

# THE PRESIDENT'S TASK FORCE ON 21ST CENTURY POLICING

## **Johanna Miller**

As advocacy director of the New York Civil Liberties Union, Johanna Miller leads the Advocacy Department's four major issue campaigns: police reform, education reform, women's rights, and comprehensive immigration reform. Her primary areas of expertise are the school to prison pipeline, race-based policing, students' rights, and gender and LGBTQ issues in education. She is author of the NYCLU's report *Education Interrupted: The Growing Use of Suspensions in New York City's Public Schools* (2011) and co-author of *Birds, Bees and Bias: How Absent Sex Ed Standards Fail New York's Students* (2012).

Miller was a founding member of the New York State Dignity for All Students Task Force and is a current member of the New York City Bar Association Committee on Education and the Law. She is co-litigating *BH v. City of New York*, a federal lawsuit challenging the constitutionality of school safety policies and practices in the nation's largest school district. She had a leading role in the campaign to pass the Student Safety Act, signed into law by Mayor Bloomberg in 2011.

A frequent public speaker and media contributor, Miller's appearances include the New York State Bar Association Annual Meeting, the Celebration of Teaching and Learning Conference, and the ACLU Nationwide Staff Conference. She has appeared in the *Village Voice*, *WNYC*, *Capital Tonight* with Liz Benjamin, and *The Huffington Post*, among others, and has had op-eds published in the *Albany Times-Union*, *Newsday*, and the *Buffalo News*.

Miller graduated with honors from New York Law School where she received the Alexander Forger Award for Distinguished Service to the Legal Profession. She has now returned to the school as an adjunct clinical professor of law. Originally from Florida, Miller is a proud alumna of the University of Florida and studied at La Sorbonne. She joined the NYCLU staff in 2008.