

# **Eseré Joy Onaodowan**

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Education: **Hofstra University School of Law**, Hempstead, NY  
JD, May 2005

**Rutgers, the State University of New Jersey**, New Brunswick, NJ  
BA in English, May 2002  
Minor Communications, Concentration in Creative Writing  
*Activities*: Liberated Choir, Vice President and Musical Director; Liberated Dance Ensemble,  
Executive Coordinator, Choreographer and Costume Designer

## **BAR**

**ADMISSION:** **STATE - New York and New Jersey Licensed and Active**  
**FEDERAL - Southern District of New York Licensed and Active**

Experience: **The Law Offices of Onaodowan & Delince, PLLC**, New York, NY  
*Managing Partner*, January 2011 – Present

- Established and operated a general practice law firm.
- Specializing in all phases of criminal defense and immigration litigation practicing before the Municipal, State, Supreme, Juvenile, Federal and Immigration Courts in New York and New Jersey.
- Represented clients in every aspect of criminal defense and immigration proceedings, including motion practice, probable cause hearings, arraignments, pretrial evidentiary hearings, plea negotiations, criminal investigations, individual hearings and extensive jury and bench trials.
- Federal Trial experience in the Southern District of New York
- Extensive legal research and writing

**Manhattan Family Court Juvenile Delinquent 18b Counsel**, New York, NY  
*18b Contracted Attorney*, October 2011 – Present

- Custody/Visitation Litigation/Trials
- Family Offense Litigation/Trials
- Juvenile Delinquent Litigation/Trials
- Active participation in family intervention meetings and family planning, social and mental health services/placement for children and their families

**The Legal Aid Society**, New York, NY  
*Staff Attorney*, October 2005 – December 2010

- Represented criminally-charged indigent adult clients before the State and Supreme Courts.
- Zealously defended adult indigent clients in all phases of criminal proceedings including motion practice, probable cause hearings, arraignments, pretrial evidentiary hearings, plea negotiations, criminal investigations, and jury & bench trials.
- Extensive legal research and writing while managing an active case load of approximately 120 criminal cases

**New York County Defenders Services**, New York, NY  
*Legal Intern*, Spring 2005

- Conducted extensive legal research and drafting of legal memos for attorneys
- Assisted attorneys on trial with document review and trial preparation
- Attend and participated in arraignments under the supervision of the staff attorneys

**Hofstra School of Law – Political Asylum Clinic, Hempstead, NY**

*Law Student, Fall 2004*

- Conducted extensive legal research and brief writing on an Immigration Asylum Appeal.
- Facilitated a covert international investigation under the supervision of Professor Lauren Wren
- Appeared in New Jersey Immigration court and conducted the individual hearing on appeal of a previously denied Asylum application and interview before the BIA.
- Corresponded with various foreign embassies on behalf of my client

**Burberry Limited – Intellectual Property Dept, New York, NY**

*Legal Intern, Summer 2004*

- Drafted and served Cease and Desist letters on alleged copyright and trademark infringers
- Drafted settlement agreements
- Conducted extensive investigations and legal research on copyright/trademark infringement issues.

**New Jersey Attorney General’s Office – Division of Criminal Justice, Trenton, NJ**

*Legal Intern, June 2003 – August 2003*

- Conducted legal research and drafted legal memoranda of law for staff attorney.
- Assisted in the preparation of pretrial motions and gathering of discovery documents
- Assisted in on-going investigations of active cases

**Honours/Awards:** 2014 Commencement Speaker for Rutgers University, College of Arts and Sciences Criminal Justice Graduation

**Special Training:** NITA Trial Techniques course Summer 2004 under the direction of Michael Coleman

**Additional Information:** Guest Lecturer at Rutgers University School of Criminal Justice; Guest Lecturer at Alfred University Masters in Public Administration program