

## DAVID EVAN MARKUS

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### EDUCATION

#### HARVARD LAW SCHOOL: J.D. (2001)

**Honors:** *magna cum laude* (top 5% of class)  
Kaufman Public Service Fellow (merit scholarship)  
Dean's Public Service Award  
Faculty recommendation to Justice David Souter, U.S. Supreme Court

#### HARVARD UNIVERSITY, KENNEDY SCHOOL OF GOVERNMENT: M.P.P. (2001)

**Honors:** Innovator in Public Service Award (global alumni designation)  
Goldsmith Prize for Press-Politics and Public Policy (national award)  
Robert Wilmers Fellow for State & Local Government (full merit scholarship)

**Concentration:** Press politics, nonprofit administration

**Thesis:** *Empire State Network: Gavel-to-Gavel Coverage for New York's Legislature*

#### WILLIAMS COLLEGE: B.A. in Political Science and Environmental Studies (1994)

**Honors:** *summa cum laude* (top 2% of class)  
Phi Beta Kappa  
Dean's List all terms

### GOVERNMENT

#### NEW YORK STATE JUDICIARY

2011-present

*Judicial Referee (Supreme Court, 9th Judicial District)*

White Plains/New City, NY

- Presided in thousands of civil discovery, settlement and trial proceedings.
- Issued numerous reported decisions on foreclosure law and civil discovery.
- Led creation of first-ever integrated Foreclosure Court, clearing multi-year backlog.
- Co-Chair, New York State Task Force on Voluntary Justice Court Reform (2011-13).
- Counsel, Local Courts Advisory Committee (2011-13).

#### NEW YORK STATE SENATE

2009-2011

*Special Counsel to the Majority*

New York/Albany, NY

Senior staff to Majority Conference across multiple areas of law, policy and governance.

- Staff litigator in historic Senate leadership challenge.
- Directed Judiciary Working Group and supervised Judiciary Committee staff.
- Negotiated and drafted comprehensive ethics, campaign finance and related reforms.
- Negotiated then-Attorney General Cuomo's landmark local government reform law.
- Led staff review of \$1.2 billion Delta Airlines re-development at JFK Airport.
- Delegate, Chief Judge's Task Force on the Future of Civil Legal Services.

#### NEW YORK STATE OFFICE OF COURT ADMINISTRATION

2002-2008

*Special Counsel to the Chief Adm. Judge; Dep. Legislative Counsel* New York/Albany, NY

Senior legal and policy staff to Chief Judges Judith S. Kaye and Jonathan Lippman.

- Advisor for strategic management of the New York State Judiciary.
- Represented Judiciary in cutting-edge trial and appellate constitutional litigation.
- Co-managed 10-member staff and annual legislative docket of 200 bills.
- Developed initiatives for Drug Treatment, Domestic Violence and Youth Courts.
- Staff counsel for Special Commission on the Future of the New York State Courts.
- Drafted major public reports on indigent defense, civil justice and probation reform.

#### NEW YORK STATE COURT OF APPEALS

2001-2002

*Senior Law Clerk, Associate Judge Albert M. Rosenblatt*

Poughkeepsie/Albany, NY

- Drafted majority opinions and bench memoranda for New York's high court.
- Proposed dispositions on criminal leave motions, arguments and conferences.

