

ISIRIS ISELA ISAAC

EMPLOYMENT:

- March 2004 - present **State of New York Unified Court System, Supreme Court**, Brooklyn, New York.
Principal Court Attorney. Research and analyze complex legal issues and questions for Supreme Court Justice assigned to the Criminal Term; draft decisions, jury charges, correspondence and bench memoranda on a wide range of criminal, procedural, evidentiary and constitutional issues; supervise staff; and conference cases with litigants.
- February 2002 - February 2004 **District Council 37, Municipal Employees Legal Services**, New York, New York.
Staff Attorney. Represent union members in Housing, Civil and State Supreme Court; conduct all aspects of litigation, draft briefs and motions, argue cases before the court, and supervise legal interns.
- February 1999 - December 2001 **Brooklyn Legal Services Corporation "A"**, Brooklyn, New York.
Staff Attorney. Represent indigent HIV positive clients in Housing Court from intake to appeal; provide assistance in other HIV related civil areas such as public benefits, confidentiality and civil rights; train community organizations on HIV legal issues; advocate for HIV positive clients with government agencies; and supervise staff and legal interns.
- October 1997 - January 1999 **The HIV Law Project**, New York, New York.
Staff Attorney. Represent HIV positive clients in U.S. Immigration Court and Housing Court; provide additional assistance in other HIV related civil areas such as with public benefits and financial management; train community-based organizations on HIV related legal issues; advocate for HIV positive clients with government agencies; and supervise paralegal staff and legal interns.
- June 1996 - October 1997 **The Association of the Bar of the City of New York**, New York, New York.
Legal Counselor. Refer and advise clients on a wide range of legal issues and needs.
- October 1995 - February 1996 **Center for Constitutional Rights**, New York, New York.
Pro Bono Law Graduate. Research and draft memoranda on a wide range of constitutional and human rights issues.
- September 1994 - May 1995 **Corporation Counsel of the City of New York, General Litigation Unit**, New York, New York.
Senior Student Legal Specialist. File and argue motions before the court; conduct research and draft memoranda and briefs on a wide range of employment discrimination issues.
- January 1994 - May 1994 **Chief Judge Dolores K. Sloviter, United States Third Circuit Court of Appeals**, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.
Judicial Intern. Conduct research and draft bench memoranda on a wide range of federal constitutional issues.
- May 1993 - July 1993 **Reinhardt & Schacter, P.C.**, Newark, New Jersey.
Summer Associate. Conduct research and draft memoranda on a wide range of labor law, labor relations and employment discrimination issues.

EDUCATION:

Rutgers University School of Law, Newark, New Jersey.
Juris Doctorate Degree conferred May 1995.
Co-Editor-in-Chief, *Women's Rights Law Reporter* (a quarterly law journal), 1994-1995.

Barnard College, Columbia University, New York, New York.
Bachelor of Arts Degree conferred June 1992, with Honors, Dean's List.
New York State Regents Scholarship and Gaylord S. White Scholarship.
Received "A" on Senior College Thesis on human rights violations in the Republic of Panama.

ADMISSIONS: New York State Bar, Second Department, May 21, 1997.

PUBLICATIONS: **NEW YORK LAW JOURNAL**, Income Discrimination Prohibitions and Landlord-Tenant Disputes, November 4, 2010, Thursday, p.4, col.1.

BROOKLYN BARRISTER, Hurricane Sandy and Suspension of Speedy Trial Law by Executive Order, February 2013, Vol. 65, No. 5, p. 5.

NEW YORK WOMEN'S BAR ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER, October 2010, Housing Discrimination and Landlord-Tenant Law.

WOMEN'S RIGHTS LAW REPORTER, vol. 16, no. 1, Fall 1994, wrote introduction and edited Women's Health Law Symposium. From 1994 to 1995, I was the Co-Editor-in-Chief of the Women's Rights Law Reporter and edited many articles for this quarterly law journal.

TEACHING: Taught Accredited Continuing Legal Education training titled "Lawful Source of Income Discrimination in Landlord-Tenant Cases and New York City's Local Laws 10 & 44", on September 22, 2010, at 111 Centre Street, for the New York Women's Bar Association.

Taught Accredited Continuing Legal Education training titled "Non-Primary Residence Holdovers and Its Interplay with Illegal Sublet, Succession and Roommate Cases", on October 1, 2009, at 111 Centre Street, for the Metropolitan Black Bar Association.

