

Natasha L. Robinson, Esq.

Professional Experience

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| 2018-present | Roosevelt University | Chicago, IL |
| Lecturer, Criminal Justice, Department of Government, Law and Justice | | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Instruct students in the areas of criminal law, criminal justice, mental health issues and criminal justice, police and society, criminology, juvenile justice, race, gender, and politics, and ethics in criminal justice.• Mentor students who are criminal justice students and facilitate the creation of mentoring relationships between students and criminal justice professionals..• Collaborate with legal organizations and professionals and create opportunities whereby the students observe and participate in “Law in Action”, including working with Chicagoland lawyers, judges, and law enforcement officials. | | |
| 2014-2018 | City Colleges of Chicago | Chicago, IL |
| Adjunct Professor, Harold Washington College, Dual Credit Program | | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Participated in dual credit program for Chicago Public School juniors and seniors in high school whereby students receive college credit while in high school• Instructed students on the administration of criminal justice and the administration of juvenile justice. | | |
| 2012-2018 | Chicago Public Schools | Chicago, IL |
| Teacher, Law and Public Safety Academy | | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Oversaw a four-year honors law program for high school students at Al Raby School for Community and Environment.• Instructed students on criminal law, civil and constitutional law, criminal psychology/criminology, and facilitate an academic seminar and internship program for senior students.• Assisted in recruitment of future LPSA students by attending high school fairs.• Coached students in preparation for two mock trial events in collaboration with several Chicago Public Schools.• Led the Raby Sophomore Grade Level Team that planed programs and events which built academic and behavioral excellence for the sophomore class. | | |
| 2000 – 2012 | <i>Law Office of the Cook County Public Defender</i> | Chicago, IL |
| Assistant Public Defender | | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Maintained a caseload of over 100 traffic and criminal felony cases heard in the Circuit Court of Cook County.• Reviewed files, research law and other legal literature, and analyze evidence and information applicable to case to assess the options available to the defense and to advise client of the same.• Maintained a caseload of over 125 abuse and neglect cases heard in the Child Protection Division of the Circuit Court of Cook County. | | |
| 1999 - 2000 | <i>Law Offices of Sam Adam</i> | Chicago, IL |
| Staff Attorney | | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Provided legal and social services to or on behalf of defendants who have been charged with criminal offenses in the Circuit Courts of Illinois. | | |

- Evaluated cases and prepared necessary legal documents, pre-trial hearings, trials and dispositions.

1998 *Chicago Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law, Inc.* Chicago, IL
Summer Intern

- Created brochure for Chicago Public Schools, parents, and educational reform advocates describing standardized assessments used to hold schools and students accountable.
- Developed abstract of cases involving police misconduct against private citizens where charges were sustained or dismissed by the disciplinary board of the Chicago Police Department.

Education

2008 – 2012 *Chicago State University* Chicago, IL

- Masters of Arts in English, May 2012
- Honors: Recipient, Irwin J. Suloway Graduate Paper Award, English graduate program (2010)
- Graduated 4.0 G.P.A.

1996 – 1999 *University of Wisconsin Law School* Madison, WI

- Juris Doctor, May 1999
- Activities: Moot Court Board; Articles Editor, *Wisconsin International Law Journal*; President, Black Law Students Association; Public Relations Director of the Midwest Regional Black Law Students Association
- Honors: Regional Finalist, National Appellate Advocacy Competition (1999); Best Brief—Third Place, Midwest Region / Fifth Place, Finals, National Appellate Advocacy Competition (1999)

1992 - 1996 *University of Iowa* Iowa City, IA

- Bachelor of Arts, English, May 1996
- Honors: Opportunity at Iowa Scholar (1992-1996); Recipient, Darwin T. Turner Award, Department of English (1996); Dean's List (1994-1995)

1994 *University of the Basque Country* San Sebastian, Spain

- Study Abroad Spanish Student

Memberships

- Member, Illinois State Bar (1999 -present)
- Faculty Member, Office of the State Appellate Defender Trial Advocacy Program
- Member, Illinois State Board of Education
- Member, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.
- Member, West Point Missionary Baptist Church
- Former Lead Servant, Legal Ministry, West Point Missionary Baptist Church
- Former Member, Illinois Public Defender Association

Awards

- 2017-2018 Department of the Year, Al Raby High School
- 2017-2018 Grade Level Team of the Year, Al Raby High School
- 2016-2017 Sophomore Teacher of the Year, Al Raby High School
- 2016-2017 Grade Level Team of the Year, Al Raby High School
- 2015-2016 Recipient of The Top Ladies of Distinction Crown Jewel Award - Women in the Legal Profession
- 2014-2015 Freshmen Teacher of the Year, Al Raby High School
- 2014-2015 Grade Level Team of the Year, Al Raby High School
- November 2014 Teacher of the Month, Al Raby High School
- 2012-2013 Top Defense Attorneys in Illinois

Presentations

- “Just Mercy”, Moderator, Film Viewing and Panel Discussion, Alliance for Research in Chicagoland Communities, Center for Community Health, Northwestern University, Chicago, Illinois (February 2020)
- “Be Cyberwise Regarding Cybercrime”—Workshop Presenter, Delta Youth Empowerment Conference, Matteson, Illinois (February 2020)
- “Cheers!”—Customer Service and Hospitality in the Church”, Retreat Co-Presenter, West Point Missionary Baptist Church (November 2019)
- “Know Your Rights / The Power of the Jury”, Guest Speaker, Trinity United Church of Christ, Chicago (October 2019)
- “Women’s Experience in the Criminal Justice System and Holistic Needs for Care”, Guest Lecturer, Womanist and Feminist Approach to Pastoral Care, MPC 337, McCormick Theological Seminary (September 2019)
- “Who Do You Love?”, Trusting Tuesday, Womens’ Conference, Oakdale Covenant Church, (May 2019)
- “Mass Criminalization in the Age of Afrophobia: _____ while Black”, Samuel DeWitt Proctor Conference, Birmingham, Alabama (February 2019)
- “Civil Rights, Civil Wrongs”, Annual Professional Development Conference for Teachers in Civics, Law, and Government, Constitutional Rights Foundation Chicago (October 2018)
- Co Facilitator, “The American Jury: A Deliberation”, The More Perfect Union Institute, Constitutional Rights Foundation Chicago (July 2018)
- “A Walk on the Wild Side”, 2018 Chicago Public School Tech Talk (April 2018)
- “Flag on the Play: A Discussion on Our Constitutional Right to Protest”, Annual Professional Development Conference for Teachers in Civics, Law, and Government, Constitutional Rights Foundation Chicago (October 2017)
- “Who Gonna Check Me, Boo?”: The Importance of Connection Before Correction”, All Staff Professional Development, Al Raby School for Community and Environment (August 2017)
- Elder Law Presentation, West Point Missionary Baptist Church (Summer 2015)
- “The Moral of the Story”, Know Your Rights Youth Seminar, Charles G. Hayes Family Center (January 2015)
- “Know Your Rights”, Chicago Air Force Academy (January 2015)
- Youth Legal Summit, West Point Missionary Baptist Church (2014-2018)
- Presenter, 2013 Annual Professional Development Conference for Teachers in Civics, Law, and Government, Constitutional Rights Foundation Chicago

Professional Trainings

- Experiential Learning: 2019, Roosevelt University faculty (Professional Development that assists faculty in creating courses that provide an experiential learning component in alignment with graduation requirements)
- 2017 Annual Conference for Teachers in Civics, Law and Government (Professional development in the areas of constitutional law, government and civics as well as specialized areas dealing with gerrymandering, disparate treatment in the discipline of high school children, and free speech in the Trump era. (October 2017)
- Difficult Conversations: How to Discuss Crucial Issues to Increase Performance (Professional Development on how to communicate effectively with co-workers, students, and those in other personal and professional capacities (August 2016)
- 2016 Empowered Civics Institute: Best Practices for Illinois High Schools (Two Day seminar on best practices on how to create democracy within the classroom, how to prepare curriculum in lieu of the Illinois mandate to have civics for high school students, and provided different strategies on democracy and how to teach about the 2016 election. (July 2016)

Publications

- Guest Contributor, Samuel DeWitt Proctor Conference online magazine (2018)
- Columnist, “A Legal Point of View”, The Point Magazine (2013-2015)
- Contributor, The Trumpet Magazine (Online Newsmagazine, 2013-2014)
- Contributor, INTEEN Magazine (1992)

Service

- Panelist, “Free, Protected, and Civic Speech Under the First Amendment”, Black History Month, Roosevelt University (February 2020)
- Guest Lecturer, “What is Law?” class, Professor Jim Fine (December 2019)
- Participant, Major Madness (October 2019)
- Workshop Co-Presenter, “Experiential Learning”, Faculty Conference (August 2019)
- Participant and Round Table Faculty Facilitator, Multicultural Student Support Services (August 2019)
- Presenter, Harper College, Open House (June 2019)
- Host and Lecturer to visiting high school seniors from Al Raby School for Community and Environment (May 2019)
- Panelist, “King: Past, Present, and Future”, Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Celebration, Roosevelt University (January 2019)
- Panelist, “Grad School: A-Z” (November 2018)
- Participant, “Undergraduate Preview Day” (November 2018)

Courses Taught

- Roosevelt University (Spring 2020)
 - Intro to Criminal Justice, 200.01 (guest professor)
 - Criminal Law EXL, CJL 250.01
 - Police and Society, CJL 300.01
 - Juvenile Justice, CJL 220.98 (online)
 - Intro to Criminology, CJL 240.98 (online)
- Loyola University-Chicago School of Law (Fall 2019, Workshop Co-Facilitator)

- Professional Identity Formation, LAW 424 004
- Roosevelt University (Fall 2019)
 - Juvenile Justice, CJL 220.01
 - Criminal Law EXL, CJL 250.98
 - Police and Society, CJL 300.98 (online)
 - Ethics in Criminal Justice, 310.98 (online)
- Roosevelt University (Summer 2019)
 - Race, Gender & Politics, CJL 389.01
- Roosevelt University (Spring 2019)
 - Juvenile Justice, CJL 220.98 (online)
 - Intro to Criminology, CJL 240.01
 - Criminal Law, CJL 250.98 (online)
 - Police and Society, CJL 300.01
- Roosevelt University (Fall 2018)
 - Criminal Law, CJL 250.01
 - Police and Society, CJL 300.98 (online)
 - Ethics in Criminal Justice, CJL 310.98 (online)
 - Mental Health Issues and Criminal Justice, CJL 389.01
- Harold Washington College (City Colleges of Chicago / Chicago Public Schools Dual Credit Program) (2014-2018)
 - Administration of Criminal Justice (CRM JUS 102)
 - Administration of Juvenile Justice (CRM JUS 114)