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EDUCATION

Stanford Law School, Stanford, CA, J.D. 2003. Admitted to Cal. Bar Jan. 2004.
Honors: Graduated with distinction; Public Interest Fellow; Burton Award for legal writing
Activities: *Stanford Journal of International Law* (Article Editor); ACLU of Northern California (Extern); East Palo Alto Community Law Project

Columbia Law School, New York, NY, 2000 - 2001 (1L Year)
Honors: Hamilton Fellow (full merit scholarship); Human Rights Intern; Charles Revson public interest fellowship; Ella Baker internship, Center for Constitutional Rights

Cambridge University, Cambridge, England, M.Phil. (International Relations), 1999
Honors: Paul Williams Fellow (full scholarship from Harvard); High Performance (distinction)
Thesis: "Legitimacy and the U.N. Security Council: An Analysis of the Discourse of States." U.K. Coach House Group award for best student thesis

Harvard University, Cambridge, MA, A.B. (History), 1998
Honors: *Summa cum laude*; Phi Beta Kappa; Department of History Prize
Thesis: "Culture and Human Rights: A Historical Inquiry into the Context of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, 1945-1950." Philip Washburn Prize (top undergraduate history thesis)
Activities: *Harvard International Review*, Co-Editor-in-Chief

ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE & JUDICIAL CLERKSHIP

STANFORD LAW SCHOOL, Stanford, CA
Assistant Professor of Law, Summer 2012 - Present

STANFORD LAW SCHOOL, Stanford, CA
Law Fellow, Summer 2009 – Spring 2012; *Instructor*, Fall 2009 - Spring 2011
Researched and wrote on civil rights and national security issues, including the role of executive institutions in protecting civil liberties and law enforcement counterterrorism interviews. Taught first-year courses on Federal Litigation and Legal Research and Writing.

THE HONORABLE WARREN J. FERGUSON, U.S. COURT OF APPEALS, NINTH CIRCUIT
Judicial Clerk, Fall 2003 - Fall 2004
Assisted senior federal judge in drafting bench memoranda, opinions, and memorandum dispositions.

STANFORD LAW SCHOOL, Stanford, CA
Teaching Assistant, *Islam and the Rule of Law*, Fall 2002
Co-designed and TA'd interdisciplinary seminar and public lecture series with Professor Erik Jensen on legal interpretation, the use of force, and human rights in Islam.

ACADEMIC PUBLICATIONS AND WORKS-IN-PROGRESS

Protecting Rights from Within? Inspectors General and National Security Oversight, 65 Stan. L. Rev. [] (forthcoming 2013)

Questioning Law Enforcement: The First Amendment and Counterterrorism Interviews, 77 BROOK. L. REV. 41 (2011)

Note, *Patriotic or Unconstitutional? The Mandatory Detention of Aliens under the USA Patriot Act*, 55 STAN. L. REV. 1419 (2003) (recipient of Burton Award for legal writing)

Book Note, 38 STAN. J. INT'L L. 319 (2002) (reviewing CRAIG SCOTT (ed.), TORTURE AS TORT (2001))

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

Inspectors General and National Security Oversight, 37 ADMIN. & REG. L. NEWS 12 (Spring 2012)

Returning Home: How U.S. Government Practices Undermine Civil Rights at Our Nation's Doorstep (2009) (Lead author) (Joint report of the Asian Law Caucus and Stanford Law School Immigrants' Rights Clinic)

The OFAC List: How a Treasury Department Terrorist Watchlist Ensnares Everyday Consumers (2007) (Report of the Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights of the San Francisco Bay Area)

OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

FRED T. KOREMATSU INSTITUTE FOR CIVIL RIGHTS AND EDUCATION, San Francisco, CA
Steering Committee Member, Spring 2009 – Fall 2011
Assisted in development of new institute advancing pan-ethnic civil rights and human rights through education, activism and leadership development.

ASIAN LAW CAUCUS, San Francisco, CA
Staff Attorney, Fall 2006 – Winter 2009; *Consulting Attorney*, Spring 2009
Sued Department of Homeland Security for disclosure of policies on border profiling. Settled Title VII disparate impact claims for 20 airport security screeners and individual discrimination suits based on religion and immigration status. Wrote report on discriminatory border interrogations. Finalist, American Constitution Society 2009 David Carliner Public Interest Award. South Asian Bar Association Foundation of Northern California 2010 Outstanding Attorney and 2008 Public Interest Attorney of the Year.

