

Corene Kendrick, JD '03

Miles L. Rubin Alumni Public Service Award



Corene Kendrick, JD '03, is a Staff Attorney at the Youth Law Center (YLC) in San Francisco, a nonprofit legal organization that advocates for the rights of children in foster care and juvenile justice systems across the country. She has worked on a variety of YLC's reform projects and civil rights impact litigation on issues including the first federal case which found that juveniles have the same due process rights as adults in parole revocation proceedings; reducing the use of institutions

and group homes for children in foster care; benefits for youth aging out of foster care; educational and mental health services for youth in juvenile justice and foster care; and basic conditions of care for children in foster care or the juvenile justice system. She also is an Adjunct Instructor in Children & the Law at Golden Gate University School of Law.

Before joining YLC in 2005, Corene was a Skadden Fellow and Staff Attorney at Children's Rights in New York, and she worked on class action lawsuits to reform foster care systems in Tennessee, Mississippi, and Nebraska. As a law student, she clerked at the National Center for Youth Law and the Domestic Violence Unit of the San Francisco District Attorney's Office.

Prior to attending law school, Corene worked for several years in Washington, D.C. as a Congressional lobbyist for the Planned Parenthood Federation of America. Corene received her J.D. in 2003 from Stanford Law School, also holds a Masters of Public Affairs from the University of Texas, and a B.A. from George Washington University.

Debo P. Adegbile

National Public Service Award



Debo P. Adegbile is the Director of Litigation at the NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund, Inc. (LDF), where he oversees the legal program and supervises the legal staff in the areas of Economic and Criminal Justice, Education, and Political Participation, while remaining actively engaged in litigation and advocacy including in a number of recent cases before the U.S. Supreme Court.

Previously Debo served as LDF's Associate Director of Litigation, and Director of its Political Participation group. In the area of voting rights, Debo's experience with LDF has encompassed constitutional cases, actions arising under the Voting Rights Act of 1965 (VRA), among other statutes, as well as state and federal legislative advocacy.

Debo successfully argued against a constitutional challenge to the core federal preclearance provision of the VRA before a three-judge panel in federal court in Washington D.C., and again in April of 2009 before the U.S. Supreme Court. That case, *Northwest Austin Municipal Utility District No. One v. Holder*, followed a multi-year effort and collaboration with numerous local and national partners that resulted in Congressional reauthorization of several important provisions of the VRA. In connection with that effort, Debo coordinated LDF's activities, devised and executed the strategy for the national campaign, and helped to develop the Congressional record. Debo engaged in public education and debate in various community and media settings, and testified before both the House and Senate Judiciary Committees in support of the VRA reauthorization.



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to Corene Kendrick, JD '03
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Presentation of National Public Service Award
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