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Naima Gregory is a staff attorney at the Criminal Defense Division of the Legal Aid Society in New York City. For the past nine years she has zealously represented clients charged with a variety of misdemeanor and felony offenses from arraignment through to trial. Naima believes that Criminal Defense work is not just an opportunity to help the indigent, it is a chance to do her part in challenging the unjust ways in which cases are prosecuted and to preserve the dignity and rights of her clients in a broken criminal justice system. Her training and experience at the Legal Aid Society has taught her the importance of holistic and client centered representation. She believes that well written legal memoranda coupled with oral advocacy is the most effective form of litigation. To that end, she's worked extensively with social workers to create comprehensive mitigation and presentencing reports that credibly and persuasively advocate for lenient sentences and alternatives to incarceration. Naima received her undergraduate degree in International Studies from Middlebury College and earned her law degree from St. John's University School of Law.