

MONIKA BATRA KASHYAP

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EDUCATION

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA AT BERKELEY SCHOOL OF LAW, Berkeley, CA

J.D., May 2001

Honors: *Phoenix Fellowship for Public Interest, The Nation Institute Robert Masur Civil Liberties Fellowship, Asian American Bar Association Public Interest Fellowship; Research Assistant to Angela P. Harris*

HARVARD LAW SCHOOL, Cambridge, MA

Berkeley-Harvard Exchange Program (2000-2001 academic year)

Clinics: *Criminal Justice Clinic*

Community Based Advocacy Clinic

COLUMBIA COLLEGE, Columbia University, New York, NY

B.A., Middle Eastern & South Asian Languages & Cultures, May 1996

ADMISSIONS

New York State Bar (2002-present)

U.S. District Courts for the Eastern and Southern Districts of New York (2003-present)

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit (2006-present)

ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

SEATTLE UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW, Seattle, WA

Visiting Clinical Professor and Director of Immigrant Justice Clinic, 2019–2023

Visiting Assistant Professor of Lawyering Skills, Ronald A. Peterson Law Clinic, 2014-2019

Courses Taught: Immigrant Justice Clinic; Community Lawyering Seminar

Honors: Twice nominated for *Outstanding Faculty Award* by graduating classes (2019, 2020) and awarded honor of Graduation Hooder and Marshall.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Clinical Professor, Immigrant Justice Clinic, Seattle University (SU) School of Law, Seattle, WA 2019-2023

- Supervise students in all facets of client representation in applications for immigration legal protection.
- File mandamus actions in federal court to combat delays in asylum adjudications.
- Conduct research and draft amicus briefs to support advocacy efforts of national immigrant rights organizations.
- Expose students to immigrant detention and the intersections between criminal and immigration legal systems.
- Deepen understandings of the U.S. immigration legal system within a racial justice framework.

Visiting Clinical Professor, Externship Program, Seattle University School of Law, Seattle, WA 2014-2019

- Managed experiential educational program designed to provide law students with hands-on legal training.
- Taught weekly seminar aimed at exposing students to a “community lawyering” approach to law practice focused on building community power, disrupting the status quo, and promoting social change.
- Designed and implemented reflection-based trainings to deepen awareness of self, systems, and others.
- Exposed students to critical race theoretical frameworks to deepen understandings of race, class and power.
- Developed and facilitated theory of social change exercise to encourage visions of transformative justice.

PUBLICATIONS

Law Review Articles

Monika Batra Kashyap, *A Critical Race Feminist Critique of Immigration Laws that Criminalize Sex Workers*, 38 BERKELEY J. OF GENDER, LAW & JUSTICE (forthcoming 2023).

Monika Batra Kashyap, *Toward a Race-Conscious Critique of Mental Health-Related Exclusionary Immigration Laws*, 26 MICH. J. RACE & L. (Special Michigan Issue on Critical Race Theory, 2021).

Monika Batra Kashyap, *Heartless Immigration Law: Rubbing Salt into the Wounds of Survivors of Domestic Violence*, 95 TULANE L.R., 1 (December 2020).

Monika Batra Kashyap, *U.S. Settler Colonialism, White Supremacy, and the Racially Disparate Impacts of COVID-19*, 11 CALIF. L. REV. ONLINE 517 (Nov. 2020).

Monika Batra Kashyap, *Toward a Race-Conscious Critique of Mental Health-Related Exclusionary Immigration Laws*, MICHIGAN JOURNAL OF LAW REFORM (Special Michigan Issue on Critical Race Theory), (forthcoming February 2021).

Monika Batra Kashyap, *Rebellious Reflection: Supporting Community Lawyering Practice*, 43 N.Y.U. REV. L. & SOC. CHANGE, 403 (July 2019).

Monika Batra Kashyap, *Unsettling Immigration Laws: Settler Colonialism and the U.S. Immigration Legal System*, 46 FORDHAM URB. L. J., 548 (June 2019).

Book Chapter

Monika Batra, *Organizing in the South Asian Domestic Worker Community: Pushing the Boundaries of the Law and Organizing Project*, in THE NEW URBAN IMMIGRANT WORKFORCE: INNOVATIVE MODELS FOR LABOR ORGANIZING (Sarumathi Jayaraman & Immanuel Ness eds., August 2005).

