

## EDUCATION & HONORS

- Fordham University School of Law**, New York, NY May 2018  
*LL.M. in International Law and Justice*  
Honor: Magna Cum Laude  
Recipient: Michael M. Martin Scholarship & Archibald Murray Public Service Award  
Activities: International Human Rights Clinic
- Bishop Cotton Women's Christian Law College**, Bangalore, India July 2012  
*LL.B. Class Standing: top 10%*

## EXPERIENCE

- Fordham University School of Law** September 2018 – current  
**Leitner Center for International Law and Justice, New York City**  
*Crowley Fellow, International Human Rights Law*
- Taught 2-credit seminar course on Scholarship in International Human Rights Law and five Special Rights modules at the 2019 Summer Human Rights Institute
  - Proposed and implemented a research project for law scholars on the issue of 'Sexual Harassment in Workplace for Women in the Informal Sector in India'
  - Conducted field work in India with law students, on experiences of workplace harassment of women street vendors, sex workers and domestic workers
  - Pedagogic intervention and facilitation for law students to create and implement a workshop on the International Labour Organization's Convention 190 for Sadhana Mahila Sangha, a sex workers collective based in Karnataka, India
- Population Reference Bureau (PRB), Washington DC** July 2018 – current  
*Research Consultant on EEDA (Empowered Evidence-Driven Advocacy)*
- Managed evidence-based Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights (SRHR) research projects in Uganda and Nigeria
  - Produced and facilitated webinar trainings for five research teams based in Uganda and Nigeria on Human Rights research methodology.
  - Designed workshops in policy intervention on access to contraceptive services, advocating that 'no access' is a Human Rights violation.
  - Co-authoring a publication of research findings elaborating on the socio-cultural barriers to reproductive rights policy in Sub-Saharan Africa.
- Fordham University School of Law, New York City** October 2017 – May 2018  
*Research Assistant to Professor Gay McDougall, Vice Chair of United Nations Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (CERD)*
- Produced a report that compares, and contrasts government and civil society submissions from countries appearing before the CERD.
  - Provided research on police profiling with a focus on approaches of policy or legislation where governments' attempt to mitigate criminalization of racial, religious and ethnic groups.
  - Conducted research on Anti-Discrimination laws in Middle East for a regional human rights lawyers' conference.

**Alternative Law Forum, Bangalore, India** November 2014 – July 2017  
*Attorney, Human Rights Lawyers Collective*

- Litigation focused on gender rights cases, represented sex workers and members of the LGBTQ+ community towards the repeal of Sec.377 (criminalization of homosexuality)
- Provided advocacy support and legal representation for African Student Associations and Bangladeshi migrant workers' groups
- Conducted research towards a national comprehensive Anti-Discrimination Bill to be introduced in the Indian Parliament
- Lead and drafted the all- India civil society response to the proposed Foreign Contribution Act (FCRA) amendments, a law that restricts foreign funding for human rights work in India

**World YWCA, Geneva, Switzerland** December 2012 – May 2014  
*Program Associate (International Women's Rights Organization)*

- Drafted policy statements and press releases for young & adolescent women's participation in sessions with the UN Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women and UN Human Rights Council
- Presented the global statement for youth and young women's sexual and reproductive rights in four international UN mechanisms that impose obligations on United Nations member states
- Drafted a communications policy for the organization on social media and online engagement

**J Hudson Samuel & Partners Law Firm, Bangalore, India** July 2012 – November 2012  
*Junior Attorney (Civil Law and Arbitration Group)*

- Drafted a plaint in a class action case against corporations with cell towers near schools
- Provided client counseling in family law cases

**C H Hanumantharaya & Associates, Bangalore, India** July 2009 – November 2011  
*Internship (Criminal Defense Law Firm)*

- Research support and drafting, in-court notes and client counseling support
- Editing court submissions to include secondary source citations

## LEADERSHIP

**International Youth Alliance on Family Planning, Washington, DC** November 2013 – March 2019  
*Founder and Executive Director of Advocacy and Policy*

**World Health Organization, Geneva, Switzerland** February 2018 – February 2019  
*Temporary Advisor, Development of the WHO consolidated guideline on self-care interventions for SRHR*

**YWCA of Bangalore City, Bangalore, India** September 2011 – July 2017  
*Member, Board of Management; Chairperson, KS Garden Slum School Committee*

**YWCA of Bangalore City, Bangalore, India** January 2010– December 2012  
*Chairperson, Programs and Community Trainer, Legal Literacy and Outreach*

## ADMISSIONS

Member of the All India Bar Council, with Certification to Practice (2012)

Member of the Karnataka State Bar Council, with Certification to Practice(2012)

## OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

### Conference Trainer

PRB EEDA Workshop on Communications and Advocacy, Abuja Nigeria., March 2019; PRB EEDA Workshop on Communications and Advocacy, Kampala Uganda February 2019; Amnesty International Japan Gender Equality Education Workshop, Japan April 2018; World YWCA International Leadership Institute- Bangkok, Thailand, May 2013; Council of Europe's Study Session on Human Rights Strasbourg, May 2013

### Conference Panelist

International Conference on Family Planning, Bali, Indonesia, January 2016; United Nations Human Rights Council (session) Geneva, Switzerland June 2013; United Nations General Assembly New York, U.S.A. September 2013; International Conference on Family Planning and Youth Pre-Conference Addis Ababa, Ethiopia November 2013; Young Women's Leadership Conference Bridgetown, Barbados, July 2013

### Conference Delegate

Women Deliver Conference Copenhagen Denmark, May 2016; UN Convention on Population and Development New York, U.S.A., April 2014; United Nations Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW) sessions Geneva, September October 2013; European Youth Forum Training on the EU Constitution Alghero, Italy, August 2013; Hiroshima Peace Memorial August 2012

## PRESS & PUBLICATIONS

### Press Features

- Reuters, *Transgender prison inmates face abuse, neglect in Bengaluru*, January 2017
- Daily O, *Why transgender community is struggling in spite of NALSA judgment*, February 2017
- Evidence2Action, *Consensus to Action: Developing solutions for expanding method choice for youth*, September 2016
- News Minute, *India's first human trafficking bill is an unfinished mess*, July 2016
- India Times, *Karnataka Shows The Way, Will Now Address 'Eunuchs' As 'Persons'*, July 2016
- Business Standard, *Why India needs a sex positive approach*, February 2016
- Times of India, *The mass molestation that wasn't?* January 2014

### Collaborative Writing

- *Violence Against People In Sex Work In India*, a submission To The Special Rapporteur On Violence Against Women, The Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, January 2017
- Spoorthi: Celebrating Indian Women in Science, *Understanding Sexual Harassment Of Women At The Workplace*, December 2018

### Pending Publications

- *Race, Caste and Hunger*, submitted to Fordham International Law Journal, 2020 issue

## MISCELLANEOUS

Languages: English, Kannada, Hindi, Arabic (beginner), French (beginner)

Interests: Cryptozoology and AYCE Sushi Spots