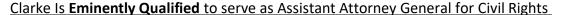
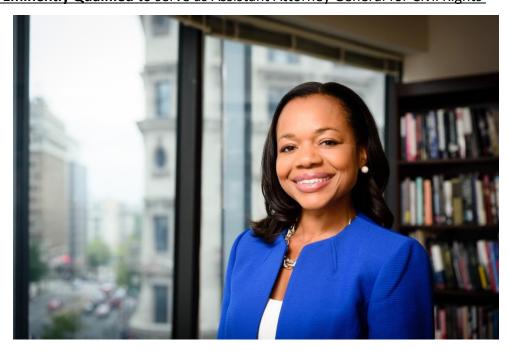
Kristen Clarke is eminently qualified to serve as Assistant Attorney General for Civil Rights. Her historic nomination would make her the **first woman** ever confirmed to lead the Civil Rights Division and the **first Black woman** to hold the post in any capacity since the Division was created in 1957.



Kristen Clarke has a compelling personal story. The daughter of Jamaican immigrants, Clarke grew up in Brooklyn, N.Y. and later attended Harvard and then Columbia Law School. She has spent her entire career fighting for civil rights and racial justice.

After graduating from law school, she began her career in the prestigious Honors Program at the U.S. Department of Justice and served for six years as a career attorney in the Civil Rights Division – the same office she has now been nominated to lead.





- If confirmed, Clarke will be returning to the Civil Rights Division, where she began her career in the DOJ Honors Program and served for nearly six years as a trial attorney during the Bush Administration.
- Clarke led the New York Attorney General's Civil Rights Bureau, serving as the top civil rights law enforcement officer for the state.
- Clarke has served at two of the nation's oldest civil rights legal organizations:
 as President and Executive Director of the Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law and earlier in her career, at the NAACP Legal Defense Fund.
- She has personally prosecuted crimes based on hatred and bigotry, human trafficking, domestic violence, and sexual assault.

Her work has touched virtually every area of civil rights, including voting rights, equal educational opportunity, fair housing and lending, equal employment, environmental justice, disability rights, LGBTQ rights, hate crimes and criminal justice.