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## Education

**Yale Law School**, Juris Doctorate, 2006

*Honors:* Khosla Memorial Human Dignity Prize  
Jerome Sayles Hess Prize for Best Student Studying International Law

*Activities:* Student Director of Lowenstein Human Rights Clinic, 2005-06  
Teaching Assistant for Undergraduate Human Rights Class  
Articles Editor, Yale Human Rights and Development Law Journal

**The University of Chicago**, BA in Political Science and Law, Letters, and Society, June 2002

*Honors:* Degree awarded with distinction and Phi Beta Kappa

## Professional Experience

**Center on the Legal Profession, Harvard Law School**, 2013-present

*Post-Doctoral Research Fellow* at leading center on the global legal profession. Write on reforming the regulation of licensed occupations in the United States; the impact of non-lawyer ownership of legal services; and the declining dominance of lawyers in U.S. politics.

**Centre for Policy Research**, New Delhi, 2008–2013

*Senior fellow* at influential policy think tank in India. Advised the Indian government, the Indian courts, inter-government organizations, and non-profits on administrative law, judicial process, corruption, constitutionalism, and social and economic rights in South Asia. Frequently cited in both the Indian and international media, as well as a recurrent contributor.

**Jindal Global Law School**, New Delhi, 2010-2011

*Assistant Professor*. Taught Indian administrative law, jurisprudence, political theory, law and development, and legal writing, at new law school that combined best practices from abroad with pedagogical goals adopted for the Indian context. Served on curriculum redesign committee and as assistant director of the law school's Center for the Study of South Asian Law.

**Lahore University of Management Sciences**, Pakistan, Spring 2010

*Visiting faculty and Ruebhausen South Asia Teaching and Research Fellow*.  
Taught law and development seminar.

**National Law School, Bangalore**, Summer and Fall 2009

*Visiting faculty and Ruebhausen South Asia Teaching and Research Fellow*.  
Taught comparative constitutional law seminar.

**Human Rights Law Network**, New Delhi, 2007–2008

*Yale Law School Bernstein Fellow*. Drafted and researched petitions and other legal filings for social and economic rights cases in the Indian Supreme Court and High Courts.

### **Indian Supreme Court**, New Delhi, 2006 –2007

*Law Clerk to Chief Justice Y K Sabharwal*. Prepared draft judgments and memos on cases before the Supreme Court. Wrote draft speeches and memos to assist Chief Justice's work.

### **Visiting Non-Teaching Appointments**

- Visiting Scholar at the Center for the Advanced Study of India, University of Pennsylvania (Fall 2012)
- Visiting Researcher at University International College Turin, Italy (Summer 2011)

### **Publications**

*When Lawyers Don't Get All the Profits: Non-Lawyer Ownership of Legal Services, Access, and Professionalism*, GEORGETOWN JOURNAL OF LEGAL ETHICS (forthcoming 2015)

*India's Judicial Architecture*, in OXFORD HANDBOOK ON THE INDIAN CONSTITUTION (Sujit Choudhry, Madhav Khosla, and Pratap Bhanu Mehta eds., forthcoming 2015)

*Closing the Implementation Gap: Grievance Redress and Social Welfare Programs in India's New Administrative State*, 53 COLUMBIA JOURNAL OF TRANSNATIONAL LAW 321 (2015)

*Responding to the Market: The Impact of the Rise of Law Firms on Elite Legal Education in India* (with Jonathan Gingerich) (Cambridge Univ. Press, Vikramaditya Khanna, Dave Trubek, David Wilkins and eds.) (forthcoming book chapter)

*Structure Matters: The Impact of Court Structure on the Indian and U.S. Supreme Courts*, 61(1) AMERICAN JOURNAL OF COMPARATIVE LAW 173 (2013)

*A Quantitative Analysis of the Indian Supreme Court*, 10(3) JOURNAL OF EMPIRICAL LEGAL STUDIES 570 (2013)

*India's Grand Advocates: A Legal Elite Flourishing in the Age of Globalization*, 20(3) INTERNATIONAL JOURNAL OF THE LEGAL PROFESSION 241 (2013) (with Marc Galanter)

*Litigation as a Measure of Well Being*, 62(2) DEPAUL LAW REVIEW 247 (2013) (with Theodore Eisenberg and Sital Kalantry) (invited contribution)

*When Corruption is an Emergency: The Anti-Corruption Paradox and Bangladesh*, 35 FORDHAM INTERNATIONAL LAW JOURNAL 737 (2012) (with Nawreen Sattar)

*Education, Labor Rights, and Incentives: Contract Teacher Cases in the Indian Courts*, 32 COMP. LABOR L. & POLICY J. 991 (2011) (with Varun Gauri) (peer reviewed)

*Expanding Judiciaries: India and the Rise of the Good Governance Court*, 8 WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY GLOBAL STUDIES LAW REVIEW 1 (2009)

*Citizens Not Subjects: U.S. Foreign Relations Law and the Decentralization of Foreign Policy*, 40 AKRON LAW REVIEW 647 (2007)

