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5 A PROPOSED RESOLUTION  
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8 IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
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13 To reappoint of Ms. Meridel Bulle-Vu as a member of the Child Support Guideline Commission.  
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15 RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this  
16 resolution may be cited as the "Child Support Guideline Commission Meridel Bulle-Vu  
17 Reappointment Resolution of 2023".

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19 Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia reappoints:

20 Ms. Meridel Bulle-Vu  
21 Military Road, N.W.  
22 Washington, D.C. 20015  
23 (Ward 3)  
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25 as a member of the Child Support Guideline Commission, established by section 3 of the Child  
26 Support Guideline Amendment Act of 1990, effective July 25, 1990 (D.C. Law 8-150; D.C.  
27 Official Code § 16-916.02), to serve a 4-year term to end December 20, 2026.

28 Sec. 3. The Council of the District of Columbia shall transmit a copy of this resolution,  
29 upon its adoption, to the appointee, to the chairperson of the Child Support Guideline  
30 Commission, and to the Office of the Mayor.

31 Sec. 4. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

# Meridel J. Bulle-Vu

• Washington, D.C. 20015 •

## EXPERIENCE

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**Legal Aid Society of the District of Columbia**, Washington, DC June 2011 – present  
*Supervising Attorney (previously Staff Attorney, then Senior Staff Attorney)*, Domestic Violence/Family Unit  
Supervise a unit of 13 attorneys and 3 legal assistants in all stages of representing low-income clients – predominantly domestic violence survivors – in child custody and civil protection order cases, custodial and non-custodial parents in child support and paternity cases, and youth in Special Immigrant Juvenile Status (SIJS) predicate cases. Manage three community-based legal services offices, all of which offer services in-person and virtually: the Child Support Resource Center at the Paternity and Support Branch of the D.C. Superior Court, providing same-day advice and temporary representation to parents; the Domestic Violence Intake Center, providing advice and representation to survivors seeking protection orders; the Family Law Assistance Network, providing limited services in Domestic Relations matters. Litigate complex paternity, support, and custody proceedings, appeals, and motions for review. Assess applications for merit and determine level of assistance. Engage in systemic advocacy to improve the D.C. child support system and proceedings in family court, including testifying before the D.C. Council, advocating with agencies, the court, and stakeholders, drafting and revising proposed legislation, and commenting on federal regulations. Manage and oversee three grants and ensure grant compliance. Hire, onboard, train, and evaluate staff and ensure their continued professional development. Lead internal and external trainings and outreach on the substance and practice of family law. Mentor *pro bono* attorneys in family law. Provide technical assistance to other practitioners across D.C.

**Georgetown/Howrey Pro Bono Fellowship**, Washington, DC September 2010 – March 2011  
Represented low-income clients exclusively on *pro bono* matters. Independently managed diverse caseload. Drafted writ of *certiorari* and briefs for successful appeal from denial of *habeas corpus*. Interviewed clients, prepared affidavits and applications for asylum; successfully defended against removal of asylum clients in immigration court. Prepared for third party custody trial. Successfully litigated police complaint for civil rights violation. Coordinated reading program.

**Georgetown Juvenile Justice Clinic**, Washington, DC Academic Year 2009 – 2010  
*Student Attorney*  
Independently represented adolescents charged with misdemeanor and felony crimes in D.C. Responsible for all stages of clients' cases, including client interview and counseling, investigation, preparation of witnesses, negotiation, and preparing for trial, disposition, and review hearings. Zealously addressed clients' social and educational issues.

**Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law**, Washington, DC May – Aug 2009  
*Legal Intern*, Community Development Project  
Investigated racial discrimination in the unequal provision of municipal services. Drafted legal agreements for community organizations in the Gulf. Researched affordable housing and mobility opportunities under federal statutes.

**National Health Law Program**, Washington, DC Sept 2008 – April 2009  
*Legal Intern*  
Researched barriers preventing low-income, minority, and elderly populations from accessing quality health care. Analyzed the AHA for impact on minority health. Created outreach materials on accessing care and medical debt.

