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ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law

Assistant Professor of Law

July 2026–Present

- Courses: Criminal Procedure – Investigations, Criminal Law

University of California, Berkeley, School of Law

Deputy Director, Death Penalty Clinic

July 2024–June 2026

Interim Deputy Director & Clinical Supervising Attorney, Death Penalty Clinic

July 2019–June 2024

- Courses: Death Penalty Clinic, Death Penalty Seminar, Pregnancy Criminalization

EDUCATION

Yale Law School, J.D., 2012

Coker Fellow / Legal Writing Teaching Assistant, Professor Scott Shapiro

Harvard College, A.B., *magna cum laude*, Economics, 2006

Phi Beta Kappa; John Harvard Scholar; John Finley Traveling Fellowship recipient

PUBLICATIONS

Articles and Works-in-Progress

- *The New Nullification: Unconstitutional Criminal Laws and Unreviewable Prosecutions*, 115 CALIF. L. REV. __ (forthcoming 2027)
- [*Prosecutorial Discretion and the Crime of Abortion*](#), 43 YALE L. & POL'Y REV. 171 (2024)

Other Publications

- Book Review, *The Pregnancy Police: Conceiving Crime, Arresting Personhood* by Grace E. Howard (2024), THE CHAMPION (forthcoming 2026) (with Nina Liss-Schultz)
- [*A Ruling That Curtails the All Writs Act in Habeas Proceedings Will Be Felt by State Prisoners and Federal Courts*](#), SCOTUSBLOG (June 24, 2022)
- [*Divided Court Rejects Death-Row Prisoner's Attempt to Gather Neurological Evidence*](#), SCOTUSBLOG (June 21, 2022)
- [*A Prisoner's Bid to Develop New Evidence Rests on a 233-Year-Old Statute About Judicial Writs*](#), SCOTUSBLOG (Apr. 25, 2022)
- [*Yale Law School Faculty and Students Speak Up About Gender: Ten Years Later*](#) (2012) (with other members of the Yale Law Women Executive Board)
- [*Cost Should Be No Barrier: An Evaluation of the First Year of Harvard's Financial Aid Initiative*](#) (Nat'l Bureau of Econ. Rsch., Working Paper No. 12029, 2006) (with Christopher Avery et al.)
- *The Other Side of the Abortion Debate: The Impact of Legalizing Abortion on American Women's Education, Labor, and Marital Outcomes* (2006) (B.A. Thesis, Harvard University)

