process in administrative proceedings.

### EARTHRIGHTS INTERNATIONAL, CHIANG MAI, THAILAND

*Research Associate* (Summer 2001). Documented human rights abuses in Burma and edited a report on discrimination against ethnic minorities for distribution at the 2001 World Conference against Racism.

### AMERICORPS NATIONAL CIVILIAN COMMUNITY CORPS, CHARLESTON, SC

*Corps Member* (1999-2000). Collaborated with organizations and corps members to complete a range of projects, including tutoring, environmental restoration, and low-income housing construction.

## CONGRESSIONAL TESTIMONY

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*Witness*, Hearing on Building a More Dynamic Economy: The Benefits of Immigration, House Committee on the Budget, June 26, 2019.

*Witness*, Field Hearing on Immigration Reform and Border Security, Border Security and Comprehensive Immigration Reform Council, Feb. 11, 2019.

*Witness*, Hearing on H.R. 1889, the “Private Prison Information Act of 2007” (Part II), House Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security, June 26, 2008.

*Witness*, Hearing on Detention and Removal: Immigration Detainee Medical Care, House Subcommittee on Immigration, Citizenship, Refugees, Border Security, and International Law, Oct. 4, 2007.

## PRESENTATIONS & PUBLICATIONS (Selected)

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*Co-Author*, Center for American Progress, *5 Immediate Steps to Rein in DHS in the Wake of Portland*, Sept. 2, 2020.

*Author*, Center for American Progress, *Restoring the Rule of Law Through a Fair, Humane, and Workable Immigration System*, July 22, 2019.

*Co-Author*, Center for American Progress, *Language Access Has Life-or-Death Consequences for Migrants*, Feb. 20, 2019.

*Presenter*, Social Innovations to Address Immigrant Needs: How Social Sector Leaders in America’s Cities Can Strengthen Immigrant Services and Policies Symposium, Social Innovations Journal, Sept. 22, 2017.

## **PRESENTATIONS & PUBLICATIONS (cont.)**

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**Author**, *Trump's Deportation Rules Will Make America Unsafe Again*, Fortune, Feb. 24, 2017.

**Guest Lecturer**, Immigration Law and Policy, Georgetown University Law Center, Mar. 31, 2015.

**Panelist**, "Immigration Reform – Continuing Prospects for Legislative and Administrative Changes," Practicing Law Institute, Dec. 18, 2014.

**Panelist**, "Immigration Reform: Views from the Hill," Yale Law School Alumni Association of Washington, D.C., May 18, 2010.

**Panelist**, "Finding a Cure: Providing Adequate Healthcare to Immigrants in Detention," Brooklyn Law School, Mar. 5, 2010.

**Panelist**, "Forty Years of Clinical Education at Yale: Generating New Rights, Remedies, and Legal Services," Yale Law School, Mar. 5-6, 2009.

**Panelist**, "GULAG USA: Legal Challenges to Immigrant Detention," MCLE, July 26, 2008.

**Co-author**, American Civil Liberties Union, *Broken Promises: 2 Years After Katrina* (August 2007).

**Co-author**, American Civil Liberties Union, *Abandoned and Abused: Orleans Parish Prisoners in the Wake of Hurricane Katrina* (August 2006).

## **INTERESTS & BAR MEMBERSHIP**

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Augmentative and Alternative Communication; cycling; cooking. Member of the New York and Washington, DC bar associations.