

## Professor Lauren McLane

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### CURRENT POSITION

University of Wyoming, College of Law, Laramie, WY

(July 2018–present)

*Associate Professor of Law*

**Courses Taught:** Evidence, Torts, Forensic Evidence, Sentencing Law & Policy, Summer Trial Institute (annual two-week/three-credit trial advocacy course), Defender Aid Clinic (July 2018–August 2023), Advanced Criminal Procedure (College of Arts & Sciences, 2019–2023), and Advanced Fourth & Sixth Amendment Jurisprudence (starting Spring 2024)

**Other Courses of Interest:** Harm Reduction in the Criminal Legal System

**Areas/Interest of Research:** Intersection of race, gender, class and Criminal Law and Procedure

### Former Clinical Teaching Experience:

- Directed and instructed student-driven, statewide criminal defense clinic representing individuals who were indigent and accused or convicted of crimes
- Supervised students in investigation, research, and litigation of matters at a variety of stages in criminal defense practice, including in pre-trial and trial cases, post-conviction cases, and innocence claims
- Partnered with School of Social Work, hosting practicum for Masters Social Work intern
- Supervised and participated in clinic’s podcast, “Justice Talks in Wyoming,” focused on the intersection of race and the criminal legal system

### Honors:

- Recipient, University of Wyoming Presidential Scholarly Achievement Award, Promising Early-Career Faculty, Spring 2022
- Recipient, Extraordinary Merit Award, University of Wyoming, College of Law, 2020
- Selected as a Faculty “Hooder” for Class of 2021

### Other Activities:

- Founder, University of Wyoming, College of Law, Acclimatization Program (ULAP)
  - Developed ongoing program for incoming 1L students to address gap in academic success in transition from undergraduate level to law school
  - Created programming and presented with other recruited faculty on topics spanning how to brief cases, write exam answers, outline, and develop effective learning strategies
- Member, Law Dean Search Committee 2023
- Co-Chair, Assistant Vice President of DEI Search Committee 2023
- Mentor, Diverse Graduate Student Mentorship Program, Fall 2023–present
- Faculty Sponsor, Outlaw, LGBTQ+ law student group
- Faculty Sponsor, Wyoming Equal Justice student group
- Faculty Sponsor, Student Chapter of the Wyoming Trial Lawyers Association
- Actively Licensed Member, Washington State Bar Association

## PAST POSITIONS

### Innocence Project Northwest (now Washington Innocence Project)

University of Washington School of Law, Seattle, WA

(2017–2018)

#### *DNA Fellow Staff Attorney*

- Investigated, evaluated, and reviewed cases for innocence claims in Washington state
- Represented prisoners across the state in efforts to obtain post-conviction DNA testing, including researching, writing, and litigating motions
- Conducted outreach and training for *pro bono* lawyers and prepared cases to place and/or co-counsel with community partners
- Conducted prison visits for case preparation and outreach purposes, negotiated with prosecutors, and consulted with the Washington State Patrol Crime Laboratory on DNA testing viability
- Supervised and collaborated with law students in IPNW clinic
- Trained and supervised law student with Rule 9 status in writing and arguing motion for post-conviction DNA testing in Spokane County Superior Court

### Padula & Associates, Seattle and Bellevue, WA

(2014–2017)

#### *Associate Attorney*

- Represented clients charged with felony and misdemeanor offenses in private practice
- Advocated for clients at all manner of proceedings, including arraignment, pretrial hearings, motions, probation hearings, sentencing, and jury trials
- Researched and wrote legal briefs and presented oral argument in courts across multiple counties
- Represented clients in Department of Licensing administrative hearings
- Negotiated dismissals and plea resolutions with prosecutors in a variety of jurisdictions
- Interviewed witnesses, including experts, and investigated cases in preparation for trial
- Represented clients on appeal in research, writing briefs, and presenting oral argument in superior courts, Court of Appeals Division I, and Washington State Supreme Court (*see, e.g., State v. Dennis*, 191 Wn.2d 169 (2018))
- Awarded the Champion of Justice Award by the Washington Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers, 2017

### The Defender Association, Seattle, WA

(2009–2014)

#### *Public Defender/Staff Attorney*

- Represented indigent clients facing a wide range of criminal accusations, including felonies and misdemeanors from arraignment to jury verdict and/or sentencing
- Researched and wrote legal briefs and presented oral argument before misdemeanor and felony courts
- Represented clients at jury trial facing serious accusations, including a murder charge
- Received extensive training in pretrial and trial advocacy in representing clients from filing of charges to jury verdict and/or sentencing, including skills interviewing witnesses and investigating cases, research, writing and presenting motions, jury selection, opening statements, cross and direct examinations, jury instructions, and closing arguments

