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Professional Employment

The Legal Aid Society, New York, New York

April 2005-Present
Attorney-in-Charge, Civil Practice

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Attorney-in-Charge, Civil Practice – Harlem Community Law Offices

May 1996-October 2003
Staff Attorney, Civil Appeals and Law Reform Unit

September 1991-May 1996
Staff Attorney, Civil Division – Harlem Neighborhood Office

Biography

Adriene Holder serves as Attorney-in-Charge of the Civil Practice of The Legal Aid Society and has devoted her entire professional career to challenging poverty and racial injustice for the advancement of equal rights. Adriene is responsible for managing the provision of comprehensive civil legal services through a network of neighborhood offices, courthouse based offices, and specialized city-wide units serving all five boroughs of New York City with more than 500 staff working on nearly 52,500 cases.

Often called upon to work on the Society's legislative agenda, Adriene frequently testifies before legislative bodies on the city and state levels. She is also consulted on various legal and policy matters impacting low-income communities by the media, law schools, and policy or governmental agencies.

In addition to her formal duties, Adriene also serves as a member of the New York State Permanent Commission on Access to Justice, and on various non-profit boards. Adriene has also served as an adjunct professor at The New School University and as a volunteer instructor at Columbia Law School.

Adriene received her B.S. in Political Science from Spelman College, and received her J.D. from Columbia Law School.