**The Door - Legal Services Center**, New York, NY June – Aug 2008  
*Law Clerk*  
Interviewed clients and prepared petitions, affidavits and memoranda of law for Family Court and Immigration Court proceedings related to Special Immigrant Juvenile Status applications for undocumented youth, U-Visas for victims of crime, and T-Visas for victims of trafficking. Coordinated and led summer workshop for youth on "Street Law".

**Center for Research on Child Wellbeing, Princeton University**, Princeton, NJ Sept 2005 – Aug 2007  
*Research Specialist*  
Researched topics including juvenile justice, education, poverty, and race for articles, policy briefs, course planning, and fundraising for *The Future of Children*, a journal promoting best practices in child policy. Drafted and edited reports, letters, papers, and website copy for use in advocacy and outreach. Created and maintained journal websites. Statistically analyzed data from the Fragile Families and Child Wellbeing Study and wrote briefs on vulnerable children and families.

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## BAR ADMISSIONS

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**State of New York**, January 20, 2011 – present

**District of Columbia**, September 9, 2011 – present

## PUBLICATIONS

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*District of Columbia Practice Manual, 2016 Edition*, “Parentage”, “Child Support”, “UIFSA” (with Ashley McDowell et al).

*District of Columbia Practice Manual, 2015 Edition*, “Parentage” and “Child Support” (with Ashley McDowell et al).

*Developments in Family Law in the District of Columbia: Three Significant Legislative Changes for Child Support*, 18 UNIVERSITY OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA LAW REVIEW, 201-209 (2015) (with Tianna Gibbs and Ashley McDowell).

*Strategic Intent: A Post-Sandoval Litigation Strategy for Title VI ‘Impact’ Cases*, 18 GEORGETOWN JOURNAL ON POVERTY LAW AND POLICY, 461-486 (2010).

*Review of What Youth Programs Do to Increase the Connectedness of Youth With Adults*, 39 JOURNAL OF ADOLESCENT HEALTH, 788-799 (2006) (with Jean B. Grossman).

## SELECT INVITED PRESENTATIONS

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Guest clinical lecturer at University of the District of Columbia General Practice Clinic (May 2017), Catholic University of America Columbus Community Legal Services Clinic (February 2016), and George Washington University Family Justice Clinic (January 2012).

Presenter, CCAN Brown Bag: *Paternity Issues from the Parents’ Perspective*, August 2015.

Presenter, *Multijurisdictional Issues in Family Court*, D.C. Superior Court quarterly judicial training, September 2014.

Presenter, *Navigating Child Support in Family Court Proceedings*, D.C. Bar Pro Bono Program training, June 2015.

Panelist, Roundtable Conference: *Strengthening the Link Between Child Support Enforcement and Employment Assistance*, Catholic University of America, Columbus School of Law, June 2012.

## EDUCATION

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### **Georgetown University Law Center**

J.D. *cum laude*, May 2010

Honors: Juvenile Justice Clinic Public Service Award, May 2010  
International Academy of Trial Lawyers Student Advocacy Award, May 2010  
Pro Bono Pledge Award, May 2010

Activities: Equal Justice Foundation Ricci Fellowship  
GEORGETOWN JOURNAL ON POVERTY LAW AND POLICY, *Note and Comment Editor*  
Georgetown Youth Advocacy  
Educational Surrogate Parent Program, *Volunteer with D.C. Public Schools*

### **Princeton University, Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs**

A.B. *cum laude*, May 2005

Honors: Priscilla Glickman ’92 Memorial Prize for Community Service, May 2005  
Dean Hank Dobin Prize for Community Based Independent Work, May 2005

Senior Thesis: *Building Better Beginnings: Promising Practices for State Early Childhood Education Policy*

## LANGUAGES

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# Meridel J. Bulle-Vu

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Proficient in Spanish.