

IU McKinney Welcomes Dr. M. Alex Evans to the Faculty

Dr. M. Alex Evans joined the Indiana University Robert H. McKinney School of Law faculty as an associate professor of law in fall 2024. Professor Evans currently teaches Critical Race Theory, Constitutional Law, and Criminal Law.

Before joining IU McKinney's faculty, Professor Evans was the law teaching fellow for the Thurgood Marshall Civil Rights Center at the Howard University School of Law. While there he co-taught in the Movement Lawyering Clinic supervising projects in education justice. Students there focused on projects in urban school redesign and youth social entrepreneurship, he said.

He previously worked as a postdoctoral research associate with the Education Policy Initiative at Carolina at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill where he worked on national and statewide evaluations of educator preparation programs. Prior to that, he practiced special education law at Disability Rights North Carolina where his work focused on Black youth with disabilities in youth detention centers across the state of North Carolina.

"My colleagues and I are delighted to welcome Dr. M. Alex Evans to the IU McKinney Law faculty," said Dean Karen E. Bravo. "His interdisciplinary educational background and achievements, and his research and teaching experiences make him a terrific addition to our faculty. He will have a positive impact on our students, our law school community, and the communities we serve."

Professor Evans's research examines race, disability, and systems of control and punishment in schools. "Listening to the stories of Black elders that attended segregated schools as well as those that integrated schools led me to find connections with the contemporary struggles that Black children continue to face in schools today," he said.

Professor Evans also serves as co-chair of the Board for Education Justice Alliance, a non-profit whose work addresses both the school-to-prison pipeline and school-to-deportation pipeline for Black and Brown youth in Wake County Public Schools.

"I became involved with Education Justice Alliance during my dissertation research on Wake County Public Schools System, North Carolina," Professor Evans said. "They are a major player in the education equity movement in North Carolina, and I'm honored to be a part of the great work that they are doing for Black and Brown families in the state." ♦