SELECT PRESENTATIONS

- *Capital Clemency Videos*
 - Capital Habeas Unit Training (Montgomery, AL; Apr. 8, 2026)
 - Habeas Assistance and Training Seminar (Alexandria, VA; Mar. 1, 2025)
- *Teaching Through Risk: Developing Frameworks for Student Safety*, 2026 Northern California Clinical Conference (San Francisco, CA; Feb. 6, 2026)
- *Pregnancy Criminalization*, UC Berkeley Law Alumni CLE (Online; Jan. 29, 2026)
- *The New Nullification: Unconstitutional Criminal Laws and Unreviewable Prosecutions*
 - AAPI/MENA Women in Legal Academy Workshop (Bristol, RI; Apr. 24, 2026)
 - ABA Criminal Justice Roundtable Workshop (Online; Dec. 5, 2025)
 - UC Berkeley Law Faculty Workshop (Berkeley, CA; Oct. 21, 2025)
 - Clinical Law Review Workshop (New York, NY; Oct. 4, 2025)
 - AALS Summer 2025 Clinical Writing Workshop (Online; July 22, 2025)
 - Fordham Law Criminal Justice Ethics Schmooze (New York, NY; Apr. 4, 2025)
 - 2025 AALS Annual Meeting Criminal Procedure Works-in-Progress Session (San Francisco, CA; Jan. 11, 2025)
- *Glowing Up Our Clinic Seminar*, 2025 Northern California Clinical Conference (Berkeley, CA; Feb. 7, 2025)
- *Modern American Capital Punishment*
 - Criminal Law Guest Lecture at UC Berkeley Law (Berkeley, CA; Oct. 21, 2024)
 - Criminal Law Guest Lecture at UC Berkeley Law (Berkeley, CA; Oct. 18, 2022)
- *Client Storytelling*, Washington Council of Lawyers (Online; May 8, 2024)
- *Giving Effective Feedback*, Berkeley Boosts Executive Education Program (Online; Apr. 24, 2024)
- *Prosecutorial Discretion and the Crime of Abortion*
 - ABA Criminal Justice Roundtable Workshop (Online; Nov. 17, 2023)
 - Clinical Law Review Workshop (New York, NY; Oct. 14, 2023)
- *A Conversation with Dawn Porter, Director of "Gideon's Army,"* Berkeley Art Museum and Pacific Film Archive Directors Series (Berkeley, CA; Sept. 23, 2023)
- *Creative Storytelling When Seeking Capital Clemency*, Applied Legal Storytelling Conference (London, UK; July 28, 2023)
- *Eighth Amendment Jurisprudence and the Death Penalty*, Office of the State Public Defender Training (San Francisco, CA; June 7, 2023)
- *Reviewing the Record and Issue Spotting*, Maricopa County Office of Public Defense Services Training (Online; May 11, 2023)
- *Implications of Recent United States Supreme Court Decisions for State Habeas Cases*, Habeas Corpus Resource Center Fall Conference 2022 (Online; Nov. 9, 2022)
- *Peer Through a Window into the Gen Z Workplace*, Federal Defender Leadership Forum (Chicago, IL; Apr. 12, 2022)
- *The Death Penalty in America*
 - Criminal Law Guest Lecture at UC Berkeley Law (Berkeley, CA; Mar. 8, 2022)
 - Criminal Law Guest Lecture at UC Berkeley Law (Berkeley, CA; Oct. 14, 2021)
- *Ordinary Injustice*, National Women's Hall of Fame Presentation (Online; Aug. 6, 2020)

Mridula S. Raman

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Office of the Federal Public Defender for the District of Arizona (Phoenix, AZ)

Assistant Federal Public Defender, Capital Habeas Unit 2014–2019

- Served as lead counsel in state and federal post-conviction proceedings for indigent death-sentenced clients in Arizona and Texas, including one individual facing imminent execution
- Supervised large teams of attorneys, investigators, paralegals, experts, and interns working on complex litigation, clemency, and media strategies

United States Federal Courts (Phoenix, AZ)

Law Clerk to the Honorable Mary H. Murguia, Chief Judge of the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals 2013–2014

Law Clerk to the Honorable Neil V. Wake, U.S. District Court Judge for the District of Arizona 2012–2013

Criminal Defense Clinic at Yale Law School (New Haven, CT)

Clinic Participant 2011–2012

Jenner & Block LLP (Washington, D.C.)

Summer Associate July–Aug. 2011

Cleary Gottlieb Steen & Hamilton LLP (New York, NY)

Summer Associate May–June 2011

Capital Punishment Clinic at Yale Law School (New Haven, CT)

Clinic Participant 2010–2011

McKinsey & Company (Florham Park, NJ)

Management Consulting Business Analyst 2007–2009

SERVICE

- Advancing Real Change, Inc., *Board of Directors Member* Dec. 2025–Present
- 2026 BayCrim (Criminal Law Roundtable) Planning Committee, *Member* July 2025–Present
- AALS Clinicians of Color Committee, *Co-Chair* May 2025–Present
- 2026 Northern California Clinical Conference Planning Committee, *Member* May 2025–Present
- 2025 Northern California Clinical Conference Planning Committee, *Chair* 2024–2025
- AALS Clinical Racial Justice Committee, *Member* 2021–2022

ADMISSIONS TO PRACTICE

New York; United States Supreme Court; United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit; United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit