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Chavis' experience as an Assistant U.S. Attorney informs her expertise on hate crimes, police accountability, and criminal justice reform.

Biography

Kami Chavis is a former Assistant U.S. Attorney for the District of Columbia whose litigation experience serves as a cornerstone to her scholarship in criminal justice and criminal procedure. Because her expertise is expansive, Chavis is a leader in criminal justice reform and often writes and consults on matters of police and prosecutorial accountability, federal hate crime legislation and enforcement, and racial profiling. Chavis is also the authority on police body-cameras, having frequently contributed to local, national, and international media coverage on police killings of black men in the U.S. After graduating from Harvard Law School, Chavis worked on various aspects of civil litigation, white-collar criminal defense, and internal investigations. She is currently the Associate Provost for Academic Initiatives at Wake Forest University in addition to her role as director of the Wake Forest School of Law Criminal Justice program.

Areas of Expertise

Racial Profiling , Police Killings, Law Enforcement, Criminal Justice, Criminal Law, Criminal Procedure, Criminal Justice Reform, Civil Litigation, Internal Investigations, Police Reform, Body Cameras, Hate Crimes, Police Accountability, Policing, Racial Bias

Affiliations

American Law Institute, The Joint Center for Political and Economic Studies, Law Enforcement Leaders to Reduce Crime and Incarceration, The North Carolina Commission on Racial and Ethnic Disparities in the Criminal Justice System, Southeastern Association of American Law Schools, American Bar Association

Education

Harvard Law School

J.D. Law

University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

B.A. Arts

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