

Courtney J. Brunson

EDUCATION

Harvard Law School

Juris Doctor

Cambridge, MA

Graduated: May 2022

Mount Holyoke College

Bachelor of Arts, cum laude

South Hadley, MA

Graduated: May 2016

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

The Boston Foundation

Boston, MA

Director, The Greater Boston Partnership to Close the Racial Wealth Gap

August 2023 – Present

- Oversee the work of and serve as a thought leader for the Greater Boston Partnership to Close the Racial Wealth Gap in collaboration with internal and external stakeholders
- Identify existing and emerging research, policy measures and homeownership programs for the Partnership’s consideration and support
- Develop short and long-term team budgets, proposals, and work plans
- Collaborate with Foundation development staff to cultivate, solicit and steward financial support for the Partnership and other wealth equity related initiatives

Elias Law Group

Washington, D.C.

Political Law Associate

September 2022 – August 2023

- Provided guidance on state and federal legal issues including campaign finance, lobbying, and pay-to-play laws to Democratic campaigns and committees, elected officials, and progressive nonprofits

Black Economic Council of Massachusetts (BECMA)

Boston, MA

Policy Advisor

March 2021 – July 2022

- Helped develop the 2021-2022 Massachusetts Black Economic Policy Agenda, 2021 Impact Report, and various BECMA press releases, testimonies, and letters on key legislation aimed at eliminating the racial wealth gap
- Executed state political and legislative campaign strategies in service of BECMA’s mission on issues including home ownership, student debt cancellation, cannabis equity, and voting rights
- Organized and participated in high-level external meetings, briefings, and professional networking events statewide with local mayors and city councilors, state legislators and executive officials, and members of the Massachusetts federal delegation to promote BECMA initiatives

Senator Elizabeth Warren

Washington, D.C.

Investigator

February 2019 – May 2019

- Supported the review and supervision of government programs and activities within federal executive and regulatory agencies, including through conducting investigations on Community Reinvestment Act enforcement and unsafe housing conditions on military bases nationwide

Legislative Correspondent

December 2017 – February 2019

- Managed legislative portfolio, alongside Banking Counsel and Deputy Chief of Staff, covering the policy areas of banking, housing, consumer protection, urban policy, and community development
- Conducted research, synthesized data, and provided analysis for policy letters, reports, and legislative documents
- Drafted and edited policy memorandums advising the Senator to send letters and introduce legislation
- Convened meetings and cultivated relationships with constituents, organizations, and policy stakeholders

VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

Harvard Legal Aid Bureau (HLAB)

Cambridge, MA

President; Student Attorney

September 2020 – May 2022

- Served as President and ex-officio Chairperson of the Board of Directors, which involved the provision of all meetings of the Bureau and general supervision of all its work
- Devoted at least 20 hours per week representing indigent clients in civil matters in the Massachusetts courts, before administrative agencies, and before legislative bodies from intake interview to final disposition
- Assisted with other forms of local advocacy, including through cooperation with community coalitions, lawyering partnerships, and clinics for pro se litigants