Blogs, Short Pieces, Manuals

Monika Batra Kashyap, “Illegal” vs. “Undocumented”: A Northwest Immigrant Rights Project (NWIRP) Board Member’s Perspective, *nwirp.org* (blog) November 2014, <https://www.nwirp.org/illegal-vs-undocumented-a-nwirp-board-members-perspective/>

Monika Batra *et al.*, RIGHTS BEGIN AT HOME: *Handbook for Domestic Workers in New York City*, Publication of the National Employment Law Project, 2000.

SELECT PRESENTATIONS

Presenter, *Settler Colonialism, White Supremacy, and the Racially Disparate Impacts of COVID-19*, Association of American Law Schools (AALS) Annual Meeting (San Francisco, CA) January 5-9, 2021.

Presenter, *Heartless Immigration Law: Rubbing Salt into the Wounds of Survivors of Domestic Violence*, *Hastings Constitutional Law Quarterly* Symposium: *Justice and Equity in the Aftermath of COVID-19*, University of California, Hastings College of the Law (San Francisco, CA) January 29, 2021.

Presenter, *An Unsettling Pedagogy in the Law School Classroom*, Northwest Clinical Law Conference (Seattle, WA) November 9, 2019.

Presenter, *Anti-Bias Teaching and Supervision: Practices that Foster Respect and Belonging for Students in Clinics*, Association of American Law Schools Conference on Clinical Legal Education (San Francisco, CA), May 6, 2019.

Presenter, *Addressing Privilege, Race, Power and Identity in Clinical Teaching and Programming*, Association of American Law Schools Conference on Clinical Legal Education (Denver, CO), May 6, 2017.

Presenter, *Rebellious Reflection: Supporting Community Lawyering Practice*, New York University Clinical Law Review, Clinical Writers' Workshop (New York, NY), Sept. 23, 2017.

LEGAL EXPERIENCE

Removal Defense Immigration Attorney, Law Offices of Gibbs, Houston & Pauw, Seattle, WA 2005-2007

- Defended clients who had contacts with the criminal legal system in immigration court removal proceedings.
- Represented clients detained at the Northwest Detention Center (NWDC) in applications for legal protection.
- Assisted clients seeking bonds for release from immigrant detention and helped arrange bond payments.
- Filed appeals to the Board of Immigration Appeals and the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit.

Immigration Attorney/Equal Justice Works Fellow, The Door Legal Services Center, New York, NY 2001-2003

- Represented undocumented immigrant youth in applications for Special Immigrant Juvenile Status (SIJS).
- Led policy advocacy campaign aimed at challenging SIJS age-out policy.
- Mobilized local and national coalitions of SIJS stakeholders to advocate for federal legislative reform.
- Helped draft legislation with coalition partners to protect SIJS applicants from ageing out within immigration law.

Law and Policy Intern, National Employment Law Project (NELP), New York, NY 2000

- Supported grassroots immigrant worker organizations through policy advocacy, organizing support, and litigation.
- Helped file lawsuits against employers of South Asian construction workers, domestic workers, and taxi drivers.
- Conducted extensive policy analysis and research of state and local laws that protect low-wage immigrant workers.
- Identified plaintiffs, drafted legal memos, attended protests, and wrote know-your-rights handbooks for workers.

Ella Baker Fellow/Legal Intern, Center for Constitutional Rights (CCR), New York, NY 1999

- Participated in internship program designed to train the next generation of movement lawyers.
- Conducted extensive legal research, writing, and analysis on a range of complex constitutional law matters.
- Helped file class action lawsuit against New York Police Department for police brutality and racial profiling.
- Engaged in weekly trainings on movement lawyering and the history of social movements.

Student Attorney, Criminal Justice Clinic, Harvard Law School, Cambridge, MA 2000-2001

- Represented clients in Boston criminal courts in cases involving misdemeanors and felonies.
- Handled arraignments, argued motions, interviewed clients, and engaged in factual and legal investigation.
- Completed intensive trial advocacy workshop as a prerequisite.

Research Assistant to Professor Angela P. Harris, UC Berkeley School of Law, Berkeley, CA 1999-2000

- Conducted extensive research on the history of race law and on theories of criminal punishment.
- Edited RACE AND RACES: CASES AND RESOURCES FOR A DIVERSE AMERICA (Juan F. Perea et al. eds., 2000).

LANGUAGES

Fluent in Hindi, Urdu, and Punjabi; limited proficiency in Japanese, French, and Spanish