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Biography

Professor Veena Dubal's research focuses on the intersection of law and social change in the work context. Within this broad frame, she uses empirical methodologies to study (1) the meaning of law in the lives of precarious workers, (2) the role of public interest lawyering in social change movements, and (3) the co-constitutive influences of the law on work and identity.

Professor Dubal joined the Hastings Faculty in 2015, after a post-doctoral fellowship at Stanford University (also her undergraduate alma mater). Prior to that, Professor Dubal received her J.D. and Ph.D. from UC Berkeley, where she used historical and ethnographic methodologies to study workers and worker collectivities in the San Francisco taxi industry. The subject of her doctoral research arose from her experiences as a public interest attorney and Berkeley Law Foundation fellow at the Asian Law Caucus where she founded a taxi worker project and represented Muslim Americans in civil rights cases.

Complementing her academic scholarship, Professor Dubal's legal commentary is regularly featured in the local and national media, particularly her current research on precarious workers in the so-called "sharing economy."

Expertise

Education/Learning, Legal Services

Areas of Expertise

Work and Identity, Employment Law, Sharing Economy and Law, Employment Discrimination, Law and Social Change, Work Law, Legal Anthropology, Sociology of Social Movements, Critical Race Theory

Education

University of California, Berkeley
Ph.D. Jurisprudence and Social Policy

University of California, Berkeley - School of Law
J.D. Law

Stanford University
B.A. International Relations (Major) and Feminist Studies (Minor)

Accomplishments

Postdoctoral Fellow

Clayman Institute, Stanford University

Graduate Fellow

Center for Research on Social Change, UC Berkeley

BELS Fellow

Center for Law & Society, UC Berkeley

Berkeley Law Foundation Fellow

Asian Law Caucus

Fulbright IIE Grantee

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