

Sam A. Harton

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Practice Areas

Civil Rights & Police Misconduct

Mass Torts & Class Actions

Sexual Abuse & Hazing

Wrongful Death

Education & Certifications

- The Ohio State University Moritz College of Law, Juris Doctor, 2022
- Emerson College, Bachelor's of Arts Degree in Writing, Literature & Publishing, 2017

Jurisdictions Admitted to Practice

Illinois Supreme Court, 2022

Northern District of Illinois, 2022

Central District of Illinois, 2022

Eastern District of Wisconsin, 2022

Sam A. Harton is a Civil Rights legal team member at Romanucci & Blandin, LLC. Sam primarily works with those affected by police misconduct, civil rights violations in prison, wrongful death and serious personal injuries.

Sam graduated cum laude from Emerson College with a B.A. in Writing, Literature, & Publishing. She graduated with her Juris Doctor from The Ohio State University of Moritz College of Law with the Dean's Highest Honors in Public Service. At law school, she was the President of the Public Interest Law Foundation, co-founded the Moritz Chapter of the National Lawyers Guild, and was an Eminent Scholar. During law school, she was a Law Clerk with Illinois Prison Project and for Jared Kosoglad and was a Legal Extern for Justice Michael P. Donnelly of the Supreme Court of Ohio.

She is particularly passionate about representing currently and formerly incarcerated individuals who have been harmed by the punishment industry. In her current practice, she primarily represents clients who have suffered injury and loss at the hands of corrections officers, correctional healthcare providers, and other government officials in prisons and jails. Previously, she has written clemency petitions, motions for post-conviction relief, and letters to corrections agencies seeking the release of incarcerated clients. She strives to seek justice for her clients as well as broader, systemic reform to stop the rampant abuse of people affected by the punishment system.

In her free time, Sam enjoys gardening, making crafts, and spending time with her partner and their three cats.

Awards & Recognition

- Eminent Scholar Full Tuition Merit Scholarship - The Ohio State University Moritz College of Law
- Dean's List Highest Honors in Public Service - The Ohio State University Moritz College of Law
- National Lawyers Guild, Moritz Chapter, Co-Founder - The Ohio State University Moritz College of Law

- Public Interest Law Foundation, President - The Ohio State University Moritz College of Law
- Academic All-Conference, Varsity Volleyball Team - Emerson College

Legal Activities & Leadership

- Legal Observer, National Lawyers Guild

In the News

Minnesotans testify about racial injustice to international audience: The U.N.
StarTribune, May 2, 2023

Minnesota House passes public safety bill, including 2 gun control measures
WCCO - CBS, April 26, 2023

Bill banning no-knock warrants passes in House Public Safety Committee
KSTP, March 16, 2023

Slain Minnesotan's parents share experience, decry no-knock warrants at UA event
Arkansas Democrat-Gazette, March 3, 2023

Bureau of Prisons Is Closing Troubled, Violent Detention Unit in Illinois
New York Times, February 14, 2023

Amir Locke's father, Andre Locke Sr., supports legislation to end deadly no-knock warrants
WCCO News Talk 830, February 9, 2023

'Will Not be Swept Under the Rug': One Year Later, Amir Locke's Parents Sues Minneapolis, Cops After No-Knock Raids Ends In His Death
Atlanta Black Star, February 5, 2023

Attorneys, family members announce lawsuit against City of Minneapolis for death of Amir Locke
KSTP, February 3, 2023

Civil lawsuit filed year after police-related death of Minneapolis man, Amir Locke
ABC News, February 3, 2023

George Floyd family's attorney joins case for another Minneapolis police killing
Crain's Chicago Business, February 3, 2023

'He was 22': A year later, Amir Locke's parents reflect on son's death at the hands of Minneapolis police
KSTP, February 1, 2023