

## **Jacqueline Blocker, J.D.**

Jacqueline Blocker is an attorney, legislative policy strategist, and narrative shifter who seeks to improve health outcomes through quiet advocacy. Jacqueline's extensive background spans from defending complex toxic tort litigation to the arts. She uses all of her experience to help shape narratives and build policy reflective of the interconnectedness of Community.

In addition to narrative shifting, Jacqueline, who has an extensive track record of building and facilitating collaborative efforts, has effectively spearheaded statewide policy efforts that have improved women's health outcomes, and have brought awareness to domestic violence and gaps in mental health access. Jacqueline's expertise pairs quantitative and qualitative data to help inform efforts at the local, state, and federal level.

Jacqueline possesses a unique ability to diversify and mobilize resources to support a vision, apply an evidence-based approach to smart policy while satisfying a passion for teaching others how to effectively use data and research to build capacity for effective change. Jacqueline created and facilitated a Medicaid pregnancy partner group in Oklahoma that consisted of state agency representatives, funders and other key stakeholders. Under Jacqueline's leadership, coverage for pregnant women eligible for Medicaid increased two years ahead of schedule – increasing the FPL by sixty-seven percent, increasing postpartum to twelve months for all pregnancies, and providing Medicaid reimbursements for doula care. Jacqueline's facilitation of this collaborative effort made Oklahoma one of the first eleven states to provide doula reimbursements under Medicaid. Jacqueline also spearheaded efforts for Oklahoma to become one fifteen states to receive a seventeen million dollar grant to help create and implement models to improve maternal health.

Jacqueline graduated from Harvard University with a Bachelors in Organizational Sociology/Economics and went on to obtain her Juris Doctorate from University of Missouri where her studies focused on Legislative and Environmental Law. Before

diving into nonprofit work, Jacqueline worked in corporate defense where her areas of practice focused on Corporate Governance, Environmental, and Oil & Gas Law

While in private practice in Missouri, Jacqueline was named to “Who’s Who in St. Louis” two consecutive years. Jacqueline currently serves on the New Hope Oklahoma Board of Directors (former vice chair), is the clerk for St. Aidan’s Bishop’s Committee, and was a 2024 Healthy Communities Aspen Institute Fellow.

A true descendant of Greenwood survivors, Jacqueline appreciates the significance of history as she seeks to shape and refine narratives. To that end, Jacqueline was featured alongside her mother and sister in the documentary *Descended from the Promised Land: The Legacy of Black Wall Street*.