

DEMAND JUSTICE

Jia Cobb Key Facts

Nominated to the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia

- From 2006 to 2012, Cobb served as a trial attorney at the Public Defender Service for the District of Columbia, where she represented indigent criminal defendants and supervised and trained new attorneys.
- Cobb is a Partner at Relman Colfax, a plaintiff-side civil rights firm, where her practice focuses primarily on housing discrimination and criminal justice misconduct.
 - In 2016, Cobb represented Briggitta Hardin, a Black woman who was unlawfully denied a position working at a bar in Washington D.C. on the basis of race. Cobb secured a total of \$687,000 in damages for Hardin.
 - Cobb represented Edward Kovari, who was arraigned on a fugitive warrant based on a report that turned out to be false. Kovari was shackled for eighteen days in human waste and kept in other inhumane conditions while he was detained in the back of a private prisoner transportation van. In 2020, a federal court denied the defense's motion for summary judgement, thereby finding that Kovari had presented substantial evidence showing that the defendants' conduct was unconstitutional.
 - In 2019, Cobb secured a \$400,000 settlement on behalf of eight women who were tenants of a landlord who demanded sexual favors in exchange for lower rents and other tenant benefits. The settlement prevented the landlord from being directly involved in any property management.
- In 2016, Cobb was elected by members of the District of Columbia Bar to serve as a member of the Criminal Law and Individual Rights Steering Committee.
- Cobb graduated cum laude from Harvard Law School in 2006, where she was Coordinating Editor of the Harvard Law Review and received the Heyman Fellowship.