

Tali Farhadian Weinstein

Tali Farhadian Weinstein is a prosecutor, a professor, and a proven criminal justice reformer. She came to America as a child in search of hope on Christmas Eve 1979, having fled the violence and anti-Semitism of revolutionary Iran. Tali's family depended on the free lawyers of the Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society to guide them through a decade of legal proceedings, until they became American citizens.

Like so many immigrants, Tali's parents had the courage to sacrifice everything and to face the unknown so that she and her siblings could grow up experiencing safety, fairness, and justice. Tali, in turn, has dedicated her career to fighting for those principles; to serving the country and city that gave her refuge, opportunity, and freedom; and to standing up as a champion for those who face vulnerability and violence in their lives.

After earning degrees from Yale College, Oxford University where she was a Rhodes Scholar, and Yale Law School, Tali was a Law Clerk for Judge Merrick B. Garland at the U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit, and at the U.S. Supreme Court for Justice Sandra Day O'Connor.

Throughout Barack Obama's presidency, Tali worked at the U.S. Department of Justice, first as Counsel to Attorney General Eric Holder, and then as a federal

prosecutor. As an Assistant U.S. Attorney, Tali investigated and prosecuted cases ranging from gun violence and murders to public corruption, tax and other frauds, and national security matters.

Most recently, Tali served as the General Counsel of the Brooklyn District Attorney's Office, which, under the leadership of Eric Gonzalez, is regarded as a national model of progressive prosecution, and which has kept crime – especially violent crime – at record lows for the borough. In this role, Tali served as a close advisor to the District Attorney and was an important part of the leadership team charged with implementing the office's criminal justice reform agenda. She also managed multiple bureaus of the office, directed complex litigations, and led the design and creation of the nation's first Post-Conviction Justice Bureau, a unit dedicated to reviewing and correcting some of the excesses and mistakes of the past.

She has taught immigration law and policy at Columbia Law School and is currently Adjunct Professor of Law and Adjunct Professor of Clinical Law at NYU Law School, where she teaches "Criminal Justice Reform and the District Attorney." Tali is a national expert on the transformation of local prosecution happening around the country today.

Tali knows that America's justice system is on a journey to change for the better. The Manhattan District Attorney's Office can and should set the national example in delivering safety, fairness, and justice for all. It needs a

leader who has the experience, the
expertise, and the humanity to get us there.