

AMANDA R. WOOG

EDUCATION

The University of Texas School of Law, Austin, TX

Juris Doctor *with honors*, May 2012.

Trinity College, Hartford, CT

B.A. *with honors* in Philosophy, May 2005.

EXPERIENCE

Texas Fair Defense Project, Austin, TX

Executive Director

2018-present

Lead a nonprofit law firm with a staff of ten dedicated to ending the criminalization of poverty in Texas. Successful campaigns include working with local organizations to bring the first adult public defender office to Travis County (Austin), securing \$20 million in state funds (chaired the county work group tasked with drafted the proposal for the public defender office); ending the Driver Responsibility Program, resulting in the reinstatement of hundreds of thousands of driver's licenses for low-income Texans; and settling historic bail litigation in Harris County (Houston) that resulted in ending pretrial misdemeanor detention for tens of thousands of low-income residents each year.

The Quattrone Center for the Fair Administration of Justice, The University of Pennsylvania Law School, Philadelphia, PA

Research Fellow

2017-2018

Led team of three lawyers and four subject-matter experts in root cause analysis of Austin Police Department DNA lab closure. Conducted research on role of private third parties in police transparency. Advised Philadelphia District Attorney's Office on policy related to police misconduct records. Presented research at academic conferences.

The Institute for Urban Policy Research and Analysis, The University of Texas at Austin, Austin, TX

Postdoctoral Fellow

2015-2017

Spearheaded and launched the Texas Justice Initiative, a website and project documenting custodial deaths in Texas. Published reports on custodial deaths and officer-involved shootings in Texas. Presented by invitation to the Austin Civilian Review Board about officer-involved shootings in Austin. Worked with legislators and the Office of the Attorney General to improve criminal justice data collection and reporting in Texas.

Texas House of Representatives Committee on Criminal Jurisprudence, Austin, TX

Policy Director

2015

Provided legal and policy analysis and recommendations regarding pending legislation, including bills related to indigent defense, to the Chairman of the committee. Served as liaison between the Chairman and advocates and stakeholders. Responded to inquiries from other legislators and the governor's office regarding pending legislation. Prepared recommendations to the Speaker of the House of issues to be studied in the interim.

Sullivan & Cromwell LLP, Palo Alto, CA

Litigation Associate

2013-2015

Summer Associate

Summer 2012

Represented *pro bono* Alabama death-row inmate in federal district court, the Eleventh Circuit Court of Appeals and the Supreme Court. Represented companies and financial institutions in securities litigation. Assisted *pro bono* the Center for Reproductive Rights and Justice at Berkeley Law with editing a first-edition casebook.

Texas Court of Criminal Appeals, Austin, TX

Briefing Attorney for the Honorable Cheryl Johnson

2012-2013

Drafted opinions for the Court. Prepared bench memoranda for oral argument. Reviewed and provided recommendations on disposition of applications for writs of habeas corpus.

Texas Office of Capital Writs, Austin, TX

Intern

Summer 2011

Drafted a memorandum on possible *ex post facto* claim for a state habeas application and a memorandum on the history of Texas's habeas corpus statute.

Sullivan & Cromwell LLP, New York, NY

Summer Associate

Summer 2011

Volunteered at the Fortune Society, a nonprofit dedicated to helping people transition from prison.

Texas Defender Service, Austin, TX

Intern

Summer 2010

Drafted memoranda on legal issues surrounding trial and appeal of death penalty cases. Assisted defense attorneys with *voir dire* in capital case.

The University of Texas at Austin School of Law, Austin, TX

Research Assistant for Professor Jennifer Laurin

Summer 2010

Researched state and national forensic science commissions to determine the focus of forensic science reform.

ACTIVITIES AND PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

Board Member, Jane's Due Process

Cofounder, Texas Justice Initiative

Member, California Bar