

# AARON T. FRAZIER, ESQ.

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## OBJECTIVE: ROCHESTER CITY COURT JUDGE

“I humbly ask for your support as we work together toward *a new generation of justice*”

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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### ***Harris Beach PLLC***

*Senior Associate Attorney*

***Pittsford, NY***

*Sept. 2013 – Present*

- Litigate business, employment, civil rights, tort, property, family, and criminal law disputes by investigating facts, researching law, drafting legal papers, and courtroom advocacy
- Representative matters, consisting of trial and/or appellate work, include:
  - Litigation team member in patent infringement lawsuit which concluded in \$37.5 million judgment in favor of the client;
  - Litigation team member in \$23 million international breach of corporate acquisition contract lawsuit which concluded in favor of the foreign client;
  - Litigation team member in multijurisdictional lawsuit over proceeds of \$15 million life insurance policy which concluded in favor of the client;
  - Litigation team member in breach of real estate contract lawsuit which concluded in a \$4 million judgment in favor of the governmental client;
  - Successfully moved to dismiss numerous civil rights lawsuits against local public agencies thereby protecting millions of taxpayer dollars from baseless claims;
  - Successfully moved to dismiss several defamation complaints, thereby protecting both individual and non-profit organization clients from baseless claims;
  - Successfully negotiated the dismissal of parallel Rochester City Court criminal charges and Monroe County Family Court offense charges for pro bono client;
  - Successfully obtained favorable custody, support or family offense orders for numerous clients in pro bono Monroe County Family Court cases;
  - Fought for prisoners' rights by representing inmate pro bono in federal jury trial against corrections officers accused of violating client's constitutional rights; and
  - Fought for clients in landlord-tenant and small claims parts of Rochester City Court
- Recruit and support diverse talent as a member of firm's Council on Inclusion and Diversity  
*Summer Associate* *Summers 2011, 2012*
- Performed fact investigations, legal research, drafting, and consulting for clients

### ***Monroe County District Attorney's Office***

*Criminal Law Associate (Cornell Law School Externship)*

***Rochester, NY***

*Jan. 2013 – May 2013*

- Prosecuted hundreds of arraignments, and dozens of criminal hearings or trials in Rochester City Court or Irondequoit Town Court after being certified to practice law as a law student  
*Criminal Law Intern* *May 2009 – Aug. 2009*
- Assisted senior prosecutors with legal research, trial preparation, jury selection and litigation strategy for dozens of felony jury trials in NYS Supreme Court and Monroe County Court

### ***Ithaca City Prosecutor's Office***

*Criminal Law Associate (Cornell Law School Clinic)*

***Ithaca, NY***

*Aug. 2012 – Dec. 2012*

- Personally prosecuted traffic tickets after being certified to practice law as a law student

### ***Rochester City Court, Rochester Teen Court***

*Teen Attorney*

***Rochester, NY***

*Mar. 2004 – Mar. 2008*

- Prosecuted or defended approximately 75 jury trials from jury selection to verdict in alternative sentencing cases for juvenile offenders in Rochester City Court

## COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP

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- Monroe County Democratic Committee** **Rochester, NY**  
*Media Chair for 2018 Judicial Selection Committee* *Jan. 2018 – Present*
- Recruited and screened judicial candidates, and conceived and executed the media strategy that contributed to historic election of first black woman to Monroe County Family Court
- Rochester-Monroe Anti-Poverty Initiative** **Rochester, NY**  
*Justice System Committee Member* *Oct. 2014 – Sept. 2015*
- Analyzed and recommended changes to justice system to remedy local poverty crisis
- City of Rochester My Brother's Keeper Initiative** **Rochester, NY**  
*Education Committee Member* *Oct. 2014 – Sept. 2015*
- Analyzed and recommended educational changes to remedy black male achievement gap
- University of Rochester and Law Explorers Mock Trial Programs** **Rochester, NY**  
*Trial Skills Coach / Mock Trial Judge* *Oct. 2013 – Present*
- Teach high school and college students trial skills and the rules of evidence
  - Made legal and evidentiary rulings as presiding judge in over 75 mock trials
- Rochester Black Bar Association** **Rochester, NY**  
*Member, Former President and V.P. of Programs* *March 2013 – Present*
- Hosted community forum on combating police brutality in conjunction with MCC
  - Served on organization's Judicial Evaluation Committee
  - Founded organization's high school mock trial team for minority RCSD students
  - Liaise with MCBA and GRAWA (membership in both) regarding social justice initiatives
- Urban League of Rochester** **Rochester, NY**  
*Member, 2006 Black Scholar* *June 2006 – Present*
- Provide consultation, sponsorship, or mentorship in support of youth services initiatives

## AWARDS

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- Volunteer Legal Services Project** Pro Bono Honor Roll Rochester, NY
- The Daily Record** Up & Coming Attorney Award Rochester, NY
- University of Rochester** Frederick Douglass & Susan B. Anthony Award Rochester, NY
- New York State Bar Association** Community Service Award Rochester, NY

## BAR ADMISSIONS

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- New York State** Jan. 2014
- United States District Court, Western District of New York** Sep. 2014
- United States District Court, Eastern District of New York** Feb. 2016
- United States District Court, Southern District of New York** Feb. 2016
- United States District Court, Northern District of New York** Apr. 2016

## EDUCATION

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- Cornell University** Ithaca, NY  
*Doctor of Law Degree, Concentration in Advocacy* Class of 2013
- Harvard University** Cambridge, MA  
*Bachelor of Arts Degree, Concentration in Philosophy* Class of 2010
- Rochester City School District's School of the Arts** Rochester, NY  
*Advanced Regents Diploma, Concentration in Theater Technology* Class of 2006