

## **Joi Owens**

Joi Owens is an attorney and Oxfam America's Senior Policy Advisor and program lead for Mississippi and Louisiana. Previously, Joi served as the managing attorney and lobbyist for Disability Rights Mississippi where she served as an advocate and attorney for people living in institutions with a mental illness. Joi serves as an adjunct professor at Mississippi College School of Law where she has taught Mental Health law. Joi has worked for the American Civil Liberties Union of Mississippi and served as a Judicial Intern for the United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit. Joi serves on the Women in the Profession Committee of the Mississippi Bar and the board of directors for the Mississippi Women's Lawyers Association.

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