

JASPREET KALRA SINGH

WORK EXPERIENCE

International Center for Advocates Against Discrimination (03/2012-Present), New York, NY

Co-Founder and Director of Policy & Advocacy for ICAAD, a U.N. affiliated non-profit human rights organization that brings together passionate multidisciplinary teams of lawyers, data scientists, universities, and design strategists to improve access to justice for women, girls, and vulnerable communities, while strengthening the capacity of civil society and governments. Responsible for strategic litigation, policy advice, development and deployment of technologies, marketing and communication, project development, digital media production, public relations, compliance, and global partnership development. Over the past five years, developed and managed initiatives resulting in over 7,000 hours of pro bono services from major international law firms.

Projects include:

- a) employing an integrated approach to combating gender-based violence in the Pacific region (12 countries) by focusing on the justice, health, environmental, and educational systems;
- b) developing a technology service (SMS + Mapping) for use by three local advocacy organizations (Nazdeek, Pajhra, and Hakijamii) to collect data of health system failures and lack of access to basic services in Kenya and India (Assam & New Delhi); and
- c) developing TrackSDGs, a data analytics platform designed to help NGOs, Foundations, and U.N. Agencies to strategically invest resources toward the sustainable development goals by translating quantitative human rights recommendations into actionable quantitative information.

Legal representation of particular significance:

- *Barapind v. Govt. of India*, 14-16983 (9th Cir.) – Briefing attorney on novel case to pursue civil damages on behalf of an extradited victim of torture.
- *Nijjar v. Holder*, 689 F. 3d 1077 (2012) (9th Cir.) – Upheld the right of judicial review of asylum office determinations.
- *Rashika v. Holder* (9th Cir.) – Favorably settled case of an Indo-Fijian female asylum seeker.
- *Singh v. Undisclosed Major Airline* - Favorably settled a case where a Sikh gentleman faced discrimination and was removed from a flight by a major airline carrier.
- *Veliamma v. DHS* (BIA) - Successfully withheld removal of elderly Indo-Fijian woman who faced past-persecution and has Alzheimer's disease, on remand from Board of Immigration Appeals.
- *Cordes v. Holder* (9th Cir.) - Case of an elderly Scottish woman with a criminal conviction that wrongly triggered removal proceedings. Previously the subject of two published decisions of the Ninth Circuit.

Leitner Center for Int'l Law & Justice, Fordham Law School (08/2014-12/2014), New York, NY

Clinical Supervising Attorney for a U.N. Universal Periodic Review Training & Human Rights Lawyering Program. Guided law students in research and production of human rights reports for eleven countries, while also training them in international human rights lawyering and advocacy, focusing on the importance of transdisciplinary approaches to difficult structural problems.

Bench Cooper Singh LLP (06/2010-03/2012), *New York, NY*

Partner in a boutique law firm specializing in corporate contracts, appellate litigation, international arbitration, and immigration.

United Sikhs, International Civil and Human Rights Advocacy (01/2008-11/2011), *New York, NY*

Legal Advisor (06/2010-11/2011) and as Staff Attorney (01/2008-06/2010) for the North American region of a UN-affiliated international civil and human rights advocacy organization. In charge of legal services, drafting policy, U.N. representation, government and media advocacy and communication, grant proposals, legal internship program supervision, and community organizing.

Abraham A. Sharony, P.C. (01/2004-12/2007), *Atlanta, GA*

Associate Attorney; previously as a research assistant and law clerk. Practiced business and contract law, handling contracts for a large chemical manufacturing company. Also gained experience with general civil litigation, real estate, and condemnation law.

BAR & PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

Bill and Melinda Gates Technology Partner Network, by invitation (2015)

Clinton Global Initiative, by invitation (2014-2015)

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit (Since 2014)

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit (Since 2010)

State Bar of Georgia (Since 2005)

EDUCATION

Florida State University College of Law, *Tallahassee, Florida*

Juris Doctorate and Certificate in International Law (2005)

Noteworthy Coursework: Intellectual Property Law (Basic & International), International Business Transactions, International Trade Law, International Human Rights Law, Foreign Relations, and Immigration Law

Emory University, *Atlanta, GA*

Bachelor of Arts; Philosophy and Political Science (2002)

Concentration on existentialism and ethics; political theory, psychology, and philosophy

Oxford College of Emory University, *Oxford, GA*

Associate of Arts (2000)

PUBLICATIONS

- Editor, Sebastian Watzl, *Structuring Mind: The Nature of Attention and How it Shapes Consciousness*, Oxford University Press (2017).
- Report, *Submission to the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination Against Women: Consideration of the Fifth Periodic Report of Fiji*, Submitted 29 June 2016 (June 2017).
- Report, *Landscape Analysis for OSF Anti-Hate Initiative: Defending American Values of Tolerance & Inclusion* (April 2017).
- Report, *Analysis of Judicial Sentencing Practices in SGBV Cases in the Pacific Island Region* (Dec. 2015)

- Report, *No Time to Lose: Fighting Maternal and Infant Mortality through Community Reporting*, Nazdeek (Feb. 2015)
- Opinion Editorial, *In the Fight for Gender Equity in the Labor Market, There is No "Other,"* Huff Post Impact (Mar. 27, 2014).
- Opinion Editorial, *Technology: using power for good*, The Guardian (Mar. 13, 2014).
- Book Chapter, *Fiji: Violence Against Women, Identifying and Combating Structural Discrimination that Furthers Sexual and Gender Based Violence (SGBV)* in Contemporary Social Issues in East Asian Societies: Examining the Spectrum of Public and Private Spheres, IGI Global (2013).
- Law Review, *A Systems Approach to Identifying Structural Discrimination through the Lens of Hate Crimes*, 20 Berkeley Asian Am. L.J. (2013).
- Opinion Editorial, *The Minority Report: the Impact of US Foreign Policy on Ethnic Communities*, The Guardian (Oct. 14, 2013).
- Law Review, *International Legal Developments in Review: 2007, Public International Law, Human Rights, Pakistan*, Vol. 42 No. 2 The International Lawyer 755, 793 (Summer 2008).
- Book Chapter; Linda Spedding, *Due Diligence Handbook: Corporate Governance, Risk Management, and Business Planning*, Butterworth-Heinemann (2008).

COMPUTER AND TECHNICAL SKILLS

Documents & Spreadsheets: Microsoft Office (Word, Excel, Powerpoint), Google Docs, Adobe Acrobat
 Graphic Design & Video Editing: Adobe CC (Photoshop, InDesign, Illustrator, & Premiere)
 Online Marketing: WordPress Website Development, Google Adwords, Facebook and Twitter

LANGUAGES

Fluent in English and Punjabi; can understand basic Urdu and Hindi.

OTHER INTERESTS

Martial Arts (Gracie Jiu-Jitsu & Inosanto Kali/JKD/MuayThai), Travel, Photography, Virtual Reality, Hiking, Art, and Tabla (Percussion Instrument)