

## REENA PARIKH

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### TEACHING EXPERIENCE

#### **Boston College Law School**, Newton, MA

2020 - present

*Assistant Clinical Professor, Director of Civil Rights Clinic*

*Courses Taught:* Civil Rights Clinic, Advanced Civil Rights Clinic, Incarceration Law

Critical Perspectives: Law, Context and Professional Identity

- Founding Director and Supervisor of a Civil Rights Clinic that pursues litigation in federal and state courts and policy advocacy on behalf of prisoners, low-wage workers, and immigrants communities in Massachusetts using individual client representation and community group advocacy.

*Service:* Co-Chair, Public Service Committee (2022-2024); Clinical Appointments Committee (2023-present); Educational Policy Committee (2021-2022, 2024-present); Admissions Committee (2020-2021); Faculty Core Group Designing the Critical Perspectives Required 1L Course (2021-2023); Dean Search – Additional Faculty Group (Spring 2022); Working Group for Theory and Practice Workshops for Clinical Faculty (2020-2021); Faculty Participant for Side Bar Retreat (2022); Grimes Moot Court Semi-Finals Judge (Spring 2022); Faculty Advisor for South Asian Law Students Association (2020-present), Good Governance Project (2020-2022), and LAB Student Leadership Team (2021-2023); 1L Advisor (2020-present); Bar Mentor (2021-present); Public Interest Retreat (2022 to present).

*Awards:* Sung Research Award Recipient (2023-2024); BC Law Faculty Prize for Innovation in Pedagogy for Development of 1L Critical Perspectives Course (2022); AALS Teacher of the Year Award for Boston College Law School (2022)

#### **Yale Law School**, New Haven, CT

2018-2020

*Robert M. Cover Clinical Teaching Fellow, Clinical Lecturer in Law, and Research Scholar in Law*

*Courses Taught:* Worker and Immigrant Rights Advocacy Clinic (co-teacher and co-supervisor)

Introduction to Legal Analysis and Writing (Fall 2019)

- In the clinic, co-supervised civil rights and habeas corpus litigation in federal courts and the representation of grassroots community organizations on policy advocacy campaigns.

*Service:* Working Group for Theory and Practice Workshops for Clinical Faculty

### EDUCATION

#### **American University Washington College of Law**, Washington D.C.

J.D., 2011

Honors: *Summa Cum Laude*, *Order of the Coif*; Class Rank: 12/429, top 3%

Public Interest/Public Service Scholar (one of eight recipients of full-tuition merit scholarship)

Activities: Immigrant Justice Clinic, American University Law Review, Immigrants' Rights Coalition, United Nations Committee Against Torture Project, South Asian Law Students Association, Marshall-Brennan Constitutional Literacy Program

#### **Boston College**, Chestnut Hill, MA

B.A. in English, 2006

Honors: *Cum Laude*, *Bachelor of Arts with Honors*, Honors Program

Gabelli Presidential Scholar (one of thirteen recipients of full-tuition merit scholarship)

### JUDICIAL CLERKSHIP

#### **U.S. District Court, District of South Carolina**, Columbia, S.C.

2011–2012

*Law Clerk to the Honorable Margaret B. Seymour*

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

**U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services – Office of the Chief Counsel** 2013–2018  
*Special Assistant U.S. Attorney (\*On Detail)*, U.S. Attorney’s Office in the Eastern District of NY  
Brooklyn, NY; April 2017 – April 2018

Litigated 50+ immigration-related cases on behalf of USCIS and the Department of State in federal court; mentored other AUSAs working on immigration-related cases and reviewed their work products.

