

City of Seattle Boards & Commissions Notice of Appointment

Appointee Name: Riddhi Mukhopadhyay									
Board/Commission Name: Immigrant and Refugee Commission		Position Title: Member							
Appointment <i>OR</i> Reappoint		ion required?	DITY CL	\(\frac{1}{2}\)	RE SE				
Appointing Authority: Council Mayor Other: Fill in appointing authority	Date Appointed: 4/27/16		4 /31/ to	of Position: * **********************************	四昊	5			
Residential Neighborhood: District 7	\$455,000,000,400,400,4	Zip Code: 98121		Contact Phone No.: 206.832.3632					
Background: Riddhi is an attorney and longtime activist for immigrant and refugee rights. Born in Kolkata, India, she has previously lived in North Carolina, Texas and now calls Seattle, Washington, home. Riddhi received her law degree from Seattle University School of Law and her bachelors from Duke University. Since 2001, she has volunteered as an advocate for immigrant domestic and sexual violence survivors and is a former Berkeley Law Foundation legal fellow and attorney at the Northwest Immigrant Rights Project. She has organized and advocated with different immigrant communities, including domestic workers, detained individuals and immigrants with developmental disabilities. Currently at the Sexual Violence Law Center, Riddhi specializes in representing and assisting survivors and victims of sexual violence facing challenges in accessing justice based on mental illness, developmental disabilities, limited English proficiency, and immigration status. She provides bilingual legal services in Spanish, and also speaks Bengali and Hindi.									
Authorizing Signature (original signature	7	Edwa	Appointing Signatory: Edward B. Murray Mayor of Seattle						

Riddhi Mukhopadhyay

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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Sexual Violence Law Center, civil rights non-profit

Seattle, WA

Coordinating Attorney (previously Staff Attorney)

2012-present

- Provide holistic legal representation to sexual assault and abuse survivors in civil legal matters ranging from protection order, privacy, housing, employment, immigration and more.
- Present to and train judges, prosecutors, civil attorneys and advocates on legal issues and barriers faced by survivors; provide pro se clinic trainings and presentations on legal options and legal rights to survivors.
- Manage statewide hotline for attorneys, advocates and survivors of sexual violence requesting technical assistance and legal information; train and support contract attorneys and pro bono attorneys.

Department of Assigned Counsel, criminal public defense

Tacoma, WA

Staff Attorney

2011-2012

- Represent indigent individuals with pending criminal charges, including legal research on criminal law, motion practice, client interview and litigation in Tacoma Municipal and Pierce County District Court.
- · Represent individuals with severe mental health and developmental disabilities for civil commitment hearings, including legal research on civil and criminal law, motion practice, client interview and litigation in Pierce County Superior Court.

Volunteer Advocates for Immigrant Justice, immigration and civil rights non-profit

Seattle, WA

Pro Bono Attorney

2011-present

 Secure legal status for detained unaccompanied noncitizen minors and noncitizen trafficking victims before Washington juvenile court, EOIR and USCIS.

Northwest Immigrant Rights Project, immigration and civil rights non-profit

Tacoma, WA 2009-2010

Berkeley Law Foundation Fellow/Attorney

- Provide noncitizen detainees legal orientation (know-your-rights) and pro se assistance; represent detainees before EOIR, USCIS, Board of Immigration Appeals and Ninth Circuit in removal proceedings at the Northwest Detention Center.
- Identify and advocate for noncitizen detainees with mental health and developmental disabilities; former co-counsel on class action with ACLU of Southern California on behalf of detainees with mental disabilities subject to prolonged detention and proceeding through immigration without appointed counsel.

Northwest Immigrant Rights Project, immigration and civil rights non-profit

Seattle, WA

VAWA Intern

Spring, 2009

• Secure legal status for low-income noncitizen survivors of violence and abuse and U-visa status for undocumented noncitizen victims of crime.

International Human Rights Clinic, Seattle University School of Law

Seattle, WA

Legal Associate

Spring, 2009

• Research and analyze human rights law addressing treatment of accused in Mexican criminal justice system; petition the Inter-American Court on Human Rights for the inhumane treatment of incarcerated individuals by Mexican criminal justice system.

International Human Rights Clinic, Seattle University School of Law

Seattle, WA

Legal Associate

Spring, 2008

• Interview Spanish-speaking detainees at the Northwest Detention Center; develop and co-author human rights report based on international law on conditions of immigration detention.

SafePlace, Travis County Domestic & Sexual Abuse Crisis Center Community Educator & Development / Program Associate

Austin, TX 2004-2006

• Prepare and present on agency issues in community presentations; initiated staff Speaker's Bureau; developed grant-funded projects; drafted and tracked grant applications for programs; accompanied and supported sexual assault survivors to hospital.

Fine By Me, non-profit GLBT rights campaign

Durham, NC/Austin, TX

Co-Founder/Southwest Coordinator

2003-2006

 Plan, develop and expand campaign in response to homophobia on college campuses; implement program nationally; research and prepare funding proposals.

Kenan Institute for Ethics, Duke University

Durham, NC

Program Assistant

2001-2004

• Provide technical assistance to grantees implementing ethics framework in programs such as Ethics at Work and Middle School Visions; provide consultation and evaluation of grantee programs.

