

ROBIN MOSES PEGUERO

EDUCATION

Harvard Law School, J.D., May 2014

Activities: Editor of the Harvard Law Review, the country's top legal scholarship publication, and published in its pages three times on criminal justice matters; President of Harvard Defenders, providing over 100 hours of pro bono indigent criminal defense; Member of La Alianza Hispanic Student Organization; Interned at U.S. Attorney's Office (S.D.N.Y.); Externed at Essex County District Attorney's Office in Lawrence, Mass.

Harvard University, B.A., Social Studies, June 2007

Honors: *Cum laude* with *high honors* in the concentration; *magna cum laude* thesis; Spanish citation.

WORK EXPERIENCE

St. Thomas University School of Law, Miami Gardens, FL Aug. 2024 – Current

Assistant Professor

- Tenure-track position teaching Criminal Law, Criminal Procedure, Contracts, and Evidence.

University of Miami Law School, Coral Gables, FL Jan. 2024 – May 2024

Adjunct Professor

- Teaching Legal Research and Writing to 1L students.
- Teaching Introduction to Business Law and Ethics to undergraduate business majors.

Georgetown University Law Center, Washington, DC Sept. 2022 – Jan. 2024

Adjunct Professor

- Teaching a legal practice and professionalism seminar for students externing in public interest.

Office of Congressman Glenn Ivey, Washington, DC Jan. 2023 – Jan. 2024

Chief of Staff

- Managing an office of 18 staffers, overseeing a budget of \$1.9 million, and serving as the Congressman's top policy, legal, and political advisor broadly and on the Judiciary Committee.

U.S. House Select Committee Investigating the Jan. 6 Attack on the Capitol, Washington, DC Oct. 2021 – Dec. 2022

Investigative Counsel

- Focused on intelligence failures and institutional gaps in the Department of Justice, Department of Homeland Security, Federal Bureau of Investigation, D.C. National Guard, and Department of Defense, among other agencies, including U.S. Capitol and D.C. police departments.
- Interviewed witnesses – informally and on the record – from federal and local law enforcement, the intelligence community, and the military, including Secret Service leadership, former Cabinet-level Secretaries, and the mayor of the city. Granted security clearance.
- Co-led one of the eight summer hearings – examining how Department of Justice officials withstood political pressure and defended the rule of law – by finalizing scripts, staging, and video elements, engaging with committee members and the Vice Chair, role-playing as live witnesses at rehearsal, and sitting behind the dais for last-minute guidance.
- Author of the committee's final report Chapter 7, "187 Minutes of Dereliction of Duty," and two appendices on the delayed response of the D.C National Guard and the warning signs in plain sight from intelligence in the leadup to Jan. 6.

Miami State Attorney's Office, Miami, FL Aug. 2014 – Sept. 2021

Assistant State Attorney – Felony Division Chief, Homicide Prosecutor

Admitted to Florida Bar Sept. 24, 2014, and in Current Good Standing

- Over 7 years of daily courtroom experience. Managed docket of homicide cases.
- Tried 30 criminal jury trials to verdict, including successful murder, DUI manslaughter, attempted murder, and armed robbery prosecutions.
- Member of the Police Accountability Unit, prosecuting officers as defendants, and Hate Crimes Unit, prosecuting cases involving the hate crime enhancement.
- Supervised four junior attorneys handling first-degree, second-degree, and third-degree felonies.
- Researched, drafted, and argued post-conviction relief motions and evidentiary hearings.
- Responded to crime scenes. Investigated cases from arrest to filing. Made hundreds of filing decisions. Conducted and defended hundreds of depositions.

Harvard College Residential System, Eliot House, Cambridge, MA
Resident Tutor

August 2012 – May 2014

- Administrator in charge of tutoring, mentoring, counseling, and disciplining forty undergraduates personally and 450 students as part of a team in the residential House system.
- Planned and led House-wide educational, motivational, and discussion-based events.

Offices of U.S. Sen. Amy Klobuchar & Rep. Charles Rangel, Washington, DC Aug. 2007 – May 2011
Speechwriter; Director of New Media and Press Spokesman

- Handled criminal justice portfolio.

Congressional Hispanic Caucus Institute, Washington, DC
Public Policy Fellow

Aug. 2007 – May 2008

Fellowship for recent Latino college graduates requiring a commitment to weekly professional development sessions, regular community service, and organizing and moderating a policy discussion, as well as working full-time in a congressional office or governmental agency.

The Miami Herald, Pembroke Pines, FL
Reporter, Paid Intern

June 2006 – Sept. 2006

Served as a general assignment reporter, publishing daily stories (around 50) under my byline.

LEGAL SCHOLARSHIP

Robin M. Peguero, [Live Free and Nullify: Against Purging Capital Juries of Death Penalty Opponents](#), 127 HARV. L. REV. 2092 (2014).

(Work Cited by the Attorneys of Dylan Roof in his Capital Pleadings)

Argument: “[P]urging nullifiers from juries is an American tradition,” but it does not have to persist. The prospect of jury nullification as legitimate runs in particular tension with the Supreme Court’s death-qualifying jurisprudence. This work argues that the for-cause removal of antideath jurors ought to be abolished.

Robin M. Peguero, Leading Case, [Sixth Amendment — Assistance of Counsel — Retroactivity — Chaidez v. United States](#), 127 HARV. L. REV. 238 (2013).

Argument: In its close reading of *Padilla*, the *Chaidez* majority mistook mere argument by refutation as proof of *Padilla*’s novelty, relegating the discernment of retroactivity to a debate over argumentative style and inverting the ordinary incentives of Court opinion writers.

Robin M. Peguero, Recent Case, [Civil Procedure — Class Actions — Southern District of New York Certifies Class Action Against City Police for Suspicionless Stops and Frisks of Blacks and Latinos — Floyd v. City of New York](#), 126 HARV. L. REV. 826 (2013).

Argument: The examination of adequacy at the class certification stage offers a fresh and compelling avenue for judges to gauge the level of popular support that policing strategies draw in the communities that share in their burdens and benefits.

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

Peguero, Robin. [One in the Chamber](#). New York, Hachette Books, March 2024.

This novel explores Title IX jurisprudence, allowing the political debate over reform to the due process rights of student defendants accused of sexual assaults on campus to serve as a backdrop.

Peguero, Robin. [With Prejudice](#). New York, Hachette Books, May 2022.

Reviewed in the [New York Times](#). Inspired by Yale Law Professor Dan Kahan’s legal scholarship on motivated cognition, as well as the author’s own experience in picking juries, this novel explores how jurors of varying backgrounds and worldviews interpret supposed “objective facts” in radically different ways, calling into question the objectivity and underscoring the arbitrariness of our criminal justice system.