

# KYLE COMPTON

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## ACADEMIC APPOINTMENT

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**Duke First Amendment Clinic, Duke University School of Law**, Durham, North Carolina  
*Local News Fellow, Lecturing Fellow*, March 2023–Present

Co-designs seminar curriculum and teaches individual sessions on open government law and its support of First Amendment values. Supervises law students representing media and non-profit clients on open government issues and media law concerns via direct representation and policy advocacy strategies. Supports First Amendment docket by co-drafting, revising, and supervising completion of trial and appellate briefs. Leads cross-clinic consulting on open government issues.

## EDUCATION

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**University of North Carolina School of Law**, Chapel Hill, NC

*Juris Doctor*, May 2021

- Dean’s Fellow 2018–2019, 2020–2021
- Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee 2020–2021
- Julius L. Chambers Civil Rights Appellate Advocacy Team 2018–2021
- Carolina Public Interest Law Organization, Peer mentor 2018–2019, 2020–2021
- First Amendment Law Review, Staff member 2018–2019
- Education Law and Policy Society, Special Events Chair 2018–2019
- Pro bono: Assisted youth “attorneys” in preparation of Orange County Teen Court proceedings; supported veterans experiencing homelessness with discharge upgrades

**University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, School of Social Work**, Chapel Hill, NC

*Master of Social Work*, Community Management, Policy, and Practice, May 2021

- Coursework: Administration and Management: Theory and Practice, Social Work Practice with Communities, and Foundations for Evidence-Based Practice and Program Evaluation

**The George Washington University**, Washington, D.C.

*Bachelor of Arts*, Philosophy in Public Affairs, January 2011

- Thesis topic: Society marginalizes people with disabilities through “oppressive inclusion”

## RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS

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Primary: Clinical Teaching, Election, Civil Procedure, First Amendment, Law and Social Science  
Other: Open Government, Education, Juvenile Justice, Employment, Administrative, Community Lawyering

## WORKS IN PROGRESS

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“Depolarizing America with Ranked Choice Voting” (job talk)

Our current system incentivizes polarization in which candidates can express more extreme views and still win. Ranked-choice voting reduces polarization by requiring candidates to appeal to a broader base of voters. Citizens should use citizen-initiated ballot measures to pass RCV in their states to moderate polarization and force political candidates to seek a broader base of support during elections.

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## PRESENTATIONS AND MEDIA APPEARANCES

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Presenter, “Beyond Trauma-Informed Lawyering,” Concurrent Session, *Mid-Atlantic Clinical Conference*, February 2024

Presenter, “Ranked-Choice Voting: How A System Capable of Reducing Polarization Among Citizens Is Increasing Polarization Among Lawmakers,” Works in Progress Session, *Mid-Atlantic Clinical Conference*, February 2024

Supervisor, “It’s Your Right: Navigating Agency Reluctance and Unreasonable Special Service Charges Workshop,” *NC Local News & Information Summit*, March 2024

Presenter, “Beyond Trauma-Informed Lawyering: Clinics as First Responders and Institutional Reformers in the Law Student Mental Health Crisis,” Concurrent Session, Co-presenting with Boston University School of Law, *AALS Clinical Conference*, May 2024

Presenter, “Centering Student Voices in the Clinic Seminar,” Lightning Session, Co-presenting with Yale Law School, *AALS Clinical Conference*, May 2024

Organizer, “The Griot Museum of Black History,” Community Gathering, *AALS Clinical Conference*, May 2024

Guest, [“Duke Students Protecting Our First Amendment,”](#) Jenn Galler, *In Our Backyard Podcast*, BREDL, November 17, 2023

Presenter, “Cross-clinic Collaboration in Open Government Work,” Internal Presentation, *Duke Clinical Faculty Meeting*, October 2023

## BAR ADMISSION

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North Carolina, December 2021

Eastern District of North Carolina, May 2023

Middle District of North Carolina, October 2023

## LEGAL EXPERIENCE

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**North Carolina Association of Educators**, Raleigh, North Carolina

*Staff Attorney*, November 2021–February 2023

- Provided legal advice on education and employment law related matters
- Negotiated client separation agreements with Local Education Agencies
- Researched and drafted memoranda on education law and policy in North Carolina

**North Carolina Department of Public Safety**, Raleigh, North Carolina

*MSW Intern, Juvenile Justice*, Academic Year 2020–2021

- Updated re-entry handbook on legal rights for youth post commitment
- Reviewed agency policy for compliance with Raise the Age legislation
- Evaluated restorative justice pilot program at a Youth Development Center

**Southern Coalition for Social Justice**, Durham, North Carolina

*Youth Justice Project Intern*, Summer 2019

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**University of North Carolina School of Law**, Chapel Hill, North Carolina  
*Research Assistant, Professor William P. Marshall, Summer 2018–Spring 2019*

**State of North Carolina Internship Program**, Raleigh, North Carolina  
*Judicial Intern, Court of Appeals of North Carolina, Summer 2018*

**Youth Justice Clinic**, Chapel Hill, North Carolina  
*Research Assistant, Summer 2018*

**Sughrue Mion, PLLC**, Washington, D.C.  
*Patent Specialist, July 2011–August 2012*

## EDUCATION EXPERIENCE

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**Squash Haven**, New Haven, CT

*Academic and Community Service Coordinator, September 2014–August 2016*

- Conducted daily academic enrichment lessons for 40 students grades 5–12
- Designed and implemented health and wellness curriculum for 100 students grades 5–12

**English First-Balikpapan**, Balikpapan, Indonesia

*English Language Teacher, September 2012–July 2014*

- Devised and implemented daily English language lessons for 50 students ages 6–adult

*Small Stars Local Project Coordinator, July 2013–July 2014*

**Greenbrier Learning Center**, Arlington, VA

*AmeriCorps Member, August 2010–June 2011*

## OTHER EXPERIENCE

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**Community Empowerment Fund**, Chapel Hill, North Carolina

*MSW Intern, Academic Year 2019–2020*

## CERTIFICATIONS/TRAININGS

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| • Duke Faculty Advancement: Group Coaching         | 2023 |
| • Pediatric First Aid/CPR/AED                      | 2021 |
| • Human Subject Research                           | 2020 |
| • Racial Equity Institute, Phase 1 Training, 16hr  | 2019 |
| • MindBody Centering Yoga Teacher Training, 200hr  | 2016 |
| • Full of Joy Yoga for Kids Teacher Training, 20hr | 2016 |
| • Youth Mental Health First Aid Training, 20hr     | 2015 |
| • PADI Open Water Scuba Diver                      | 2013 |
| • TESOL Teacher Training, 120hr                    | 2012 |

## MEMBERSHIP AFFILIATIONS

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- North Carolina Bar Association
- North Carolina Advocates for Justice, Legal Affairs Committee
- Tenth Judicial District Bar

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## LANGUAGES

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Indonesian (Intermediate), French (Intermediate)

## REFERENCES

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### **Academic**

William P. Marshall, William Rand Kenan, Jr. Distinguished Professor of Law, University of North Carolina School of Law, 919.843.7747, wpm@email.unc.edu

Sarah H. Ludington, Clinical Professor of Law, Director, First Amendment Clinic, Duke Law School, 919.613.7048, ludington@law.duke.edu

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### **Professional**

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