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Taylor Brown (she/her) is a staff attorney with the LGBTQ & HIV Project in the national office of the American Civil Liberties Union, based in New York City. Taylor litigates civil rights lawsuits nationally, to establish, defend, and expand the civil rights and liberties of LGBTQ+ people and all people living with HIV. Taylor’s work primarily focuses on the civil rights of transgender and gender non-conforming people at the intersections of transgender status, race, and socioeconomic status. Taylor spearheads the LGBTQ & HIV Project’s national healthcare strategic planning. Some of Taylor’s recent litigation includes: *Thomas v. the Georgia Department of Community Health*, where Taylor and her team successfully removed a gender affirming surgery coverage exclusion in the state of Georgia’s Medicaid plan; *Hersom v. Crouch*, a successful challenge to the state of West Virginia’s policy of refusing to issue transgender people gender marker corrections on West Virginia birth certificates; and a landmark victory in *Iglesias v. the Federal Bureau of Prisons*, where for the first time, a federal court ordered the Federal Bureau of Prisons to provide a transgender woman with gender affirming surgeries. Taylor is a Founding Board Member of the National Trans Bar Association and is currently a Board Member on the executive board for the New York Lawyers’ Chapter of the American Constitution Society. Taylor is a graduate of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill’13 and the Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law’14.