- Obtained vast experience and training in interviewing and cross-examining experts in many areas of expertise, including forensic toxicology, breath and alcohol technology and testing, psychology and psychiatry, DNA, fingerprinting, and other areas of forensic science
- Represented persons with mental health diagnoses who were involuntarily detained
- Awarded the President’s Award by the Washington Defender Association for a Defender with less than five years of experience in the state of Washington, 2013

## EDUCATION

**Seattle University School of Law**, J.D., *magna cum laude*, 2008

Executive Editor and Staff Editor, SEATTLE JOURNAL FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE, 2006–2008

Extern, Justice Charles Johnson, Washington State Supreme Court, 2008

Research Assistant, Professor Robert Boruchowitz, Public Defense/Right to Counsel, 2008

Research Assistant, Professor Lorraine Bannai, Legal Writing, 2006–2007

CALI Excellence for the Future Award, Constitutional Litigation, 2008

Year-End Scholarship for Academic Achievement, 2006 & 2007

Public Interest Law Foundation Summer Grant, 2006 & 2007

Cheney-Metzger Legal Writing Scholarship Finalist, 2006

Moot Court—Administrative Law Competition, 2006; Appellate Competition, 2007

Access to Justice Institute, Community Justice Center volunteer, 2005–2006

**Radford University**, Radford, VA

B.S. in Communication; Minor in Race, Class, and Gender Studies, 2002

LAMBDA PI ETA, National Communication Honor Society, 2001–2002

Radford Women’s Rugby Team, 2001–2002

## SCHOLARLY WORKS

**Publications on tenure track ([SSRN Author Page](#)):**

*Our Lower Courts Must Get in “Good Trouble, Necessary Trouble,” and Desert Two Pillars of Racial Injustice—Whren v. United States and Batson v. Kentucky*, 20 CONN. PUB. INT. L.J. 181 (2021)

*Confronting the Twenty-First-Century Marian Examination*, 82 ALB. L. REV. 949 (2018–2019)

*Confronting Racist Authority: The Vertical Narrowing of Whren*, 15 GEO J.L. & MOD. CRIT. RACE PERSP. (forthcoming Jan. 2024)

**Other publications:**

Lauren McLane, *Rejecting “Truthiness,” Revealing the Problem with the BrAC Measurand*, in INSIDE THE MINDS: UNDERSTANDING DUI SCIENTIFIC EVIDENCE, 17-50 (Aspatore Books 2015–2016 edition)

Ted Vosk, A. Robert W. Forrest, Ashley Emery, and Lauren D. McLane, *The Measurand Problem in Breath Alcohol Testing*, 59 J. FORENSIC SCI. 811–15 (2014)

## **PRESENTATIONS**

- Have presented on topics in areas of evidence, criminal procedure, and trial advocacy at Continuing Legal Education seminars (CLEs), trainings, or conferences for a variety of entities, such as the Office of the Public Defender for the state of Wyoming, Wyoming's Annual Judicial Conference, Ewing T. Kerr American Inn of Court for Wyoming, Laramie County Bar Association, the Colorado Office of Public Defense, the Innocence Network, the Forensic Justice Project (Portland), The Defender Association Division, King County Department of Public Defense, Washington Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers, Washington State Office of Public Defense, Washington State Bar Association, Washington Defender Association, Washington Foundation for Criminal Justice, Innocence Project Northwest from 2011 to present, and the Black Doctoral Network
- Notable presentations include two recent national conferences and a symposium: *The All-White Jury is the Modern-Day Lynching Mob*, co-presenter with students, the Black Doctoral Network Conference, Atlanta, GA (2022); *Does an Impartial Jury Exist? An Analysis of Implicit Bias in Jury Selection*, annual symposium, keynote address, University of Connecticut School of Law, Public Interest Law Journal, webinar format (2021); and *In Pursuit of Just, Real Science: Deconstructing and Confronting Forensic Science*, annual Innocence Network Conference, Atlanta, GA (2019)

## **MEMBERSHIPS & VOLUNTEER SERVICE**

- Member, University of Wyoming, Athletics Planning Committee, Fall 2021–present
- Member, National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers
- Member, Washington Association of Criminal Defense Attorneys (former)
- Member, Washington Defender Association (former)
- Member, Wyoming Access to Justice Commission, 2019–2022
- Volunteer Board Member, Rocky Mountain Innocence Center, 2018–2022
- Volunteer Board Member, Seattle/King County Coalition on Homelessness, 2016–2018
- Volunteer Co-Founder, Sentencing Advocacy & Justice Project (SAJP), May 2023–present