*Associate Counsel*, Refugee & Asylum Law Division  
Bethpage, NY; April 2016 – April 2017; April 2018-May 2018

*Associate Counsel*, Central Law Division  
Chicago, IL; June 2013 – April 2016

**Sutherland Asbill & Brennan LLP**, Washington, DC Summer 2010  
*Summer Associate* (offer extended)

**United States Department of Justice – Civil Rights Division**, Washington, DC Spring 2010  
*Legal Intern*, Office of Special Counsel for Immigration-Related Unfair Employment Practices

**Asian American Legal Defense and Education Fund (AALDEF)**, New York, NY Summer 2009  
*Legal Intern*

**Asian Pacific American Legal Resource Center**, Washington, DC Spring 2009  
*Legal Intern*

## PUBLICATIONS

Francisca Sepulveda & Reena Parikh, *Equal Treatment for Equal Work: The Need to Enhance Protections for Temporary Workers in Massachusetts* (2024) available at: <https://masscosh.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/07/Equal-Treatment-for-Equal-Work.pdf> (clinic publication).

Reena Parikh & Cheryl Bratt, “Incorporating Critical Perspectives in Law and Professional Identity into the 1L Curriculum at Boston College Law School” (Book Chapter), *Integrating Doctrine and Diversity Beyond the First Year*, Edited by: Nicole P. Dyszlewski, Raquel J. Gabriel, Suzanne Harrington-Steppen, Anna Russell, Genevieve B. Tung (Carolina Press) (2024).

Cheryl Bratt & Reena Parikh, “Lessons Learned from Boston College Law School’s Required 1L Critical Perspectives Course” (Book Chapter), *Building an Antiracist Law School, Legal Academy and Legal Profession Book Series*, Volume 5, Edited by Penn State Dickinson Law Antiracist Development Institute, Forthcoming 2025.

Reena Parikh, Lenita Reason & André Simões, “Making it Work for Workers: A Study on the Efficacy of the Massachusetts Domestic Workers Bill of Rights” (2023) Available at: <https://tinyurl.com/DWBRreport> (clinic publication).

Harris Freeman, Claudia Quintero, & Reena Parikh, “The Fruits of the Past: The Unfair Consequences of Excluding Massachusetts Farmworkers from State Labor Law Protections and How the Fairness for Farmworkers Act Will Remedy That Injustice” *Fairness for Farmworkers Coalition* (2021) available at: <https://lira.bc.edu/work/ns/71b95114-9a34-49c3-8fcf-259202df019f> (clinic publication)

## SELECTED PRESS AND MEDIA

“Temporary workers usually don't get the overtime pay they deserve, new Mass. study finds” – GBH (July 24, 2024) <https://www.wgbh.org/news/local/2024-07-24/temporary-workers-usually-dont-get-the-overtime-pay-they-deserve-new-mass-study-finds>

“Six inmates at Mass. prisons file class action lawsuit over solitary confinement” – Boston Globe (July 3, 2024) <https://www.bostonglobe.com/2024/07/03/metro/six-inmates-mass-prisons-file-class-action-lawsuit-over-solitary-confinement/>

“Inmates on hunger strike at maximum security prison, call on AG Campbell to investigate alleged assault by correctional officers” – Boston Globe (October 20, 2023) <https://www.bostonglobe.com/2023/10/20/metro/inmates-on-hunger-strike-at-state-prison/>

“Many Mass. Domestic Workers Don't Know New Law Offers Protections: Survey” – NBC Boston (January 13, 2023) - <https://www.nbcboston.com/news/local/many-mass-domestic-workers-dont-know-new-law-offers-protections-survey/2944524/>

“Class-action suit says solitary confinement at MCI-Cedar Junction amounts to ‘torture’” – Boston Globe (July 28, 2022) - <https://www.bostonglobe.com/2022/07/28/metro/class-action-suit-says-solitary-confinement-mci-cedar-junction-amounts-torture/>

‘It was swept under the rug’: Details emerge about officer assault on incarcerated man in Concord prison, New Hampshire Public Radio (interview), April 26, 2022

“Guatemala gana juicio en contra de una franquicia de McDonald's” – El Planeta (February 9, 2022) - <https://elplaneta.com/2022/02/09/locales/guatemala-gana-juicio-contra-franquicia-mcdonalds-robo-salario/>

