

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.