

## SARA S. HILDEBRAND

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### ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

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UNIVERSITY OF DENVER STURM COLLEGE OF LAW, Denver, CO July 2019-Present  
*Clinical Teaching Fellow, Criminal Defense Clinic*

- Supervise teams of student attorneys' direct representation of clients charged with misdemeanors in county and municipal courts in the Denver metro area.
- Co-supervised team of second and third-semester CDC students on legislative policy project aimed at reducing length of prison sentences for incarcerated persons in Colorado state prisons.
- Teach criminal defense clinic seminar classes on topics such as jury selection, jury instructions, use of demonstrative evidence, presenting and admitting evidence and witness cross examination, race and the criminal/immigration systems, and mental health and client representation

UNIVERSITY OF DENVER STURM COLLEGE OF LAW, Denver, CO June 2010-December 2012  
*Research Assistant to Profs. Catherine Smith and Susannah Pollvogt*

- Conducted legal research and edited Professor Smith's work on the equal protection rights of children of same sex parents, including a co-authored amicus brief cited and relied upon in *Obergefell v. Hodges*, 576 U.S. 644, 668 (2015).
- Provided research and editing for Professor Pollvogt's articles on suspect classifications and unconstitutional animus.

### EDUCATION

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UNIVERSITY OF DENVER STURM COLLEGE OF LAW, LL.M. in Clinical Legal Education May 2022

- Teaching Online Short Course (2020)
- Teaching Foundations: A Short Course for New DU Faculty (2019)
- Faculty Institute for Inclusive Teaching (2020)

UNIVERSITY OF DENVER STURM COLLEGE OF LAW, J.D. May 2012

- Denver University Law Review, Editor and Senior Editor (2010-12)
- Criminal Defense Clinic, Student Attorney (2011-12)
- DU OutLaws, Co-President (2011-12)

CREIGHTON UNIVERSITY, B.S.B.A. Management Information Systems May 2004  
Creighton University Women's Basketball, Player (2000-04) • Captain, 2004 W.N.I.T. Champ. Team

### RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS

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Criminal Defense Clinic; Criminal Law; Criminal Procedure; Constitutional Law; Evidence; Critical Race Theory; Race and the Law.

### PUBLICATIONS

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Sara Hildebrand, *Reviving the Presumption of Youth Innocence Through a Presumption of Release: A Legislative Framework for Abolition of Youth Pretrial Detention*, 126 PENN. ST. L.R. (Forthcoming, Oct. 2021).

### APPELLATE BRIEF

Brief for Amici Curiae, Colorado Constitutional, Criminal and Juvenile Law Scholars in support of Respondent, T.B., *People In Interest of T.B.*, (No. 2019SC690) (July 13, 2020).

## LEGAL EXPERIENCE

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**COLORADO STATE PUBLIC DEFENDER**, Durango, CO, Centennial, CO January 2013-July 2019  
*Deputy Public Defender, Senior Deputy Public Defender*

- Advocated and sought resources for indigent juvenile and adult clients charged with all classes of misdemeanor and felony offenses in La Plata, Montezuma, Dolores, Archuleta and Arapahoe County and District Courts.
- Served as the Four Corners Regional Office's immigration law resource and consulted with junior attorneys on immigration law-related issues.
- Served as the Public Defender Representative for the La Plata and Montezuma County Behavioral Health and Drug Court Boards.

**KILLMER, LANE AND NEWMAN, LLP**, Denver, CO January 2012-April 2012  
*Law Clerk*

Completed research and writing projects on the scope of admissible evidence in prosecution's rebuttal in penalty phase of Colorado death penalty trial and mandatory discovery in race discrimination case.

**ACLU OF COLORADO**, Denver, CO May 2011-August 2011  
*Legal Intern*

- Wrote memoranda for partners and associates on the likelihood of success of a § 1983 retaliation claim.
- Interviewed potential plaintiffs for prisoners' rights class action suit against Colorado Department of Correction's administrative segregation facilities.
- Conducted discovery review in high-profile post-homicide-conviction case.

## SELECTED PRESENTATIONS AND INVOLVEMENT

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**ROCKY MOUNTAIN COLLECTIVE ON RACE, PLACE AND LAW**, Member since July 2019

**LAW AND SOCIETY ANNUAL CONFERENCE (VIRTUAL) CONFERENCE**, *Rule and Resistance*, Presented on Race, Education and Youth panel, May 30, 2020.

**COMMUNITY COLLEGE OF DENVER DAY, UNIVERSITY OF DENVER STURM COLLEGE OF LAW**, Presenter, February 28, 2020, Denver, CO.

**DENVER LAW HIGH SCHOOL PIPELINE DAY, UNIVERSITY OF DENVER STURM COLLEGE OF LAW**, Presenter, January 17, 2020, Denver, CO.

**NEW YORK UNIVERSITY CLINICAL WRITER'S WORKSHOP**, Participating Scholar, October 2020, October 2021

**UNDERGRADUATE POLITICAL SCIENCE CLASS, UNIVERSITY OF DENVER**, Guest Lecturer, October 27, 2020

**DENVER URBAN DEBATE LEAGUE ANNUAL COMPETITION**, Judge, November 10, 2020

**DENVER URBAN DEBATE LEAGUE WINTER WORKSHOP**, Panelist, January 23, 2021

**DIVERSITY, EQUITY AND INCLUSION PANEL, UNIVERSITY OF DENVER STURM COLLEGE OF LAW**, Panel Moderator, August 2021

**AURORA, CO PUBLIC DEFENDER COMMISSION**, Member, November 2020 – Present.

## PROFESSIONAL REFERENCES

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### **Robin Walker Sterling**

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