

OUR HOUSE IS YOUR HOME

RAABIA QASIM, CUNY SCHOOL OF LAW (2016)



The New York City Bar Association's Diversity Pipeline programs support high school, college, and law students as they pursue careers in the legal profession. Diversity Pipeline alumna Raabia Qasim, a 2016 graduate of CUNY Law School and member of the Civil Rights Committee shares her City Bar story. She is currently serving as an NYC Social Justice Fellow with the New York City Council.

WHAT BROUGHT YOU TO THE NEW YORK CITY BAR ASSOCIATION FOR THE FIRST TIME?

I first came to the City Bar the summer after my senior year of high school to participate in the Thurgood Marshall Summer Internship Program. Through the program, I was placed at Cravath, Swaine & Moore LLP. I then returned to participate in the LSAT Prep Series and Launching Your Career Professional Development series before law school, and was a Law Preview Scholar before my 1L at CUNY.

WHO ARE YOUR MENTORS?

Gabrielle Brown's guidance and support has been instrumental to my legal career. She has been there at every step of my professional journey to share life and career advice, going above and beyond to ensure I succeeded in becoming a lawyer. I would not be where I am today without her or the City Bar's Office for Diversity & Inclusion.

DESCRIBE SOME OF THE WORK YOU DO AS A CITY BAR COMMITTEE MEMBER.

I serve on the Civil Rights Committee and help organize panel discussions, bring in guest speakers for meetings, and serve on the education subcommittee.

IF YOU COULD GIVE ONE PIECE OF ADVICE TO YOURSELF 10 YEARS AGO, WHAT WOULD IT BE?

Believe in yourself. If you can do that, you can make anything happen.



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IS THERE ANYTHING ELSE YOU'D LIKE TO SHARE ABOUT YOUR EXPERIENCE AT THE CITY BAR?

The City Bar is invaluable to all young lawyers. I first walked through the doors of the City Bar as a high school intern and am still active in the City Bar today as an attorney, 12 years later. The City Bar has been my home through the long and difficult journey to becoming a lawyer. I am fortunate to have mentors at the City Bar who are invested in my personal and professional success. It's what makes the City Bar so unique.