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Iván is an expert in legal protections for people of color and immigrants. He has filed and won dozens of life-changing and law-changing cases across the country on behalf of people of color and immigrants. He advises federal and state policymakers on the legal needs of marginalized communities.

Kim McLaurin



Kim M. McLaurin received her undergraduate degree from Hampton University, and she is a graduate of Brooklyn Law School. Following graduation, Professor McLaurin accepted a position at the Legal Aid Society of New York City. Professor McLaurin most recently served as the Attorney in Charge of the Juvenile Rights Division within the Queens Office of the Legal Aid Society. In this position, she was directly responsible for the office's representation of children involved in Family Court matters, including juvenile delinquency and child protective cases. She currently teaches the Juvenile Defender seminar and co-teaches the Marshall Brennan Constitutional Literacy seminar at Suffolk University.

Ashley Nellis, Ph.D.



Ashley Nellis, Ph.D. has an academic and professional background in analyzing criminal justice policies and practices, racial disparities, juvenile justice systems, and long-term imprisonment. Her documentation of the prevalence of life imprisonment has served as a national resource for academics, advocates, policymakers, reporters, and incarcerated persons. Dr. Nellis is author of [A Return to Justice: Rethinking our Approach to Juveniles in the System](#) (Rowman & Littlefield, 2015) which chronicles America's historical treatment of youth in the justice system and the need to reorient juvenile justice practices toward the original vision. Dr. Nellis received her Ph.D. in Justice, Law and Society from American University's School of Public Affairs.