## Select Popular Media and Opinion

- *Are government's new fast track court's a cure for our legal system's ills*, LIVE MINT, March 19, 2015 (interview)
- *Our Laws and Their Flaws*, INDIA TODAY, Dec. 8, 2014 (book review)
- *In the Public Interest*, INDIAN EXPRESS, May 5, 2014
- *Qui Tam Enforcement: A Legal Remedy for Corruption*, MINT, Oct. 3, 2013
- *Failed by the Lawyer*, THE HINDU, July 6, 2013
- *A Court Adrift*, FRONTLINE, May 3, 2013 (Cover Article)
- *The Indian Supreme Court and Its Benches*, SEMINAR, February 2013
- *Top-Heavy Justice*, INDIAN EXPRESS, December 17, 2012 (reprinted in THE FINANCIAL EXPRESS)
- *India's Constitutional Anxiety*, CARAVAN, Nov. 1, 2012 (book review)
- *When Everything Becomes a Right*, INDIA IN TRANSITION, Oct. 22, 2012 (reprinted in HINDU BUSINESS LINE, Oct. 23, 2012)
- *Bigger Bench, Please*, INDIAN EXPRESS, June 8, 2012
- *The Red-tape Rules*, BUSINESS STANDARD, April 8, 2012
- *When Fighting Corruption Harms Democracy*, COLUMBIA JOURNAL OF INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS ONLINE, Feb. 20, 2012
- *Tackling Corruption*, OUTLOOK INDIA ONLINE, May 18, 2011
- *Closing the Implementation Gap*, THE HINDU, March 12, 2011
- *Leading the Court*, INDIA IN TRANSITION, July 18, 2010
- *Hard to reach*, FRONTLINE, Jan. 30-Feb. 12, 2010
- *MPs need help with Homework too*, INDIAN EXPRESS, Sept. 2, 2009
- *Case for the Prosecution*, INDIAN EXPRESS, April 30, 2009
- *Elect, don't appoint, the U.S. attorney general*, CHRISTIAN SCIENCE MONITOR, Jan. 30, 2009
- *Too Many Cases*, FRONTLINE, Jan. 3-16, 2009
- *My Vote has Been Globalized*, NEW YORK TIMES, Dec. 20, 2007 (reprinted in THE HINDU)

## Select Talks

- "The Impact of Non-lawyer Ownership on Access to Legal Services: A Comparative Perspective"  
International Institute of Law Association Chief Executives Annual Conference, Washington DC, Sept. 2015 (invited speaker), UC Davis Law School November 2014, Harvard Law School International and Comparative Law Workshop, September 2014, Yale Law School, August 2014, Law & Society Association Annual Conference, Minneapolis, May 2014
- "Grievance Redress for Social Welfare Programs in India"  
Law & Society Association Annual Conference, Seattle, May 2015, Workshop on Institutions in Public Policy, Harvard Kennedy School, Oct. 2013; Center for the Advanced Study of India, Univ. of Pennsylvania, Oct. 2012; Taking Social and Economics Rights Seriously, Yale South Asian Studies Council, April 2012
- "The Potential and Limitations of Data for Judicial Reform"  
Daksh, Bangalore, March 2015
- "Assessing the Dysfunctions of India's Parliament"  
Center for Advanced Studies, Berlin, Germany, March 2015
- India Discussant, Conference on the Past and Future of Law and Development, FGV Direito Sao Paulo, Brazil, December 2014
- "India's Judicial Architecture"  
New York University's Center for Constitutional Transitions, Oxford Handbook on the Indian Constitution Conference, New Delhi, July 2014
- "The Indian Supreme Court, Judicial Activism, and Human Rights"  
Boston College Law School, March 2014; University of Connecticut Human Rights Program,

- January 2014; Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy, Nov. 2013
- “The Impact of the Rise of Corporate Law Firms on Legal Education in India”  
Harvard-India Conference, Harvard Law School, February 2014
- “Challenges in Appellate Oversight: A Perspective from India”  
International Judicial Conference, Supreme Court of Pakistan, Islamabad, April 2013; Lahore University of Management Sciences, Pakistan, April 2010
- “A Quantitative Analysis of the Indian Judiciary”  
Int’l Workshop on Empirical Legal Research, Cornell Law School and National Law Univ., New Delhi, Feb. 2013; Delhi Judicial Academy, Nov. 2012; International Conference on Law, Governance, and Development, Azim Premji University, Bangalore, May 2012
- “India’s Separation of Powers: Towards a New Model”  
Law and Social Sciences Research Network Conference, University of Peradeniya, Sri Lanka, Dec. 2012; Conference on Legislative Institutions in India, Jawahrlal Nehru University, New Delhi, Sept. 2011
- “India’s Grand Advocates”  
Conference on the Indian Legal Profession in the Age of Globalization, Harvard Law School; April 2012, Law & Society Association Annual Meeting, Boston, May 2013
- “Structure Matters: The Impact of Court Structure on the Indian and U.S. Supreme Courts”  
International University College of Turin, Italy, June 2011; National University of Juridical Sciences, Calcutta, Nov. 2009; National University of Law, Hyderabad, Oct. 2009; Law & Society Association Annual Meeting, Denver, May 2009
- “The Right to Water – Advocacy, Policy, and Litigation”  
Amnesty International Headquarters, London, December 2010
- “Extra-Constitutionalism in South Asia”  
Univ. of Colombo, Sri Lanka, October 2009

**Quoted/Cited as Authority on Indian Legal System:**

Delhi High Court, Wall Street Journal, BBC News, Times of India, The Hindu, New York Times India Blog, Economic Times, and Mint amongst others

**Quoted/Cited as Authority on the Legal Profession:**

Jotwell (article reviewed), LegalFutures (United Kingdom), The Lawyers Weekly (Canada), The Practice (USA), Slaw (Canada), Legally India (India), and Danske Advokater (Danish) amongst others

**Bar Admission**

New York