Rushi Shah

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Education

May 2024	**Harvard Law School**, *J.D. (in progress)*
Sept. 2021	**Princeton University**, *M.A. Computer Science*
May 2020	**University of Texas at Austin**, *B.S. Computer Science & B.S. Mathematics (Turing Scholar)*

Work Experience

Summer 2022 — **Prisoners' Rights Project in the Legal Aid Society of NY**, *Legal Intern*, New York City, NY
- Drafted an originalist memo on how the drafters of the New York state constitution's cruel and unusual punishment provision rejected the practice of solitary confinement around 1846; memo supported an ongoing lawsuit based on the new Humane Alternatives to Long Term (HALT) Solitary Confinement legislation
- Drafted a procedural memo on using Fed. Rule of Civ. Proc. 60(b)(5) to extend the court-ordered monitorship of educational services provided in NY city jails due to violations during the COVID-19 pandemic
- Drafted an urgent memo during a lockdown at Great Meadows Correctional Facility on violations of minimum mail, shower, and meal requirements for inmates mandated by the NY Codes, Rules, and Regulations
- Advocated for four clients on their mistreatment in state prisons; their issues included access to prescription medication for nerve damage, access to reasonable accommodations for a severe visual impairment, inappropriate disciplinary tickets issued during an epileptic seizure, and LGBTQ+ safety concerns

Spring 2022 onwards — **Harvard Defenders**, *Student Attorney*, Cambridge, MA
- Represented clients to challenge the probable cause determination before charges are issued against them

Summer 2021 — **New Mexico Public Defender's Office (Felony Division)**, *Legal Intern*, Albuquerque, NM
- Worked under 11 attorneys for 19 clients on research/writing, direct client work, trial prep, and doc review
- Drafted a motion to suppress, a memo on Miranda waiver validity while intoxicated, and a memo on double jeopardy challenge to firearm enhancement; cite checked, proofread, and edited other pieces
- Discussed cases with clients over video, in person at the office, and at the jail; visited a murder scene
- Assisted heavily in preparation for jury trial of one client accused of murder (found not guilty on all counts)
- Reviewed police lapel videos, client criminal histories, evidence, discovery, depositions, and other docs

Publications

Jan. 2021	**Defund the Police After the Jan. 6th Coup Attempt**, <u>Rushi Shah</u>, *The Daily Princetonian*
March 2020	**TX Felon Disenfranchisement Enables Institutional Racism**, <u>Rushi Shah</u>, *The Daily Texan*

Organizations

2022-2023	**Harvard South Asian Law Students Association (SALSA)**, *VP of Community Engagement*
Spring 2022	**Harvard Journal of Law and Gender**, *Subcite participant*
2020-2021	**Princeton Students for Prison Education, Abolition, and Reform (SPEAR)**

Selected Coursework

Spring 2023	**Evidence**, *Harvard Law School*, Prof. Rubin
Jan. 2023	**Trial Advocacy Workshop**, *Harvard Law School*, Prof. Sullivan
Fall 2022	**Criminal Procedure: Investigations**, *Harvard Law School*, Prof. Crespo
Spring 2021	**Policing, Militarization, and Policy**, *Princeton School of Public & Int'l Affairs*, Prof. Ralph

Languages

Native: English, Gujarati
Conversational: French, Spanish