

# Raja Raghunath

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## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

**University of Denver Sturm College of Law, Denver, CO** 2009-present  
*Assistant Professor.* Full-time tenure-track faculty member with duties including: classroom seminar teaching; practical supervision of student attorneys in civil litigation matters such as breach of contract actions, executions of judgments, wage claims, civil protection orders, and housing evictions; and academic research and writing on constitutional law, civil rights, and labor and employment law topics.

**University of Denver Sturm College of Law, Student Law Office, Denver, CO** 2007-2009  
*Civil Rights Clinical Fellow.* Full-time lecturer in the Civil Rights Clinic with duties including classroom seminar teaching and practical supervision of student attorneys in federal and state civil rights actions such as employment discrimination and prisoners' rights claims.

## EDUCATION

**University of Michigan Law School, Ann Arbor, MI** Juris Doctor, 2002  
Intern, United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, Phnom Penh, Cambodia, 2000  
Extern, University of Natal-Durban Campus Law Clinic, Durban, South Africa, 2000  
Child Advocacy Law Clinic student attorney, 2002  
Fiske Fellowship Recipient, 2002

**Duke University, Durham, NC** Bachelor of Arts, *cum laude*, 1997  
Legislator, Duke Student Government, 1997  
Founder, Desegregate Duke campaign, 1997  
Intern, The Valley Trust, Hillcrest, South Africa, 1997

## PUBLICATIONS

*A Promise the Nation Cannot Keep: What Prevents the Application of the Thirteenth Amendment in Prison?*, 18 Wm. & Mary Bill Rts. J. 395 (2009).

*Stacking the Deck: Privileging "Employer Free Choice" over Industrial Democracy in the Card Check Debate*, 87 Neb. L. Rev. 329 (2008).

## PRESENTATIONS

Work in Progress, "The Plus One Clinic," Conference of the Asian Pacific American Law Faculty (CAPALF), Tucson, Arizona (March 5, 2010).

Presenter, Panel, "Cultivating Values: Developing Law Students into Citizen Lawyers," AALS Annual Meeting, New Orleans, Louisiana (January 9, 2010).

Presenter, Panel, "Individual Workers at the Mercy of the Union," Conference of the Working Class Studies Association, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania (June 6, 2009).

Moderator, Affinity Group, "Practice and Pedagogy Issues for Clinics Litigating the 'War on Terror,'" AALS

Conference on Clinical Legal Education, Cleveland, Ohio (May 9, 2009).

Work in Progress, “The Thirteenth Amendment and the Rise of an Incarcerated Chattel Class,” AALS Conference on Clinical Legal Education, Cleveland, Ohio (May 8, 2009).

Moderator, Panel, “Incorporating Substantive Justice into Domestic U.S. Jurisprudence,” Conceptualizing Substantive Justice Conference, Denver, Colorado (April 18, 2009).

Moderator and Presenter, Plenary Panel, “Protecting Asians in America,” Conference of the Asian Pacific American Law Faculty (CAPALF), Davis, California (March 29, 2009).

Work in Progress, “The Thirteenth Amendment and the Rise of an Incarcerated Chattel Class,” Conference of the Asian Pacific American Law Faculty (CAPALF), Davis, California (March 28, 2009).

Work in Progress, “The Thirteenth Amendment and the Rise of an Incarcerated Chattel Class,” Labor & Employment Law Colloquium, San Diego, California (October 25, 2008).

Presenter, Panel, “Stacking the Deck: Privileging ‘Employer Free Choice’ over Industrial Democracy in the Card Check Debate,” Conference of the Law & Society Association, Montreal, Quebec, Canada (May 31, 2008).

Moderator, Panel, “Employment Discrimination,” Conference of the Law & Society Association, Montreal, Quebec, Canada (May 29, 2008).

Work in Progress, “Stacking the Deck: Privileging ‘Employer Free Choice’ over Industrial Democracy in the Card Check Debate,” AALS Conference on Clinical Legal Education, Tucson, Arizona (May 7, 2008).

Work in Progress, “Stacking the Deck: Privileging ‘Employer Free Choice’ over Industrial Democracy in the Card Check Debate,” Conference of the Asian Pacific American Law Faculty (CAPALF), Denver, Colorado (April 26, 2008).

### **SERVICE**

Member, Sturm College of Law Appointments Committee and Legal Profession Sub-Committee (2009-2010).

Member, Sturm College of Law Public Interest Committee (2009-2010).

Judge, Frederick Douglass National Moot Court Competition, Lakewood, Colorado (February 6, 2009)

Participant in Colorado Employment Law Faculty (CELF), organization of law faculty from University of Denver and University of Colorado, supporting academic research, writing, and scholarly presentations of participants.

Volunteer with Arapahoe County Campaign for Change, supporting presidential candidacy of Barack Obama (2008).

### **LEGAL EXPERIENCE**

**Cleary Gottlieb Steen & Hamilton LLP**, New York, NY 2005-2007  
Litigation associate with practice including: taking of depositions, document collection/analysis, motion practice, and all other aspects of a \$1.2 billion adversary proceeding in federal bankruptcy court; negotiation and document collection/analysis in response to regulatory enforcement actions; advice on the litigation aspects of the Employee

Retirement Income Security Act (ERISA); pro bono plaintiffs' wage and hour litigation in federal district court; and pro bono guardianship proceedings in the New York State Family Court.

**Gilbert & Sackman, A Law Corporation**, Los Angeles, CA 2002-2005

Associate at labor law firm with practice encompassing all requested legal services for unions and employee benefits funds including: negotiation of election agreements and litigation of post-election objections and unfair labor practice charges before federal and state agencies and courts; grievance processing and arbitration; federal collections actions under ERISA; and plaintiffs' employment and employee benefits litigation in federal and state courts.

**American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees**, Los Angeles, CA 2001

AFL-CIO Law Student Union Summer intern conducting legal and field research for litigation in support of organizing drives and first-contract negotiations.

### LICENSES

**State of Colorado Bar**, December 20, 2007 (on waiver)

**New York State Bar**, March 8, 2006

**State Bar of California**, December 9, 2002 (inactive).

Also admitted to: District of Colorado; Southern District of New York; Eastern District of New York; Central District of California; Southern District of California; and United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit.