

Huver I. Brown Trial Advocacy Team



Welcome Home Alumni!

The Huver I. Brown Trial Advocacy Moot Court Team is excited to help connect our alumni and donors with our current team members. Please take a moment to meet our 2021-2022 Team of Champions led by Coach Adam Hunter:

Naomi Alexander, Team Captain

Makala McNeil, Team President

Hailey Guillory, Team Vice President

Daniela Charris, Team Business Manager

Tamara Adams, Team Member

Ariel Batiste, Team Member

Jasmine Bermudez, Team Member

Ridgana Bonne-Annee, Team Member

Samuel Cadet, Team Member

Emajae' Clements, Team Member

Adriane Manigo, Team Member

Elsie Owolo, Team Member

Breanna Reeves, Team Member

Samuel Tope-Ojo, Team Member



Former Members Alicia Frison and Radarius Morrow after winning the 2020 National Trial Competition Regional Championship. This was the first time since 1999 that Howard University School of Law won the Regional Championship Title. Alicia Frison was also recognized as the Best Advocate of the competition.

On Wednesday evenings, in the Honorable Damon J. Keith Moot Court Room on the Howard University School of Law campus, a group of 14 students gathers before their coach to receive a learning experience that is different from other law students. As members of the Huver I. Brown Trial Advocacy Moot Court Team, these Howard students are learning how to be trial attorneys. Following in the legacies of Justice Thurgood Marshall, Pauline Murray, and Huver I. Brown, these students are developing their trial advocacy skills, learning how to zealously represent clients, and mastering the art of persuasion. In furthering our legacy of excellence, the Trial Advocacy Team is reaching out to you for sponsorship to help us build on our success.

Our team has a proven track record of success at competitions. Last competition season at the National All-Star Bracket Challenge in October 2020, Rosalie Ebongo-Bayehe was awarded the Best Advocate of the Western Region, and Teneisha Jones was awarded Best Advocate for the Prosecution. At the All-Star Bracket, Howard was the only school to have two “Best Advocates” selected from the same school. During the South Texas Challenge Competition, Naomi Alexander, the current Captain of the Team, won Best Advocate for the Preliminary Rounds and the team advanced to the Semi-Finals.

The team also competed against 30 other schools in the Capitol City Challenge Competition and advanced to the final round against Georgetown after seven trials. During the finals, Anissa Ash won the Eugene N. Hamilton Best Advocate Award. The team also defeated the then-reigning champions UIC John Marshall Law School during the competition.

We are reaching out to our alumni network and partners to support our team in this upcoming competition season. Our goal is to raise \$25,000 for this year. The money raised will help the team with trial supplies, travel expenses, and stipends for competition coaches. As our competitions have become more technological, our students need the most up-to-date equipment to meet the nature of virtual competitions and the integration of trial software. Furthermore, the team is looking forward to competing in Puerto Rico and Texas.

With the help of our alumni and future donors, the Huver I. Brown Trial Advocacy Moot Court Team is prepared to have another successful competition season! Please consider donating to our efforts as we start the new semester and our competition season. We hope that you can become a part of our continued legacy of excellence!

To donate visit www.howard.edu, click the “Give” tab, then under “Designation” select “Other,” and write in the “Huver I. Brown Trial Advocacy Moot Court Team.” For any questions, please contact Coach Adam Hunter by email at adam.hunter@howard.edu or by phone at (202) 618-4334.

Sincerely,
The Huver I. Brown
Trial Advocacy Moot Court Team

Huver I. Brown Trial Advocacy Team Motto:



Our goal is to be articulate.

To use our words as tools of persuasion! When we compete, we achieve only excellence! Striving to win...first place. Every time!

Coach Adam Hunter

Coach Hunter was a member of the Huver I. Brown Trial Advocacy Team from 2006-2008. He served as the first Team Captain under Coach Brandi Harden during the 2007-2008 competition season.

Coach Hunter came back to coach because he values the development of young lawyers and credits his experience on this team for the work he is currently able to do.

Coach Hunter is a partner at Hunter & Johnson, PLLC in Washington, DC.





