MICHAEL ALLAIN

EDUCATION

St. John's University School of Law, Queens, NY

Juris Doctor, magna cum laude, June 2023

G.P.A./Rank: 3.81; 8/249

Honors: Managing Editor, Journal of Civil Rights and Economic Development; Dean's Award for Excellence

(highest grade in the course), Perspectives on Justice, Employment Discrimination.

Activities: Secretary, OUTLaws (2021); Externals Competitior, Polestino Trial Advocacy Institute, Teaching

Assistant, Criminal Law (Spring 2022); Civil Procedure (Fall 2022); Research Assistant (Spring 2023).

University at Albany, Rockefeller College of Public Affairs and Policy, Albany, NY

Bachelor of Arts, Public Policy, summa cum laude, May 2020

G.P.A.: 4.00

Honors: Truman Scholarship Finalist; Honors College; Honors Thesis; Rockefeller College Valedictorian.

BAR ADMISSIONS

Admitted to practice law in New York State as of January 11, 2024.

LEGAL EXPERIENCE

Rensselaer County District Attorney's Office, Troy, NY

Assistant District Attorney, July 2025-present

New York Supreme Court, Appellate Division, Third Department, Albany, NY

Appellate Court Attorney, Law Research Department, August 2023-July 2025

Research and draft bench reports on appeals covering all areas of state law, including criminal law, family law, administrative law, tort law, and contract law; edit the court's opinions on such cases; and conduct ad hoc research. I completed 102 reports — the most of any of my colleagues. 36 of those reports involved the most complex legal issues facing the Court, with records on appeal often exceeding 2000 pages; again, this exceeded the output of my colleagues, with the next closest colleague completing 26 such reports. In my time with the Court, I worked on about 25% of cases marked as opinions — those decisions which the Court considers to be precedent setting.

Honorable Madeline Singas, New York Court of Appeals, Mineola, NY

Judicial Extern, January 2023-April 2023

Reviewed and researched criminal and civil motions for leave to appeal and drafted recommendation memoranda for Judge Singas and conducted ad hoc research projects.

Honorable Edgardo Ramos, United States District Court for the Southern District of New York, New York, NY *Judicial Extern*, August 2022-December 2022

Researched and drafted the court's opinions on motions to dismiss, remand, for sanctions, and civil contempt.

St. John's University School of Law Prosecution Clinic, Nassau County District Attorney's Office, Mineola, NY *Student Attorney*, Special Victims Bureau, September 2021-May 2022

Arraigned cases; drafted responses to defense motion briefs, including motions to compel discovery and motions to dismiss indictments; investigated rape and sexual abuse cases by searching for discovery, reviewing jail calls, and reviewing interrogation recordings; and researched issues relating to criminal procedure, evidence, housing, and the charging of different sex crimes, theft crimes, and domestic violence felonies.

United States Attorney's Office, Eastern District of New York, Criminal Division, Brooklyn, NY

Legal Intern, June 2021-August 2021

Assisted in the submission of briefs for the Second Circuit; drafted post-conviction motion briefs; drafted sentencing letters and search warrants; and conducted ad hoc research on statutory and constitutional issues.

OTHER WORK EXPERIENCE

New York State Senator Kevin Thomas, Albany and Garden City, NY

Legislative Aide, January 2019-August 2020

Handled constituent cases involving state agencies; researched pending legislative and regulatory issues and drafted memoranda for the Chief of Staff; oversaw the drafting and submission of legislative resolutions; and ran the front desk operations, answering phone calls and connecting callers with staff and meeting with interest groups and constituents.