

# LAUREN KATZ SMITH

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## EDUCATION

**Drexel University, Thomas R. Kline School of Law**, Philadelphia, Pa.

Juris Doctor, *Magna Cum Laude*, May 2009

Honors: *Drexel Law Review*, Executive Articles Editor, Fall 2007-Spring 2009;  
Recipient of full academic scholarship.

Awards: American Law Institute- American Bar Association Scholarship & Leadership Award, 2009

**Tufts University**, Medford, Ma.

Bachelor of Arts and Sciences in International Relations, May 2003

## ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

**Drexel University, Thomas R. Kline School of Law**, Philadelphia, Pa.

*Visiting Assistant Teaching Professor*, July 2018 - Present

Co-manage Community Lawyering Clinic, a year-long clinic focused on increasing access to justice and building community capacity in West Philadelphia; Co-teach clinic seminar; and Teach “Lawyering Practice Seminar,” the classroom component of the Co-op program.

*Adjunct Professor of Law*, January 2018 - July 2018

Taught Lawyering Practice Seminar.

*Teaching Fellow*, March – May 2010

Co-taught an advanced legal writing course for second and third year law students called Writing for Clerkships.

## LEGAL WORK EXPERIENCE

**History Making Productions**, Philadelphia, Pa.

*In-house Counsel, Producer*, September 2013-December 2014

Counseled executive team on a variety of legal and regulatory issues; Co-Produced women’s history documentary film; Managed team of editors, writers, historians and designers.

**The American Civil Liberties Union**, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

*Legal Fellow*, March 2013- September 2013

Handled appeal regarding an unconstitutional mental health commitment; Coordinated petitions for supervision fee waivers on behalf of indigent clients; Prosecuted violation of student’s privacy rights; Conducted research for marriage equality case.

**Blank Rome LLP, Philadelphia**

*Associate, General Litigation and Life Sciences Industry Team*, January 2011- February 2013

Defended pharmaceutical and medical device manufacturers against products liability claims in multiple state and federal courts throughout the United States; Counseled clients in white collar criminal defense matters; Conducted internal investigations and audits; Provided FDA regulatory counseling; Served as a member of Firm’s Recruiting Committee.

**Support Center for Child Advocates**, Philadelphia, Pa.

*Child Advocate*, January 2011-January 2013

Advocated on the behalf of child victims of abuse and neglect.

**Philadelphia VIP**, Philadelphia, Pa.

*Volunteer Attorney*, January 2011-January 2013

Represented Philadelphia senior in procuring title to her real property.

**The Honorable Joseph H. Rodriguez, United States District Court, District of New Jersey**, Camden

*Judicial Clerk*, September 2009 – August 2010

Drafted proposed opinions; Researched and wrote memoranda; Drafted bench memoranda and proposed opinions for a sitting by designation on the Third Circuit Court of Appeals; Coordinated hiring and supervision of legal intern staff.

**NON-PROFIT WORK EXPERIENCE, MEMBERSHIPS AND COMMUNITY SERVICE**

**Philadelphia Bar Association, Public Interest Section**

*Member and Secretary, 2016- 2017*

**American Civil Liberties Union, Young Leaders Outreach Team, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania**

*Member and Team Leader, 2015-2016*

**Population Council, New York, N.Y.**

*International Programs Division, Reproductive Health Group, 2004-2006*

Assisted in research and development for international Microbicides trial and STD/STI home-sampling clinical trials.