



Emily Barber

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Education

Columbia Law School (J.D., 2021)

University of Arkansas (B.A., 2017, International Studies and African & African-American Studies) summa cum laude

Clerkships

Hon. Jenny Rivera, New York Court of Appeals (term 2023-24)

Admissions

California

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Emily Barber joined as a fellow in September 2021, having recently graduated from Columbia Law School. In keeping with her passion for criminal justice reform, Emily will work towards challenging the myriad injustices of the penal system and unconstitutional policing through strategic civil rights litigation.

During law school, Emily held a variety of positions focused on advancing social justice, including as a student attorney for the Capital Post-Conviction Practicum, where she collaborated with Capital Habeas Unit attorneys in Clark County, Nevada, in drafting a *Hidalgo* report supporting death penalty abolition legislation. She was also a capital defense extern for the Squire Patton Boggs Public Service Initiative, where she assisted an investigation team in preparation for an evidentiary hearing in a high-profile capital case. Emily also served as a criminal defense practice intern at the Legal Aid Society in New York City, where she drafted successful bail applications for clients with felony charges, and as an extern with the Neighborhood Defender Service of Harlem, where she represented clients at arraignments. She was also a summer law clerk with Gideon's Promise in the Augusta Judicial Circuit in Georgia, where she represented indigent clients at initial appearances, bond hearings, probation revocation proceedings, and sentencings.

Emily was an articles editor for the *Columbia Human Rights Law Review* and tutored first-year constitutional law. She was named a Harlan Fiske Stone Scholar for superior academic achievement and published a student note, *Navigating Miller v. Alabama with COMPAS: How Risk Assessment Instruments Square with a Meaningful Opportunity for Release*, 77 National Lawyers Guild Review 1 (2020).

Emily enjoys yoga, impossible jigsaw puzzles, and finding the best vegan eateries in Los Angeles.