

# Nana Akuba T. Chinebuah

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## EDUCATION

### **John Jay College of Criminal Justice, New York, NY**

Bachelor of Arts in English with a minor in Latino/a Studies, December 2013

**Honors:** Published in John Jay's Finest 2012 Edition; Best Essay at the 300 Level Award Nominee;

Pre-Law Boot Camp I Certificate, June 2010.

**Activities:** *Secretary*, Student Government (June 2012 – May 2013); *Research Assistant*, Prison-to-College Pipeline (June 2012 – May 2013); *Secretary*, African Students Association (Sept. 2011- May 2012); *Freshman Representative*, (Sept. 2009 - May 2010)

### **The Mary Louis Academy, Queens, NY**

Advanced Regents High School Diploma, May 2009

## HONORS PROGRAMS

### **Ronald H. Brown Law School Prep Program, St. John's University School of Law, Queens, NY**

*Ronald H. Brown Scholar*, June 2011-August 2012

Selected to participate in intensive two-year competitive law school program. Program included attending challenging law school courses, working in legal internships and participation in a rigorous LSAT prep course.

### **John Jay College Pre-Law Boot Camp, New York, NY**

*Participant*, Pre-law Boot Camp, June 2010

Competitively selected to participate in intensive Pre Law Boot Camp I law school preparatory program. Program emphasized the development of academic skills including writing and critical thinking skills. Developed a personal statement through intense one-on-one work with writing faculty. Provided critical commentary and editing for peers through a formal peer review program. Participated in mock tort law class. Networked with attorneys and current law students to understand the rigors and discipline required by law school and the legal profession. Worked with faculty from Philosophy and English Departments to increase logical reasoning abilities. Refined time management and active learning skills through a joint Pre Law Institute-Columbia Law School online education pilot focused on developing strong law school candidates among students from communities traditionally underrepresented within the legal profession.

## LEGAL EXPERIENCE

### **Honorable Carmen Velasquez, Civil Court of the city of New York, Queens County, Jamaica, NY**

*Judicial Intern*, October 2011-December 2011

Attended and observed court proceedings and conferences involving pending cases. Assisted the Judge by reviewing and summarizing case files and lending advice on their completion and status to move forward. Recorded rulings of various cases on the case roster for the judge's records.

### **Honorable John Lansden, Civil Court of the City of New York, Housing Branch, Brooklyn, NY**

*Ronald H. Brown Judicial Intern*, Summer 2011

Assisted individuals facing eviction by explaining to them their rights and options in order to prevent their potential eviction. Assisted the Court by serving the decision resolving the party's dispute under the supervision of the Judge. Provided layman explanation to necessary parties with respect to their obligations under such decisions.

### **Kings County District Attorney Office, Domestic Violence Bureau, Brooklyn, New York**

*Ronald H. Brown Summer Intern*, Summer 2011

Called victims of domestic violence to explain their rights and inquire as to their decision to press charges on their perpetrator. Utilized the New York State Correctional Facility website to verify the status of defendants as a preventive measure for a victim's possible further attack. Served in person subpoenas on counsel in various cases and court houses.

### **Attorney General Office, Harlem Regional Office, Harlem, New York**

*Student Mediator*

Review tenant-landlord, consumer fraud, and other civil cases. Contact parties involved in an attempt to resolve the matter at hand by aiding parties to come to a mutual agreement. Wrote memorandum during

my time of a current civil case.

**COMMUNITY SERVICE**

**Allen Christian School, After-School Program**, Queens, NY

*Volunteer Tutor*, February 2008- June 2008

Provided one-on-one assistance to third grade students in reading, writing and math.

**LANGUAGES AND COMPUTER SKILLS**

Language: Fluent in Twi. Computer: Proficient in Microsoft Office.