

Alison Siegler Bio

Alison Siegler is a Clinical Professor of Law at the University of Chicago Law School and is the founder and director of the Federal Criminal Justice Clinic (FCJC), the nation's only legal clinic solely devoted to representing indigent clients charged with federal felonies. The FCJC defends individual clients and pursues impact litigation in the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois, in the Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals, and before the United States Supreme Court. The FCJC also engages in broader efforts to reform the federal criminal justice system. The clinic's groundbreaking race discrimination litigation in federal court in Chicago earned Professor Siegler the Seventh Circuit Bar Association's Justice John Paul Stevens Award for Outstanding Public Service Work in the Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals. Since then, the FCJC has created a Federal Bail Reform Project that is changing federal pretrial detention practices in Chicago and nationwide. Before founding the FCJC, Professor Siegler served as an attorney with the Federal Defender Program in Chicago, a Prettyman Fellow at Georgetown University Law Center's Criminal Justice Clinic, and a law clerk for U.S. District Judge Robert W. Gettleman in Chicago. She graduated *magna cum laude* from Yale College, earned a J.D. from Yale Law School, and holds an LL.M. from Georgetown.