

# **Kami Chavis, J.D.**

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## **Biography**

Kami Chavis is the associate provost for academic initiatives at Wake Forest University. In 2015, she was appointed as a Senior Academic Fellow at the Joint Center for Political And Economic Studies. She has substantial practice experience and writes and teaches in areas related to criminal law, criminal procedure and criminal justice reform. After receiving her J.D. from Harvard Law School, she worked as an associate at private law firms in Washington, D.C., where she participated in various aspects of civil litigation, white-collar criminal defense, and internal investigations. In 2003, she became an Assistant United States Attorney for the District of Columbia, involving her in a wide range of criminal prosecutions and in arguing and briefing appeals before the District of Columbia Court of Appeals. Professor Chavis frequently makes presentations on law-enforcement issues and is a leader in the field of police accountability. Her articles have appeared in the American Criminal Law Review, the Ohio State Journal of Criminal Law, The Journal of Criminal Law and Criminology, the University of Alabama Law Review, and the Catholic University Law Review, and other legal journals. Her research focuses on using Cooperative Federalism principles and stakeholder participation to implement sustainable reforms in the criminal justice system. She writes in the areas of police and prosecutorial accountability, federal hate crimes legislation and enforcement, and racial profiling. She was elected to the American Law Institute in 2012.

She is a frequent contributor to national and international media outlets and has appeared on CNN, CTV, and NPR. She has written for the New York Times and the Huffington Post, and has been quoted in the Wall Street Journal, BBC News, U.S. News and World Report, International Business Times, Deutsche Welle, and other outlets regarding police accountability and the structural reform of law enforcement agencies.

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## **Industry Expertise**

Education/Learning, Legal Services, Research

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## **Areas of Expertise**

Criminal Law, Criminal Procedure, Criminal Justice Reform, Civil Litigation, White-Collar Criminal Defense, Internal Investigations, Police Reform

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## **Affiliations**

American Law Institute : Elected Member, The Joint Center for Political and Economic Studies : Senior Academic Fellow, Law Enforcement Leaders to Reduce Crime and Incarceration : Founding Member, The Center for Prosecutorial Integrity : Advisory Board Member, The Constitution Project : Co-Chair, Southeastern Association of American Law Schools : New Scholars Committee, American Bar Association : Academics Committee on the Criminal Justice Section, American Bar Association : Criminal Procedure Evidence and Police Practices Committee

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## Education

Harvard Law School

J.D. Law

University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

B.A. Arts

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