

J. SAM RODGERS

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BAR ADMISSION: New York, Jan. 2020-Present

EDUCATION: **CORNELL LAW SCHOOL, J.D. '19** Ithaca, NY
Honors: Mock Trial Finalist; Moot Court Board; Executive Editor, Journal of Law and Public Policy
Publication: Note, *Do You Trust Your Children, A Parent's Final Dilemma*, 28 CORNELL JOURNAL OF LAW AND PUBLIC POLICY (2018).

SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY, B.S. '15, M.P.A. '20 Syracuse, NY
Honors: Student Graduation Speaker for undergraduate and master degrees; Remembrance Scholar; Senior Football Captain; Academic All-American

EXPERIENCE: **DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE, MADISON COUNTY** Wampsville, NY
Chief Assistant District Attorney Aug. 2025-Present
Special Assistant United States Attorney Nov. 2025- Present
Assistant District Attorney Mar. 2020 – Aug. 2025

- Lead a team of eight prosecutors & eight support staff by overseeing case assignments, supporting trial strategies, and advancing a budget that aligns with county justice initiatives
- Collaborate with investigators, CPS agents, and the child advocacy center to build and prosecute child abuse cases as the county's sole special victim prosecutor
- Prosecute felony and misdemeanor trials and have authored briefs and made oral arguments before the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court and the New York Court of Appeals

COUNTY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE, ONONDAGA COUNTY Syracuse, NY
Legal Assistant Sept. 2019 - Mar. 2020

- Researched legal questions for Family Court, policy issues for County Legislature, and assisted the county attorneys with civil depositions
- Reviewed County budget presentation & subsequent legislative hearings with County Attorney

SIMPSON THACHER & BARTLETT, LLP New York, NY
Summer Associate May - Aug. 2018

- Helped a pro-bono team that represented a human trafficking victim apply for a T-Visa, while assisting the FBI and U.S. Attorney's office to build a human trafficking case
- Other experiences included: securities litigation preparation, trust & estate client visits, and statutory research & analysis for the firm's tax practice

HON. GLENN T. SUDDABY, CHIEF U.S. DISTRICT JUDGE Syracuse, NY
Law Clerk Intern May - Aug. 2017

- Drafted opinions for default judgements and motions to dismiss
- Observed and debriefed criminal and civil trials with career clerk and Judge

COMMUNITY SERVICE: **MOCK TRIAL COACH** Chittenango, NY
Chittenango High School 2023- 2026

- Taught students the skills of trial practice and case review
- Coached students developing opening statements, witness examinations, and closing arguments
- Provided counsel to current Officers of the Madison County Bar Association

MADISON COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION Madison County, NY
President 2023-2024

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT: **NATIONAL DISTRICT ATTORNEY ASSOCIATION**
Faculty Lecturer

- Wellness Conference: Aligning Values for Workplace Satisfaction, Burlington, VT, Apr. 2026
- Recruitment & Retention Symposium: Wellbeing as a Strategy: Strengthening Resilience to Recruit and Retain Talent, Seattle, WA, *upcoming* Sept. 2026