

Alina Ball

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Biography

Professor Alina Ball is the founding director of the Social Enterprise & Economic Empowerment Clinic at UC Hastings College of the Law. This in-house corporate law clinic is a unique blend of transactional lawyering while critically examining issues of economic and social justice. Her scholarship focuses on the intersections of corporate law, community lawyering, clinical pedagogy, and critical race theory. She was recognized as a 2015-16 Bellow Scholar for her corporate representation and collaborations to increase access to safe drinking water in rural communities. Prior to joining the faculty at UC Hastings, she was a Clinical Teaching Fellow with the Harrison Institute for Housing and Community Development at Georgetown University Law Center, representing low-income residents in affordable housing, real estate transactions.

Before her career in academia, Professor Ball was a corporate associate at Morrison & Foerster LLP, in San Francisco and Washington, DC, where her practice focused on representing private and public companies in debt, venture capital, private equity, and M&A transactions. She received her LLM from Georgetown University Law Center, J.D. from UCLA School of Law, with a specialization in Critical Race Studies, and B.A. degree from Wellesley College, majoring in Mathematics and Spanish, with a concentration in Latin American Studies.

She is actively engaged in community work and is honored to serve on the board of directors for several nonprofits, including Public Advocates.

Expertise

Education/Learning, Legal Services

Areas of Expertise

Social Enterprise Law, Corporate Law, Transactional Lawyering, Community Lawyering, Clinical Education, Critical Race Theory, Economic Justice

Affiliations

UC Hastings College of the Law : Director, Social Enterprise & Economic Empowerment Clinic (Since 2013)

Event Appearances

AALS Section on Clinical Legal Education Works in Progress
Conference on Clinical Legal Education

Finding Voice and Overcoming Resistance: Teaching Cross-Cultural Lawyering in Transactional Law Clinics and other Unobvious Settings
Conference on Clinical Legal Education

Speaker

Examining the Roots of Human Trafficking and Exploitation

Education

University of California, Los Angeles
J.D. Law

Wellesley College
B.A. Mathematics and Spanish

Georgetown University Law Center
LL.M. Clinical Advocacy

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