Taught community organizations and public agencies on Housing/Landlord-Tenant Law, HIV/AIDS Law, Immigration Law, basic Wills and Estate Law, and Advanced Directives, including Powers of Attorney and living trust, from 1997 to 2001 pursuant to the requirements of the Ryan White Care Act.

Taught class on Fundamentals of Law and the Bill of Rights on May 9, 2011, to Crispus Attucks Public School 21 Fifth Grade class in Brooklyn, New York.

Featured speaker in 2015 at Public School 189, The Bilingual Center, annual mother's day celebration.

- MERITS:**
- Approved by New York City Bar Association in 2014 & 2015 for the office of Judge of the Civil Court.
 - Found Highly Qualified by LeGal Bar Association in 2014 & 2015 for Judge of the Civil Court in NYC.
 - Endorsed by the New York Times for the office of Judge of the Civil Court of the City of New York in 2014.
 - 2016 Humanitarian Award for Excellence in Community Service by Concerned Women of Brooklyn, Inc..
 - 2016 Visionary of the Year award granted by the Caribbean American Chamber of Commerce & Industry.

ASSOCIATIONS:	New York Women's Bar Association	2008 - 2014	Criminal Law Committee Chair 2008-2010, Co-chair 2010-2014
	Metropolitan Black Bar Association	2008 - 2013	Landlord-Tenant Law Committee Chair 2009-2010
	Brooklyn Bar Association	2009 - 2013	Civil Court, Government & Public Sector, & Court Facilities Committees
	New York County Lawyers Association	2009 - 2011	Civil Court Practice Section & Professional Ethics Committees
	New York State Bar Association	2010 - 2012	Real Property Law Section
	New York State Judicial Committee on Women in the Courts	2009 - 2011	New York County Criminal Court Gender-Fairness Sub-committee
	Puerto Rican Bar Association	2009 - 2013	Member
	Hispanic National Bar Association	2008 - 2009	Member
	Association of Black Women Attorneys	2008 - 2014	Member
	Federal Bar Council	2015 - 2017	Member

ACTIVITIES: **Small Claims Court Arbitrator** in New York and Kings Counties - *Arbitrator*

Hear and evaluate tangible and testimonial evidence, apply the law to the facts and decide disputes, or grant judgments in default. The cases involve a range of issues, including breach of contract disputes and negligence claims.

Housing Court Volunteer Lawyers Project, New York, New York - *Pro bono Attorney*

Assist *pro se* litigants in Housing Court with non-payment, holdover, “HP”, and illegal lockout cases. Advice and referral are provided to both tenants and landlords. The project serves members of the public who would otherwise be without assistance. This resource is offered through the Civil Court’s Help Center.

Hope City Empowerment Center, Brooklyn, New York - *Former Board Member*

Set policy and supervise Executive Director as a member of the Board of Directors for this not-for-profit social services organization. “Hope City” provides hot meals and food pantry service to those in need as well as social services to the homeless, seniors, youths, and the unemployed. The organization also has an after school program and serves thousands of people in need each year.

Center for Anti-Violence Education, Brooklyn, New York - *Former Board Member*

Set policy and supervise Executive Director of this not-for-profit organization that provides public education and training programs to strengthen communities especially affected by violence. The organization offers workshops at schools, work places, rape crisis centers, domestic violence groups, HIV/AIDS organizations, youth agencies, community centers, substance abuse recovery organizations, and other venues. The organization’s aim is to create a non-violent world and to empower those affected by violence.

Park Slope Food Coop Diversity & Equality Committee, Brooklyn, New York - *Member*

Evaluate discrimination complaints as a member of this standing committee of the Park Slope Food Cooperative. Evaluate, investigate, and decide complaints brought by members who believe they have been the victims of discrimination or bias at this food cooperative through the Complaint Review subcommittee. One of three others who instituted the policies, programs, procedures and forms that govern this subcommittee.

Vanderveer Park United Methodist Church, Brooklyn, New York - *Member*

Active participant in the groups and activities of this faith Community including its Higher Education and Scholarship ministry. The Church has a number of outreach programs and ministries one of which offers assistant to those seeking higher education. The Higher Education ministry also provides scholarships to those in need.

Empire Mock Trial Competition, Brooklyn, New York - *Judge*

Serve as a judge and evaluate the performance of student participants at the sixth installment of the Downtown Invitational Classic Mock trial competition.

American Bar Association National Appellate Advocacy Competition, New York, New York - *Judge*

Serve as a judge and evaluate performance of the 2011-2012 participants of the American Bar Association Law Student Division New York Regional Appellate Advocacy competition.