



City of Seattle Boards & Commissions Notice of Appointment

Appointee Name: Riddhi Mukhopadhyay		
Board/Commission Name: Immigrant and Refugee Commission		Position Title: Member
<input type="checkbox"/> Appointment OR <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Reappointment		Council Confirmation required? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Appointing Authority: <input type="checkbox"/> Council <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mayor <input type="checkbox"/> Other: <i>Fill in appointing authority</i>	Date Appointed: 10/1/2018 10/3/2018 ECP	Term of Position: * 8/1/2018 to 7/31/2020
Residential Neighborhood: District 7	Zip Code: 98121	Contact Phone No.: 
Background: <p>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.</p>		
Authorizing Signature (original signature): 		Appointing Signatory: Jenny A. Durkan Mayor of Seattle

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 August 30, 2016

Riddhi Mukhopadhyay



PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- Sexual Violence Legal Services (formerly Sexual Violence Law Center), YWCA Seattle|King|Snohomish** **Seattle, WA**
Legal Director (previously Coordinating 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 with specialized focus on particularly vulnerable populations.
 - 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; recruit, train and support contract attorneys and *pro bono* attorneys.
- Department of Assigned Counsel** **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** **Seattle, WA**
Pro Bono Attorney 2011-2013
- Secure legal status for detained unaccompanied noncitizen minors and noncitizen trafficking victims before Washington juvenile court, EOIR and USCIS.
- Northwest Immigrant Rights Project** **Tacoma, WA**
Berkeley Law Foundation Fellow/Attorney 2009-2011
- 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; co-counsel on class action *Franco v Holder* 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** **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.
- OneAmerica (formerly Hate Free Zone)** **Seattle, WA**
Public Policy Fellow Summer-Fall, 2008
- Assess naturalization and citizenship programs available to noncitizens throughout Washington for the development of OneAmerica's New Americans program.
 - Initiate public awareness campaign on the treatment and confinement conditions of detainees at the Northwest Detention Center based on co-authored human rights report.
- International Human Rights Clinic, Seattle University School of Law** **Seattle, WA**
Legal Intern 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.
- Northwest Justice Project, statewide legal aid organization** **Olympia, WA**
Legal Intern Summer, 2007
- Assess existing youth advocacy programs responding to school-to-prison pipeline in Washington State.
 - Work with Veteran's Administration and Department of Social and Health Services to resolve public benefits cases.
- SafePlace, Travis County Domestic & Sexual Abuse Crisis Center** **Austin, TX**
Community Educator & Development / Program Associate 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.

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 Coalition of Sexual Assault Programs, Vancouver, WA, *Protecting the Privacy Rights of Survivors*, May 2014.
- *Practice Guide for Attorneys Representing Survivors in Washington State*, 3rd ed., Sexual Violence Law Center (March 2013).
- 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

- **City of Seattle Immigrant & Refugee Commission** **Seattle, WA**
Commissioner 2014-present
- **Coalition Ending Gender Based Violence**, girl-focused non-profit **Seattle, WA**
Board member 2015-present
- **Legal Voice (formerly Northwest Women's Law Center)**, legal advocacy non-profit **Seattle, WA**
Board member 2016-present
- **API-Chaya**, South 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**
Bachelor of Arts: History & Literature May 2004

- Graduated with Distinction
- Human Rights at Home & Abroad FOCUS program
- Dean's List, 2002-2004

BAR MEMBERSHIPS & AFFILIATIONS

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

LANGUAGES: Bengali, Hindi, Spanish

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
- 0 Other Appointing Authority-appointed (specify):

Roster:

*D	**G	RD	Position No.	Position Title	Name	Term Begin Date	Term End Date	Term #	Appointed By
1	F	6	1.	Member	Maya Babla Appiah	2/1/17	1/31/19	1	Council
1	F	6	2.	Member	Jessica Yu	2/1/17	1/31/19	1	Council
2	F	1	3.	Member	Medhanit A. Abebe	2/1/17	1/31/19	1	Mayor
3	F	1	4.	Member	Jeniffer Calleja	2/1/17	1/31/19	2	Mayor
1	F	7	5.	Member	Shelani Vanniasinkam	8/1/17	7/31/19	1	Council
3	M	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	F	4	8.	Member	Naheed Aaftaab	2/1/18	1/31/20	1	Council
3	F	5	9.	Member	Maria Zepeda Flores	2/1/18	1/31/20	1	Council
2	F	2	10.	Member	Farhiya Mohamed	2/1/18	1/31/20	2	Mayor
5	M	3	11.	Member	Eric Holzapfel	2/1/18	1/31/20	1	Mayor
3	F	5	12.	Member	Vanesa Gutierrez	8/1/18	1/31/20	1	Council
1	F	7	13.	Member	Riddhi Mukhopadhyay	8/1/18	7/31/20	2	Mayor
9	F	2	14.	Member	Ankita Patel	8/1/18	1/31/20	1	Council
1	M	2	15.	Get Engaged Member	Johnson Nguyen	9/1/18	8/31/19	1	Mayor

SELF-IDENTIFIED DIVERSITY CHART

	(1)		(2)		(3)		(4)		(5)		(6)		(7)		(8)		(9)	
	Men	Women	Transgender	Unknown	Asian	Black/ African American	Hispanic/ Latino	American Indian/ Alaska Native	Other (Specification Optional)	Caucasian/ Non- Hispanic	Pacific Islander	Middle Eastern	Multiracial					
Mayor	3	5			2	2	4											
Council	0	7			3		2									1		1
Other																		
Total	3	12			5	2	6									1		1

Key:

- *D List the corresponding *Diversity Chart* number (1 through 9)
- **G List *gender*, M = Male, F= Female, T= Transgender, U= Unknown
- RD Residential Council District number 1 through 7 or N/A