Amar Ghor, women's advocacy group

Kolkata, India

Educator/Trainer

Summer, 2000-2006

• Design and implement basic Bengali and English reading and writing comprehension curriculum for women domestic workers; collaborate with volunteer advocates on sexual assault and domestic violence support advocacy.

PUBLICATIONS & PRESENTATIONS

- Washington Association of Prosecuting Attorneys, Leavenworth, WA, *Immigrant Victims Under Attack: Overview of Immigration Issues for Survivors*, September 2013.
- Voices From Detention: A Report on Human Rights Violations at the Northwest Detention Center, 2008 Seattle Law International Human Rights Clinic (June 2008) (co-authored with OneAmerica).
- Equal Justice Works Conference, Washington, DC, Bursting the Law School Bubble: Connecting to National Collaborations & Law Student Movements, October 2008.
- Death in Detention: Medical and Mental Health Consequences of Indefinite Detention of Immigrants in the United States, Seattle Journal for Social Justice, (Spring/Summer 2009).
- Access to Justice Bar Leaders Conference, Yakima, WA, Economic Migration and the Growing Divide, May 2009.

COMMUNITY

Northwest Girls Coalition, girl-focused non-profit	Seattle, WA
Leadership Councilmember	2013-present
Legal Voice (formerly Northwest Women's Law Center), legal advocacy non-profit	Seattle, WA
Information & Referral Hotline Volunteer	2008-2010
API-Chaya, Asian domestic & sexual assault support	Seattle, WA
Community Outreach Volunteer	2007-2011
SAHELI, Asian domestic violence support	Austin, TX
Volunteer/ Walk Chair for '05 & '06	2004-2006
KIRAN, South Asian domestic & sexual assault group	Research Triangle, NC
Volunteer/ Hotline & Crisis Advocate	2001-2004

EDUCATION

Seattle University School of Law

Seattle, WA

Juris Doctor

May 2009

- Seattle Journal for Social Justice, Article Editor
- Dean's Diversity Scholar, 2006-2008
- Public Interest Law Foundation summer grant recipient, 2007 & 2008
- 2008 Dean Kellye Testy Leadership award recipient
- · 2009 Asian Bar Association of Washington scholarship recipient

Duke University

Durham, NC

May 2004

- Bachelor of Arts: History & Literature
- Human Rights at Home & Abroad FOCUS program
- Dean's List, 2002-2004

· Graduated with Distinction

BAR MEMBERSHIPS & AFFILIATIONS

Washington State Bar Association (admitted to practice 2009) Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals (admitted to practice in 2010)

LANGUAGES

Fluent: Bengali, Hindi Proficient: Spanish

Seattle Immigrant and Refugee Commission

15 Members: Pursuant to *Ordinances 12822 and 120345 and SMC 3.14.545*], [all] members subject to City Council confirmation, [14 [have 2-year terms, (1) Get Engage Member has 1 year term:

- 7 City Council-appointed
- 8 Mayor-appointed
- Other Appointing Authority-appointed (specify):

Roster:

*D	**G	RD	Pos. No.	Position Title	Name	Term Begin Date	Term End Date	Term #	Appointed By
1	М	N/A	1.	Member	John Mark Galang	1/25/17	1/31/19	1	Council
1	F	6	2.	Member	Jessica Yu	1/25/17	1/31/19	1	Council
			3.	Member		2/1/17	1/31/19		Mayor
3	F		4.	Member	Jeniffer Calleja	2/1/17	1/31/19	2	Mayor
6	F		5.	Member	Dori C. Cahn	2/23/15	7/31/17	2	Council
3	М	5	6.	Member	Luis Ortega	8/1/17	7/31/19	2	Mayor
3	F	3	7.	Member	Marilena Morales	8/1/17	7/31/19	2	Mayor
			8.	Member		2/1/16	1/31/18		Council
2	F		9.	Member	Isatou Jallow	8/3/15	1/31/18	1	Council
2	F	2	10.	Member	Farhiya Mohamed	2/1/16	1/31/18	2	Mayor
3	F	7	11.	Member	Michele E. Ramirez	4/30/16	1/31/18	2	Mayor
8	F	3	12.	Member	Kianoush Naficy	4/30/16	7/31/18	2	Council
1	F	7	13.	Member	Riddhi Mukhopadhyay	4/30/16	7/31/18	2	Mayor
3	М	2	14.	Member	Kiwai Lai	8/1/16	7/31/18	1	Council
5	F	1	15.	Get- Engaged	Alexey Kuznetsov	9/1/16	8/31/17	1	Mayor

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	Men	Women	Transgender	Unknown	Asian	Black/ African American	Hispanic/ Latino	American Indian/ Alaska Native	Other	Caucasian/ Non- Hispanic	Pacific Islander	Middle Eastern	Multiracial
Mayor	1	5			1	1	4		1				
Council	3	4			3	1						1	
Other										1			
Total	4	9			4	2	4		1	1		1	

Key:

RD Residential Council District number 1 through 7 or N/A

^{*}D List the corresponding *Diversity Chart* number (1 through 9)

^{**}G List gender, M = Male, F= Female, T= Transgender, O= Other U= Unknown