

NEEMA SINGH GULIANI

EDUCATION

HARVARD LAW SCHOOL, J.D., 2008

Activities: HLS for Obama; *Journal of International Law*; South Asian Student Law Association; Prison Legal Assistance Program; Public Interest Auction (*Co-chair*); Volunteer at New England Innocence Project

Honors: Presidential Management Fellowship Finalist; Kaufman Public Interest Fellowship

BROWN UNIVERSITY, B.A. International Relations with focus on Global Security, 2005

Study Abroad: Universidad Complutense & San Agustín; Madrid, Spain Spring 2004; *El Clave* contributing writer

Activities: *Brown Daily Herald*; Peer Community Standards Board; Domestic Abuse Advocacy Program

Honors: Winner of 2005-06 Brown Business Plan Competition; Winner 2005-06 and 2004-05 Brown Elevator Speech Competition; Runner-up 2005-06 Entrepreneurial Extravaganza Business Pitch Competition

LEGAL & POLICY EXPERIENCE

American Civil Liberties Union, Washington Legislative Office, Senior Legislative Counsel, Washington D.C.

May 2013- Present

Lobbyist and legislative counsel on immigration, surveillance, and privacy issues. Created, implemented, and led legislative strategy on comprehensive immigration reform (House), encryption, NSA surveillance, cross border data demands, location tracking, remote hacking, and other civil rights issues. Testified in Congress on location tracking issues. Designed and led ACLU legislative strategy on the *USA Freedom Act* in 2014-2015, the first bill to successfully limit intelligence surveillance authority since 1978 and for which the ACLU was credited as a lead organization that advanced the bill. Primary author of ACLU recommendations to DHS to address record level deportations. Successfully worked to build a coalition to pressure the Obama administration to implement reforms to reduce improper deportations following the collapse of comprehensive immigration reform. Briefed members of Congress and staff on pending legislation and pressing civil liberties issues. Represented ACLU on major broadcast outlets, including NPR, CSPAN, FOX News, MSNBC, and in major publications including the New York Times, USA Today, CNN, the Wall Street Journal, and the Washington Post.

Dept. of Homeland Security, Office of the Sec. Special Counsel to Dep. COS, Washington, D.C.

July 2011- May 2013 (*Leave of absence from Oct.- Nov. 2011*)

Assisted with the management of Department-wide initiatives related to counterterrorism, international partnerships, civil rights and civil liberties, scanning of maritime cargo, and use of biometrics.. Investigated and made policy recommendations in response to civil rights complaints involving immigration enforcement and detention. Developed policy proposals to enhance due process in immigration proceedings. Drafted congressional correspondence, reports, testimony, and memos for senior White House officials, and helped develop responses to media inquiries. Assisted with drafting of the Secretary's congressional testimony and briefing of the Secretary prior to congressional hearings. Advanced Secretary travel to the UAE Guatemala, and Jordan. (partial detail; *Policy Analyst, Civil Rights and Civil Liberties, Compliance Division*)

USDA, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights, Adjudicator, Washington, DC

Feb. 2011- July 2011

Adjudicated civil rights claims alleging discrimination under regulations, the constitution, and the Equal Credit Opportunity Act. Wrote Final Agency Decisions, including legal analysis of claims and orders for damages. Made recommendations regarding settlements.

U.S. House of Representatives, Oversight and Government Reform Committee, Counsel (Majority), Washington, D.C.

June 2009- Jan. 2011 (*Leave of absence from Oct- Nov. 2010*)

Led investigations involving military contractors in Iraq and Afghanistan, KBR, veterans' health, and life insurance benefits. Conducted investigations related to the BP oil spill, Moody's credit rating agency, cyber security, telecommunications, Wall Street fraud, Bank of America, and the Recovery Act. Worked closely with agencies including USAID, DOD, DOS, DOI, and DHS. Prepared subpoenas, document requests, public communications, and responses to media inquiries. Facilitated hearings by drafting questions, writing opening statements, briefing members and staff, and coordinating with the press team.

ELECTION & CAMPAIGN EXPERIENCE

Google.org, Voting Information Project, Contractor, Washington, DC

Oct. 2011- Nov. 2011

Developed and managed a quality assurance plan for the Voting Information Project, which provided polling place and candidate data to numerous partners and was accessed over 23 million times.

Organizing for America (Democratic Nat'l Committee), Regional Field Dir., San Francisco, CA

Oct. 2010- Nov. 2010

Managed Get Out the Vote (GOTV) efforts of the DNC in the San Francisco area. Supervised two full-time field offices, five separate GOTV staging locations, and over 400 volunteers. Coordinated efforts of the DNC and community organizations.

Obama Campaign, Dep. Voter Protection Dir. & Field Organizer, Milwaukee, WI

Sept. 2008- Nov. 2008

Managed voter protection efforts in Racine and Kenosha counties. Recruited, trained, and supervised over 100 attorneys. Collaborated with government officials and community members to ensure compliance with election laws. Developed and implemented a GOTV and field plan for the Milwaukee Area Technical College involving over 100 volunteers.

LAW CLINIC & LEGAL INTERNSHIP EXPERIENCE

Harvard Human Rights Program, Student Attorney, Harvard Law School,

Sept. 2006- June 2008

Worked on projects concerning prostitution, sex trafficking, prison conditions, and Novartis HIV/AIDS drug patents. Designed and participated in fact finding mission in Mumbai, India in January 2007 to uncover physical and sexual abuse at the Arthur Road Jailprison.

Criminal Justice Institute, Student Attorney, Harvard Law School

Sept. 2007- May 2008

Represented adult and juvenile clients in criminal proceedings in Massachusetts' courts. Argued motions, composed briefs, conducted investigations, and provided representation at trial.

Kilpatrick Stockton, Summer Associate, Atlanta, GA

June 2007- July 2007

Assisted with the defense of Guantanamo Bay detainees. Contributed to legal briefs for the litigation department and worked on public finance deals.

Innocence Project of New Orleans, Law Clerk, New Orleans, LA

June 2006- Aug. 2006

Assisted with post-conviction relief litigation by interviewing witnesses, working with clients, and contributing to legal briefs. Investigated innocence claims.

FELLOWSHIPS, LANGUAGES, & LEGAL CERTIFICATIONS

2018 Truman National Security Fellow. Semi-fluent in Spanish. Proficient in understanding spoken Hindi and Punjabi. Member of the Florida Bar. Clearable for TS/SCI as of 2013.