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Madeline, a former public defender and formidable litigator, develops and manages pro bono initiatives at the firm, with a particular focus on the Northeast offices. She is a passionate advocate for underserved communities and focuses her personal practice on eradicating racial disparities in criminal justice.

OVERVIEW

As pro bono director and counsel, Madeline leads and facilitates the pro bono practice across the firm's Northeast and Midwest offices. She provides direct representation to pro bono clients and maintains an active practice that is driven by her passion to provide quality representation to underserved and vulnerable communities. Madeline builds relationships with community partners, nonprofits, and legal service organizations to provide unmet legal needs on a national basis.

She focuses her personal pro bono practice on racial equity and criminal justice reform, areas that became increasingly important to her during her undergraduate career at the University of Michigan. While at Michigan, Madeline volunteered at juvenile detention facilities and prisons, and peer-led a sociology course on mass incarceration, the carceral state, and the legal system.

Madeline's experience at the University of Michigan drove her to begin her career as a public defender in the Bronx where she represented thousands of indigent community members obtaining full acquittals at trial and advantageous plea agreements. She then went on to successfully litigate complex civil matters at a large firm, litigating cases in both federal and state court, representing clients in governmental investigations, and advising clients on regulatory compliance. After broadening her legal experience, Madeline's passion for providing legal services to those who cannot afford it made her return to work that feeds her soul – pro bono.

Madeline graduated *magna cum laude* from Albany Law School. In addition to receiving her J.D., she was also named as a Charles H. Revson Law Student Public Interest Fellow, a Bergstrom Child Welfare Law Fellow, and received the Howard A. Levine Award for excellence in juvenile justice and child welfare. Additionally, Madeline is a proud alumnus of The University of Michigan where she received her bachelor's degree in philosophy, with a minor in criminal justice.

REPRESENTATIVE MATTERS

Pro Bono

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- Advised a nonprofit on the results of our 50-state survey regarding mandatory arrest laws and drafted arguments for the nonprofit to advocate for legislative change to prevent the mandatory arrest of minors.
- Partnered with a nonprofit to represent an individual in civil litigation against the Metropolitan Police Department for violating his constitutional rights against unlawful search and seizure.

Civil Litigation

- Obtained summary judgment on behalf of individual physicians and major New York City hospital systems in numerous cases.
- Represented health care clients in investigations involving the Anti-Kickback statute and Stark law.
- Defended leading health plan in government investigation resulting in dismissal of complaints.
- Represented multiple health plans in complex commercial disputes with pharmacy benefit managers and retail pharmacies regarding pharmaceutical reimbursement.

Criminal Litigation

- Obtained a full acquittal for a home health aide client preventing her from acquiring a criminal record.
- Successfully litigated a felony case to full acquittal in a matter prosecutors pursued despite a clear lack of evidence.

PROFESSIONAL/COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- Faculty, New York University School of Law Deposition Training in Partnership with New York Legal Assistance Group Legal Clinic for Pro Se Litigants in the Southern District of New York, 2024
- Faculty, Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law Intensive Trial Advocacy Program, 2024-2025
- Gala Committee, National Legal Aid & Defender Association 2024 Exemplar Awards Gala, Washington D.C., June 2024
- Law Firm Antiracism Alliance
- Mass Incarceration Task Force, New York City Bar
- Pro Bono and Legal Services Committee, New York City Bar Association

EDUCATION AND CERTIFICATIONS

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- Albany Law School, J.D., *magna cum laude*, 2012
- University of Michigan, B.A., 2009

BAR ADMISSIONS

- New York

COURT ADMISSIONS

- U.S. District Court, Eastern District of New York
- U.S. District Court, Southern District of New York

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

- Moderator, “From Initiative to Institution: Making Pro Bono Partnerships Enduring and Effective,” New York City Bar Pro Bono and Legal Services Committee, Best Practices Subcommittee, December 2024.
- Panelist, “Civil & Human Rights with a Pro Bono Focus,” National Legal Aid & Defender Association Annual Conference, November 2024.
- Panelist, “Engaging Law Students: Nurturing Future Pro Bono Lawyers,” Equal Justice Conference, May 2024.
- Moderator, “Don’t Ask, Don’t Tell: A Panel Discussion by Verizon, Troutman Pepper, and NVLSP,” November 15, 2023.
- Speaker, “Office Visits in the Post-Pandemic Pro Bono World,” The Association of Pro Bono Counsel Pro Bono Academy, October 2023.
- Moderator, “Associates Making a Difference for Immigration Clients,” Troutman Pepper Immigration Summit, October 2023.
- Speaker, The Legal Aid Society’s Inaugural Questioning Forensics Conference, 2015