## PANELS & PRESENTATIONS

BC Law Clerkship Panel (panelist), November 16, 2023

BC Law Public Interest Law Foundation Professor Series – Civil Rights and Criminal Defense Perspectives on Prison Reform (one of two featured speakers), November 6, 2023

BC Women Law Center: “Women’s Voices in the Classroom” (panelist), October 10, 2023

BC Law LLM Panel: “Ways of Approaching Law in a U.S. Law School” (panelist), August 22, 2023

BC Law Rappaport Center for Law and Public Policy: “Protecting Workers’ Rights in Massachusetts” (moderator), March 1, 2023

BC Law Public Interest Law Foundation “Professor Series – Civil Rights” (one of two featured speakers), February 13, 2023

BC Law Judicial Clerkship Panel (panelist), November 9, 2022

BC Law Public Interest Law Foundation Roundtable on Immigration Equity (speaker), November 1, 2022

Boston College Gabelli Presidential Scholars Program Summer Pulse Lecture on Workers’ Rights & Community Advocacy (lecturer), June 17, 2022

AALS Clinical Conference Workshop: Implementing a Course on Race & the Law into the Law School Curriculum (organizer and co-presenter), May 13, 2022

BC Law Public Interest Law Foundation “How to do 2L” (panelist), April 20, 2020

BC Law Black Law Students Association Spring Conference: “How to attain racial progress in an ever-polarizing society?” (panelist), April 9, 2022

BC Law Public Interest Law Foundation “Professor Series - Civil Rights” (panelist) March 25, 2022

AHANA Pre-Law Students Association of Boston College Panel on the BC Law Experience (panelist), February 10, 2022

AALS Clinical Conference Concurrent Session: “Stop Collaborate and Listen - The Art of Teaching Student Collaboration (co-presenter), April 29, 2021

Boston University Client Counseling Seminar – Client Counseling and Identity (featured speaker), April 1, 2021

Boston College Pre-Law Society Panel on Civil and Human Rights Law (panelist), March 4, 2021

Boston College Center for Human Rights and International Justice – Presentation on “Workers Rights as Immigrant Rights” (featured speaker), March 2, 2021

BC Law Immigration Law Group Roundtable Discussion on Biden’s New Immigration Plans (panelist), February 22, 2021

Boston College Student Org. Panel – What Comes Next in New Administration (panelist), November 19, 2020

APABA-DC's Let's Get Clinical: A Spotlight on APA Legal Faculty and How They Got There (panelist), Oct 28, 2020

BC Law Immigration Law Group panel on *Savino v. Souza* (moderator), October 14, 2020

BU Immigration Law and Society – Careers in Immigration Law (panelist), October 6, 2020

Yale Law School Advanced Worker and Immigrants Rights Advocacy Seminar – Challenges and Opportunities in Government Lawyering (featured speaker), October 18, 2018

Boston College Gabelli Presidential Scholars Program Retreat – Social Justice & Government Lawyering (featured alumni speaker), August 25, 2018

Federal Bar Association, Immigration Law Section – Nuts and Bolts of Family-Based Immigration [live recorded webinar] (presenter), April, 27, 2016

## **BAR MEMBERSHIP & COURT ADMISSIONS**

*States:* New York, New Jersey, Massachusetts

*Federal Courts:* District of Massachusetts, District of New Jersey, District of Connecticut, Court of Appeals for the First and Fourth Circuits

## **PROFFESIONAL ASSOCIATIONS, AFFILIATIONS AND BOARDS**

Clinical Legal Education Association (CLEA), Board Member	Jan. 2023-present
Boston Bar Association, Civil Rights Section Steering Committee Member	Sept. 2023-present
AALS Clinical Section, Member	2018-present
South Asian Bar Association of Greater Boston, Member	2020-present
Asian Pacific American Legal Resource Center, Board Member	2009-2011

**LANGUAGES** - Gujarati – fluent; Hindi – proficient