Naomi Alexander

I decided I wanted to join the Huver I Brown Trial Advocacy Team as soon as I found out about it. I was familiar with Mock Trial prior to law school because I competed at both the high school and collegiate levels. But I understood that the "litigation" I had done in Mock Trial prior to entering law school was more akin to TV Court Dramas than actual trial work. When I came to law school, saw the actualities of practicing as an attorney, and started to realize that I was still missing some fundamental skills that I would need to be a trial attorney I knew I needed to join the Trial Advocacy Team. It was only through joining the H.I.B. Trial Advocacy Team, and learning under the direction of Coach Adam Hunter, have I been able to progress more as an advocate and grow into my future career as a social engineer. As the current Captain of the team, I hope to continue to improve upon the past tradition of excellence in trial advocacy at Howard Law.

After graduation I want to be a trial attorney, but specifically a public defender. I want to help minority indigent clients navigate the judicial system and fight for them in court.

My dream job is to be a Justice on the Supreme Court. In the alternative I would love to become the Chief Defender of a Public Defender's Office or a Federal Public Defender.

Makala McNeil

I joined the Huver I. Brown Trial Advocacy Team because I quickly recognized the team fosters excellence and provides an unmatched real-world legal experience. I joined because I wanted to be a sharp litigator, a professional powerhouse, a well-trained lawyer, and to continue the legacy of great trial attorneys that came before me. I knew that under the leadership of Coach Hunter that the team would be reaching new heights and I wanted to be a part of that challenging feat. The experiences I have had with the team have been formative to my growth as a lawyer and to me personally. I have competed in a competition where all my teammates were black women (a real-life black lady courtroom), stepped up to lead as president of the team, I have learned hard lessons about being a minority in litigation but most importantly learned how resilient and brilliant we are in the courtroom. The creativity and passion this team has unlocked in me have been extraordinary.

After graduation, I will continue the amazing training I have been receiving with the team. I have accepted a position to join the law firm Kirkland & Ellis LLP as an associate attorney. I will be in the DC office focusing primarily on antitrust and litigation matters. I also plan to always keep pro bono projects on my docket. I hope that one day I will be able to become a pro bono counsel at a law firm or possibly open my own practice for minority attorneys. Additionally, I want to have a few self-sufficient businesses of my own and have a few ideas that I'll be kickstarting in the near future. Lastly, I dream of giving back to the community I grew up in by running for public office in Mississippi, serving as a US senator or local official. In whatever capacity I choose to work in, I will continue to use my law degree for public service and the advancement of black and brown people like the great Huver I. Brown did for us!



Hailey Guillory



I joined the H.I.B. Trial Advocacy Team because I want to be one of the best and I know that this team produces greatness. I plan on being a trial attorney for most of my career and the skills I gain here will be a great help in the future. The precision and perfection instilled in us allows us to stand out and excel in any courtroom.

After graduation, I will be an Assistant District Attorney in Brooklyn. I plan on using the skills I've gained while on this team there and in all my future endeavors. My dream job is to be the U.S. Attorney in a district then eventually Attorney General.

Daniela Charris

I joined the Huver I. Brown Trial Advocacy Moot Court Team because I knew it would allow me to become part of a family of fierce advocates who have a common goal of effectuating change in the legal field. I was eager to learn from the best trial lawyers and develop the skills necessary to be a *Howard* litigator. Being part of the team has enabled me to blossom into my most authentic form of zealous advocacy. In addition, it has granted me trial experiences I would not have undergone in the traditional classroom setting.

Upon graduating, I will be working as an associate at Milbank LLP in the New York office. I will be practicing litigation at the firm, focusing on white-collar defense and investigation. I am excited to transfer the skills I learned with the trial advocacy team into the space of big law. Ultimately, my goal is to be a criminal defense attorney and movement lawyer. I am fortunate to have learned about trial advocacy with the team because it reaffirmed my dream of being a voice of change in the courtroom for my community.



Tamara Adams



Joining the Huver I. Brown Trial Advocacy Team was always a goal of mine. It was the reason I decided to come to Howard. While working at the Public Defender Service in Washington, DC I had the opportunity to watch some of the best litigators in the world, and those attorneys, they attended Howard. Being a part of this team will teach me the necessary skills needed to succeed in my future profession.

After graduation, I hope to become a criminal defense attorney. More specifically, I want to become a public defender. I want to support minority communities who are often victims of the criminal justice system.

After working as a criminal defense attorney, my dream job is to become a judge and professor. I want to serve as a judge in D.C. Superior Court, criminal division. Furthermore, I am interested in

returning to Howard Law to teach legal writing to current law students. My hope is to develop strong attorneys who will continue advocating for minority communities post-graduation.

Ariel Batiste

I joined the Huver I. Brown Trial Advocacy Moot Court Team because I want to grow as an oral advocate. I believe that advocacy is one of the most important roles of an attorney—especially when representing people of color.

After graduation, I hope to join a firm's patent litigation practice before transitioning into a litigation role at a nonprofit. My dream job is to start my own law firm and to do criminal defense and family law work.





Jasmine Bermudez

I joined the Huver I. Brown Trial Advocacy Team because I wanted to learn by doing. Knowing I have been critiqued by my amazing peers and some of the best trial lawyers, I will graduate confident in my litigation skills.

After graduation I will be a prosecutor at the Riverside County District Attorney's Office.

My dream job is one that allows me to do the most good for the most people. This team allows me to develop the skills necessary to do that.

Ridgana Bonne-Annee

I joined the Huver I. Brown Trial Advocacy Team because I knew I wanted to be a litigator, gain real-life courtroom experience, and be surrounded by individuals who had similar interests since iron sharpens iron. Further, I wanted to step out of my comfort zone because public speaking is a skill I wanted to strengthen, and I knew that the team would offer me that experience.

Following graduation, I want to work at a litigation-based firm that offers me the opportunity to use the trial skills that I learned, and advocate on behalf of my clients. However, while I do not have an exact dream job, I know I will be happiest when I am working in tech or cybersecurity and with a team of like-minded and outgoing attorneys.



Samuel Cadet



I joined the trial advocacy team because I understand the importance of oral advocacy experience when it comes to assisting the clients. I wanted to be a part of a team where I would not only get the necessary experience but we'd be pushed to be the best litigators that we can be. This is with great current litigators and the amazing future litigators of the Huver I. Brown Team.

After graduation I plan to go into the tech sector of law and assist with regulatory or litigation for a firm. Currently when it comes to tech law there is a lack of representation from people of color. I want to be an active face of change in this industry.

My dream job consists of being an in-house privacy attorney at a tech company advising and pushing for consumer facing privacy.

Emajae' Clements

I joined the Huver I. Brown Trial Advocacy Team to participate in a legacy trail blazed by fierce advocates. After graduation, I plan to utilize the skills and lessons acquired through this team in both civil and criminal litigation before entering the realm of politics and other endeavors that allow me to advocate on behalf of marginalized communities.

My dream job is to own a civil rights practice that leverages modern-day social mediums (social media, television, etc.) to provide legal services and other social justice-related support to community members. My goal is to equip marginalized groups with the support and resources necessary to make tangible change in their communities while actively fighting for change inside and outside of the court.



Adriane Manigo



I joined the Huver I. Brown Trial Advocacy Team because I wanted to further develop my advocacy skills in ways that were not being taught in the average law school classroom.

After graduation, I want to work in personal injury. My dream job involves working with both personal injury and criminal defense clients. I would like to achieve this by working as a Plaintiff's Attorney or even opening my own practice.

Elsie Owolo

I joined the Huver I. Brown Trial Advocacy Team because I am interested in being a litigator. I knew being a part of the Huver I. Brown Trial Advocacy Team would help me develop the skills, knowledge, and experience to confidently pursue my professional goals. I also joined the team for the opportunity to learn from experienced professionals in the legal field.

Upon graduation, I plan on practicing law as a litigator. Upon passage of the bar exam, I plan on working for a law firm in Washington, D.C. on ERISA litigation.

My dream job is to be able to use all of my education and professional experiences to impact and advocate for disadvantaged communities. I decided to attend law school at the Howard University School of Law because of the rich history and legacy that the law school has in terms of social justice and political advocacy. Hence, I hope to eventually be able to work for an elected official who I strongly believe can bring about change for underserved communities and communities of color.



Breanna Reeves



I joined the Huver I. Brown Trial Advocacy Moot Court Team because I wanted to learn how to properly litigate from the best.

After graduation, I would like to litigate criminal law as a trial attorney.

My dream job is to work as a Federal Public Defender.

Samuel Tope-Ojo

I joined the Huver I. Brown Trial Advocacy Team because, in high school, I competed in Mock Trial and the experience was solely responsible for my interest in law. However, when I would tell lawyers that I wanted to be a litigator they would laugh because there is so much more to being an attorney than the TV friendly courtroom experience. As I have matured, so has my interest in law thus, I am honored to hone my skills with the H.I.B Trial Advocacy Team which has a spirit of excellence at its foundation.

After law school my goal is to be a real estate trial attorney. I ultimately want to use the law and the real estate experience I gained before attending law school to fight gentrification, revitalize Black communities, and encourage more sustainable practices.

