

I'm Jayla Tolson, a first-generation law student from the DMV area, aspiring to practice criminal defense. I'm a 2L at the University of District of Columbia David A. Clarke School of Law. And, an alumna of Georgia State University, where I received my Bachelor's in Business Administration.

Since I was a child, I've always wanted to be a vigilante to fight against racial injustice within the criminal justice system. Upon my acceptance into law school, I decided to fight the system legally. I'm extremely passionate about practicing criminal defense and aspire to become a public defender upon my completion of law school. My desire has always been to defend those in need, who are underrepresented, especially those of color who are disproportionately impacted in our criminal justice system. As the protective oldest sister of 5 siblings, it's no surprise that I want to be a defender. The innate ability and passion to protect others has always been in me, not on me.