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7 A PROPOSED RESOLUTION  
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10 IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
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15 To appoint Ms. Tianna N. Gibbs to the Child Support Guideline Commission.  
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17 RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this  
18 resolution may be cited as the “Child Support Guideline Commission Tianna Gibbs Appointment  
19 Resolution of 2017”.

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21 Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia appoints:

22 Ms. Tianna N. Gibbs  
23 401 Madison Street, N.E.  
24 Washington, D.C. 20011  
25 (Ward 4)  
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27 as a member of the Child Support Guideline Commission, established by section 3 of the Child  
28 Support Guideline Amendment Act of 1990, effective July 25, 1990 (D.C. Law 8-150; D.C.  
29 Official Code § 16-916.02), to serve a 4-year term to end December 17, 2020.

30 Sec. 3. The Council of the District of Columbia shall transmit a copy of this resolution,  
31 upon its adoption, to the appointee, the chairperson of the Commission, and to the Office of the  
32 Mayor.

33 Sec. 4. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon the first date of publication in  
34 the District of Columbia Register.

# TIANNA N. GIBBS

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## EDUCATION

**Yale Law School**, New Haven, Connecticut  
Juris Doctor, June 2008

*Honors:* American Bar Association Legal Opportunity Scholarship; Stephen J. Massey Prize (awarded to the clinic student who most exhibits the values of the Jerome N. Frank Legal Services Organization)

**Stanford University**, Stanford, California  
Bachelor of Arts in Political Science with Distinction, Minor in Psychology, June 2004

*Honors:* Phi Beta Kappa; Dean's Award for Academic Excellence (every quarter); Condoleezza Rice Award for Academic Excellence; Gates Millennium Scholarship

## BAR ADMISSIONS

**State of New York**, January 2009-Present  
**District of Columbia**, December 2009-Present

## EMPLOYMENT AND CLINICAL EXPERIENCE

**University of the District of Columbia, David A. Clarke School of Law**, *Assistant Professor of Law and Co-Director of the General Practice Clinic*, Washington, DC  
July 2017 to present

Direct the operations of the General Practice Clinic. Teach a biweekly seminar to law students about the mechanics of civil law practice. Supervise law students in civil litigation and transactional law cases. Serve on faculty committees. Engage in legal scholarship.

### **Legal Aid Society of the District of Columbia**

*Supervising Attorney, Domestic Violence/Family Law Unit* September 2013-June 2017  
Supervised staff attorneys, loaned associates, legal assistants, and law student interns. Supervised intake interviews across practice areas, including volunteer attorneys. Drafted grant applications and managed grants. Represented domestic violence survivors in child custody and civil protection order cases, and custodial and noncustodial parents in child support cases. Mentored pro bono attorneys in family law cases. Advocated for systemic reform of the District's family law (particularly child support) and domestic violence systems.

*Staff Attorney, Domestic Violence/Family Law Unit* September 2010-August 2013  
Represented domestic violence survivors in child custody and civil protection order cases, and custodial and noncustodial parents in child support cases. Conducted intake interviews across practice areas. Filed reply brief for child support case before the District of Columbia Court of Appeals. Supervised law student interns and a law graduate fellow. Mentored pro bono attorneys in family law cases. Advocated for systemic reform of the District's child support system.

*Arthur Liman Public Interest Fellow, Domestic Violence/Family Law Unit* September 2008-August 2010  
Represented custodial and noncustodial parents in child support cases. Conducted intake interviews across practice areas. Advocated for systemic reform of the District's child support system.

**Domestic Violence Clinic, Student Supervisor**, Yale Law School Spring 2008  
Represented survivors of domestic violence in divorce, custody, child support, and immigration cases. Supervised two law students.

**Community Lawyering Clinic, Law Student Intern**, Yale Law School Fall 2007  
Represented survivors of domestic violence in divorce, custody, and child support cases.

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**Landlord Tenant Clinic, Law Student Intern, Yale Law School**  
Represented low-income tenants in eviction cases.

Fall 2006, Spring 2007,  
Fall 2007, Spring 2008

**Relman & Dane, PLLC, Summer Associate, Washington, DC**

Summer 2007

Conducted legal research and drafted memoranda, an amicus brief, and a motion in limine for fair housing, employment discrimination, and public accommodations cases.

**Covington & Burling, LLP, Summer Associate, Washington, DC**

Summer 2007

Researched legal issues such as the conditions under which the statute of limitations for a wrongful death claim would be equitably tolled, and the extent to which Medicaid regulations allow reimbursement for the educational costs of residential facilities for developmentally disabled children. Drafted the articles of incorporation and bylaws for a housing cooperative.

**Fair Housing Justice Center, Legal Intern, New York, NY**

Summer 2006

Researched the use of mixed-income housing development as a remedy in public housing desegregation and site selection cases. Investigated a fair housing case involving racial discrimination in a federal housing program.

**American Civil Liberties Union of Maryland, Law Clerk, Fair Housing Project, Baltimore, MD**

Summer 2006

Drafted and analyzed client surveys and conducted phone interviews and home visits to assess the efficacy of a housing mobility program created pursuant to the partial consent decree in a public housing desegregation case. Conducted legal research and wrote a memorandum regarding whether non-renewal of the leases of Section 8 voucher holders violates the federal Fair Housing Act.

**Community and Economic Development Clinic, Law Student Intern, Yale Law School**

Spring 2006

Drafted municipal legislation for a community group that operates farmers' markets in the New Haven area. Conducted legal research on tax-related issues and accessibility requirements for a local Montessori school, and assisted the organization with grant applications.

### PROFESSIONAL LEADERSHIP ACTIVITIES AND COMMITTEES

- District of Columbia Bar Association, Family Law Section Steering Committee, July 2016-Present (elected for a 3-year term)
- District of Columbia Superior Court Paternity and Support Rules Drafting Committee, 2010-2015
- District of Columbia Superior Court Paternity and Support Subcommittee of the Family Court Implementation Committee, 2010-2014

### PUBLICATIONS

- *Developments in Family Law in the District of Columbia: Three Significant Legislative Changes for Child Support*, 18 UDC/DCSL L. Rev. 201 (2015) (with Meridel Bulle-Vu and Ashley McDowell)
- *District of Columbia Practice Manual, 2014 Edition*, "Parentage" and "Child Support" (with Stacy Brustin et al.)
- *District of Columbia Practice Manual, 2011 Edition*, "Parentage" and "Child Support" (with Vanessa Batters-Thompson et al.)
- Brief of Legal Aid Society of the District of Columbia et al. as *Amici Curiae* in Support of Petitioner, *Turner v. Rogers*, 564 U.S. 431 (2011), (No. 10-10)

### INVITED PRESENTATIONS (representative sample)

- Panelist and speaker for career development seminars at George Washington University Law School (2014), University of Virginia School of Law (2014), and Howard University School of Law (2013 and 2014)
- Panelist, *Legal Services and Social Change: 50 Years of New Haven Legal Assistance*, Arthur Liman Public Interest Fellowship Colloquium, Yale Law School, 2014
- Panelist, *Paternity Establishment*, DC Bar Family Law Section evening program, 2012