

TIMOTHY DUNCAN

Senior Attorney | Mental Health Advocacy

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SUMMARY

Committed senior attorney with over 8 years of experience in advocacy for mental health rights. Skilled in complex litigation and policy advocacy, with a track record of innovative strategizing for client-centered representation.

EXPERIENCE

Senior Attorney 2015 - 2021
Community Legal Services Philadelphia, PA

Performed client-centered advocacy ensuring disability rights.

- Led a team of 5 attorneys, resulting in a 40% increase in cases handled.
- Spearheaded complex advocacy projects that benefitted over 100 clients.
- Championed policies leading to better services for 70% of clients.
- Formed strategic partnerships with 5 grassroots organizations, enhancing community outreach.
- Skillfully navigated negotiations, successfully settling 90% of cases out of court.
- Provided effective training to 20+ new staff, improving their legal skills.

Associate Attorney 2012 - 2015
Burns White LLC Philadelphia, PA

Led litigation cases for clients with mental health disabilities.

- Handled over 150 cases, achieving positive outcomes for 85% of clients.
- Prepared impactful legal documents for 5 high-profile class action lawsuits.
- Analyzed and interpreted intricate legal information for 10+ major cases.
- Played a crucial role in 3 administrative proceedings, ensuring adequate representation for clients.
- Mentored 3 junior attorneys, fostering a supportive work environment.

Lawyer 2009 - 2012
Hangley Aronchick Segal Pudlin & Schiller Philadelphia, PA

Managed mental health disability rights cases.

- Successfully represented 50+ individual clients, ensuring their rights and well-being.
- Negotiated 20+ mediations, skillfully reconciling divergent interests.
- Contributed to effective policy advocacy at the state level.
- Handled contentious issues professionally, resolving complaints to satisfaction.

EDUCATION

Juris Doctor 2006 - 2009
University of Pennsylvania Law School Philadelphia, PA

Bachelor of Laws 2002 - 2006
Harvard University Cambridge, MA

LANGUAGES

English Native  Spanish Proficient 

STRENGTHS

-  **Excellent Researcher**
Conduct thorough legal research, resulting in impactful arguments and well-prepared cases.
-  **Collaborative Leader**
Contribute to high performing teams, supervising and mentoring junior staff, fostering mentorship within the organization.
-  **Outstanding Advocate**
Secured numerous settlements/judgments benefiting clients, emphasizing the importance of equal rights for all.

SKILLS

Complex Litigation ·
Policy Advocacy ·
Class Action Lawsuits ·
Appellate Practice · Staff Training ·
Mentorship ·
Collaborative Teamwork ·
Legal Research · Problem Solving ·
Community Lawyering ·
Public Speaking · Negotiation

CERTIFICATION

Mental Health Law Course
Completed focused Mental Health Law Course at University of Pennsylvania, deepening understanding of disability rights.

Civil Litigation Certification
Acquired Civil Litigation Certification from the American Bar Association, strengthening legal expertise.