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- GOVERNMENT (continued)**     **NEW YORK STATE ASSEMBLY**     **1995-1997**  
*Legislative Director, Asm. Sandy Galef*     **Ossining/Albany, NY**
- Managed legislative docket advocating comprehensive political and fiscal reform.
  - Drafted laws computerizing campaign finance system and mandating agency reforms.
  - Developed materials for constituent newsletters and district television programs.
- NATIONAL WATERKEEPER ALLIANCE, HUDSON RIVERKEEPER**     **1994-1995**  
*Policy Associate, Robert F. Kennedy, Jr.*     **White Plains, NY**
- Built public-private-nonprofit coalition to protect New York's drinking water supply.
  - Drafted policy and political materials to support environmental law initiatives.
  - Contribution to historic New York watershed accord described in *The Riverkeeper*.
- POLITICS & TRANSITIONS**     **OBAMA FOR AMERICA: CAMPAIGN FOR CHANGE**     **2008**  
*Deputy Director for Pennsylvania*     **Philadelphia, PA**
- Executed presidential voter protection program for key battleground state.
- Supervised legal affairs, precinct targeting, volunteer mobilization and training.
  - Developed campaign's national plan to test and secure electronic voting systems.
  - Led initiatives for African-American voter registration and anti-suppression.
  - Political liaison to Pennsylvania & Philadelphia Democratic Counsel.
  - Field counsel for Indiana, New York and Pennsylvania primaries.
- SPITZER-PATERSON FOR NEW YORK**     **2005-2006**  
*Justice Consultant & Transition Policy Team*     **New York, NY**
- Served as justice/ethics consultant for winning gubernatorial campaign.
- Liaison to Democratic National Committee members from New York.
  - Authored official transition plans for Ethics and Lobbying Commissions.
  - Proposed statewide public integrity reforms later enacted into law.
- KERRY FOR PRESIDENT**     **2004**  
*Lead Attorney, New Hampshire Voter Protection Initiative*     **Manchester, NH**
- Led voter protection teams at target precincts in national presidential election.
- Reorganized clogged polls with African-American and Latinx stakeholders.
  - Liaison to state Democratic Party's local counsel for Election Day mobilization.
  - Recruited Boston-area attorneys and law students to serve as poll watchers.
- GORE FOR PRESIDENT**     **2000**  
*Volunteer, New Hampshire Voter Protection Initiative*     **Manchester, NH**
- Supported election integrity projects for national presidential election.
- Recruited Boston-area attorneys and law students to serve as poll watchers.
  - Volunteer poll watcher for primary and general elections.
- WESTCHESTER COUNTY DEMOCRATIC COMMITTEE**     **1998-2000**  
*District Leader, New Castle 16*     **White Plains, NY**
- Elected representative for Town and County Democratic Party
- Local volunteer for prominent campaigns, including Hillary for Senate.
- WESTCHESTER COUNTY BOARD OF LEGISLATORS**     **1998**  
*Policy Fellow, Chair George Latimer & Budget Chair Richard Wishnie*     **White Plains, NY**
- Political/policy staff funded by Harvard's Taubman Center for State and Local Government.
- Performed political and fiscal analysis for Committee on Budget and Appropriations.
  - Liaison to County Board of Acquisition and Contract.
  - Developed budget reforms aligned with National Association of Counties best practices.

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<b>PEDAGOGY</b>	<b>PRACTISING LAW INSTITUTE</b> <i>Panelist, Practice Management</i> Seminar: "The Power of One: Taking Control of Your Legal Wellbeing."	<b>2021</b> <b>New York, NY</b>
	<b>LAWLINE</b> <i>Presenter, Continuing Legal Education – Ethics</i> Seminar: "Head with Heart: "Litigation Ethics & Sanity-Forward Law Practice."	<b>2021</b> <b>New York, NY</b>
	<b>QUEENS COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION</b> <i>Presenter, Continuing Legal Education</i> Seminar: "Legal Tools for Sanity-Forward Litigation Practice."	<b>2021</b> <b>New York, NY</b>
	<b>CARDOZO LAW SCHOOL, YESHIVA UNIVERSITY</b> <i>Presenter, Department of Student Life</i> Seminar: "Finding Your Why & Making Your Way: Recalibrating Purpose in Law."	<b>2021</b> <b>New York, NY</b>
	<b>ERIE COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION</b> <i>Presenter</i> Seminar: "Pledges & Promises: Legal Ethics and Jewish Life."	<b>2019</b> <b>Buffalo, NY</b>
	<b>NEW YORK STATE ASSOCIATION OF CITY COURT JUDGES</b> <i>Legislative Liaison</i> Annual legislative updates for civil and criminal court judges.	<b>2005-2008</b> <b>Albany, NY</b>
	<b>PACE UNIVERSITY, DYSON SCHOOL OF ARTS AND SCIENCES</b> <i>Associate Professor (Adjunct)</i> Taught graduate administrative law and policy, and undergraduate political science.	<b>2005-2007</b> <b>White Plains, NY</b>
	<b>FORDHAM UNIVERSITY, COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES</b> <i>Assistant Professor (Adjunct)</i> Taught undergraduate public policy, U.S. government and judicial affairs.	<b>2003-2005</b> <b>New York, NY</b>
<b>COMMUNITY &amp; NONPROFIT</b>	Executive Committee & Governance Chair, Lawyers Depression Project Board & Ethics Chair, Bayit: Building Jewish Board of Trustees, Center of Theological Inquiry (Princeton) Past Co-Chair, New York State Bar Association: Committee on Attorneys in Public Service Past Executive Committee, New York State Bar Association: Young Lawyers Section Past Board Co-Chair, Aleph: Alliance for Jewish Renewal	
<b>MEMBERSHIPS</b>	New York State Bar Association (Judicial Section, Real Property Section) Westchester Bar Association Justice Brandeis Law Society New York Board of Rabbis Westchester Board of Rabbis Spiritual Directors International	
<b>PERSONAL</b>	Double-ordained rabbi and spiritual director with part-time pulpit and counseling practice. North America's only active pulpit rabbi simultaneously holding full-time government position. Functional in Spanish and Hebrew. Former <i>a cappella</i> vocalist, composer and conductor. Overly enthusiastic tennis player. Lifelong resident of Westchester County.	

**CLERGY RESUME UNDER SEPARATE COVER**