LAWYERS' COMMITTEE FOR CIVIL RIGHTS, San Francisco, CA
Equal Justice Works Fellow and Attorney, Fall 2004 - Fall 2006
Challenged post-9/11 backlash discrimination by employers, landlords, and other businesses. Authored report on civil rights impact of Treasury Department terrorist watchlist. Represented individuals discriminatorily removed from airline. Appeared on the Daily Show with Jon Stewart (Oct. 2006) in a segment on terrorist watchlists. Obtained media coverage of cases in New York

Times, CNN, L.A. Times, and other national media. Minority Bar Coalition of Northern California 2006 Unity award.

BAY AREA ASSOCIATION OF MUSLIM LAWYERS, San Francisco, CA
President, Spring 2004 - Spring 2005
Board Member, Spring 2005 - Winter 2008
Domestic Violence Committee Member, Winter 2011 - present
Co-founded organization to respond to post-9/11 backlash discrimination. Delivered "know your rights" presentations; organized civil rights training for Muslim community leaders; arranged MCLE trainings on representing clients in national security investigations; and prepared non-profit corporate documents. Organization received 2006 California State Bar Pro Bono Service Award.

COOLEY GODWARD, LLP, Palo Alto, CA
Summer Associate, Summer 2002
Researched and wrote memoranda for general litigation on rescission of insurance contract, unauthorized practice of law risks for Internet legal website, and eligibility for political asylum.

WORLD BANK, Washington, DC
Consultant, March 2000 - July 2000
Wrote articles for World Bank website on access to justice, human rights and development, and alternative dispute resolution.

SELECTED SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

Moderator, *Why We Should Be Skeptical of the TSA's No Fly List: A Discussion of the Case of Rahinah Ibrahim*, American Constitution Society at Stanford Law School, Stanford Law School (Apr. 2012)

Commenter, Professor Aziz Huq's *Forum Choice for Terrorism Suspects*, Stanford Center for International Security and Cooperation (Mar. 2012)

Presenter, *Inspectors General and Human Rights Advocacy*, Rights Working Group Securing Our Rights Conference (Dec. 2011)

Presenter, *First Amendment Profiling and Its Impact on Muslims, Arabs, and South Asians*, Gonzaga Law School Conference on Race and Criminal Justice in the West (Sept. 2011)

Moderator, *Muslim, Arab, and Middle Eastern Discrimination in the Post-9/11 Era*, ABA Teleconference, Labor & Employment Section (Feb. 2011)

Presenter, *Law Enforcement: The First Amendment and Counterterrorism Interviews,* LatCrit XV (Denver, Colorado) (Oct. 2010)

Expert Witness for San Francisco Human Rights Commission Hearing, *Community Concerns of Racial and Religious Profiling, Surveillance of Arab, Middle Eastern, Muslim, and South Asian Communities and the Potential Reactivation of SFPD Intelligence Gathering* (Sept. 2010)

Expert Commentator in Documentary *Americans on Hold: Profiling, Prejudice, and National Security*, Produced by N.Y.U. School of Law Center for Human Rights and Global Justice (2010)

Panelist, *Justice Restored: The Legacy of Korematsu II and the Future of Civil Liberties*, U.C. Berkeley School of Law (Mar. 2009)

Panelist, *A Path Forward: Constitutional Protections in Homeland Security*, U.S. House of Representatives Committee on Homeland Security Briefing (Dec. 2008)

Panelist, National South Asian Bar Association Convention (June 2007)

Panelist, Pacific Coast Labor and Employment Law Conference (June 2007)

Panelist, American Bar Association Section of Labor and Employment Law, National Conference on Equal Employment Opportunity Law (Mar. 2005)

Spoke regularly to university and public audiences on civil rights and national security issues, including at U.C. Berkeley, Stanford, U.C. Davis, and University of San Francisco (2004 – 2009)

LANGUAGES

French (proficient); Urdu (intermediate); Arabic (beginner); Gujarati (spoken)