

**City of Seattle  
Notice of Appointment**

<b>Name:</b> <b>Marsha Mavunkel</b>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Executive Appointment</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Reappointment</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Legislative Appointment</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Agency Appointment</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>PDA Council</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>PDA Constituency</b>
<b>Residential Neighborhood:</b> Capitol Hill	<b>Zip Code:</b> 98102	<b>Contact Phone No.:</b> 206-684-4500
<b>Appointed to:</b> Human Rights Commission		<b>Date of Appointment:</b> December 2, 2013
<b>Authority (Ord., Res.):</b> Ordinance 120871		<b>Term of Office:</b> <b>From:</b> Confirmation <b>To:</b> July 22, 2015
<p><b>Comments:</b></p> <p>Marsha Teresa Mavunkel has worked within the human rights realm both domestically and internationally for the past 10 years. She graduated from Seattle University School of Law in 2009, and has been working primarily in immigration law since that time. She has worked with human rights non-profits such as the World Organization Against Torture and the International Rescue Committee during her years in undergraduate and law school. During law school Marsha worked with the Seattle University International Human Rights Law clinic and traveled to San Jose, Costa Rica, as part of a team to present an oral argument before the full panel of the Inter-American Court of Human Rights. Directly after graduating from law school, Marsha worked as a Visiting Professional for the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees in San Jose, Costa Rica. Marsha has been a Seattle resident for seven years and enjoys working within her own local community in the human rights arena. She hopes to help community members and our local government with human rights initiatives and to inform and educate our city on human rights issues.</p> <p>Currently, Marsha is an attorney in the immigration group at Ryan, Swanson &amp; Cleveland. She also engages in extensive pro bono work, assisting clients with both affirmative and defensive asylum claims, and volunteers at the King County Bar Association Neighborhood immigration legal clinic. Marsha is also co-chair of the American Immigration Lawyers Association WA New Members Division Committee. Marsha was appointed to the Seattle Human Rights Commission in July 2011 and is excited to continue into her second terms as Appeals Chair for the Commission.</p>		
<b>Authorizing Signature:</b> 		<b>Name and Title of Officer Making Appointment:</b> Mayor Mike McGinn

## EDUCATION

### Seattle University School of Law, Seattle, WA

May 2009

Juris Doctor 2009 *cum laude*

- Article Editor and Board Member Seattle Journal for Social Justice 07-09.
- Co-President South Asian Law Student Association 07-08.
- Board Member, Diversity Rep, Women's Law Caucus 07-09.
- Student Moderator 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Trina Grillo Public Interest and Social Justice Retreat, "Global Social Justice Lawyering 2009" at Stanford University School of Law.

### University of California, Santa Cruz, CA

Bachelor of Arts, Politics

June 2004

- Minor in History

## BAR ADMISSION

Licensed member of Washington State Bar Association.

## EXPERIENCE

### Ketu Shah Law Offices, Bellevue WA

July 2010-present

*Contract Attorney*

- Draft Letters of Support, apply for labor condition application, write cover letters, and fill out I-129 for H-1B cases. Currently working on a PERM Labor Certification case.
- Drafted and filed all pleadings at King County Superior Court for an intestate Probate case.
- Researched pertinent immigration issues for lead attorney such as orphan petitions & Cap Gap issues.

### Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, San Jose, Costa Rica

Feb-May 2010

*Visiting Professional*

- Drafted a practitioner's manual on refugee protection within the Inter-American System of Human Rights.
- Researched relevant case law and reports issued by the Inter-American Commission to be included in manual.
- Revised internal policy memos regarding the UNHCR's role in international affairs.
- Revised Draft Resolution to the Organization of American States, by editing and contributing language to the translated Spanish to English version.

### Seattle University School of Law, Seattle, WA

June-July 2009

*Legal Intern*

- Researched and prepared for an oral argument before the full panel of the Inter-American Court of Human Rights at a Special Advisory Hearing instigated by the State of Argentina.
- Traveled to Costa Rica, as part of a Seattle University School of Law team and argued before the Court at the advisory hearing, on behalf of victim's procedural rights, specifically, for the abolishment of the role of ad hoc judges during State vs. Individual petitioner cases.

### Ronald A. Peterson Law Clinic, Immigration

Jan- May 2009

*Legal Intern*

- Represented and successfully obtained Lawful Permanent Resident status for a detained Ukrainian refugee in removal proceedings.
- Researched legal issues, drafted Briefs and Motions for trial, and filled out requisite paperwork for 209(c) Refugee waiver.

- Attended as legal representative, several Master Calendar Hearings and the Individual Case Hearing for client at the Immigration Court in the Northwest Detention Center.
- Prepared witnesses for Individual Case Hearing, and obtained all necessary evidentiary material to supplement waiver application.

**Ronald A. Peterson Law Clinic, International Human Rights**

*Aug-Dec 2008*

*Legal Intern*

- Drafted the admissibility portion of a petition to the Inter-American Commission alleging violations against the state of Mexico for torture, arbitrary detention, and violations of due process.
- Researched country conditions in Mexico, relevant reports regarding country practice and jurisprudence, as well as pertinent Inter-American Commission and Court cases.
- Participated in client meetings and conference calls in order to obtain necessary information for petition.

**Seattle University School of Law**

*Sept 2007-Aug 2008*

*Research Assistant*

- Researched refugee and international human rights law to provide sources for an article to be published: Edwin Odhiambo Abuya & Dulo Nyaoro, *Victims of Armed Conflict and Persecution in South Africa: Between a Rock and a Hard Place*, 32 HASTINGS INT'L & COMP. L. REV. 1 (2009).
- Edited chapters and created glossary for a soon to be published textbook on International Criminal Law: Beth Van Schaack & Ron Slye, *International Criminal Law & Its Enforcement* (Foundation Press 2010).

**International Rescue Committee (WA Anti-Trafficking Response Network)**

*June-Aug 2008*

*Legal Intern*

- Researched and assisted in drafting legislative proposal for creation of a pre-certification, state trafficking victims' benefits bill for the State of Washington.
- Represented IRC at working group sessions on trafficking with members from the Department of Health and Human Services, the Assistant United States Attorney of WA, NGO's, and local law enforcement.
- Researched evidence for T-visa case, including, news articles, country reports, mental health reports, and statistical data regarding trafficking victims from Latin America.
- Co-drafted the Declaration of the victim and family as well as the primary Brief to be submitted to USCIS on behalf of the victim.

**Government Accountability Project, Seattle, WA**

*June- Aug 2007*

*Legal Intern*

- Assisted attorneys in legal research and writing for Freedom of Information Act appeals.
- Researched pertinent case law in regards to a case to debar companies that are non-compliant with environmental statutes such as the Clean Air Act and Clean Water Act.
- Assisted in drafting and editing a Rulemaking Petition to prohibit the blacklisting of whistleblowers in settlement agreements.

**Morgenstein and Jubelirer LLP, San Francisco, CA**

*May 2005- June 2006*

*Case Assistant*

- Provided administrative and research support to multiple attorneys in areas such as Patent, Employment, and Insurance litigation and trial preparation.
- Managed high volume discovery documents using Summation and Concordance.

**MEDIA COVERAGE:**

*International Human Rights Clinic Team to Argue Before Inter-American Court*, SEATTLE UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW NEWS ARCHIVE (2009) available at, <http://www.law.seattleu.edu/x6074.xml>.

*Clinic Cases Help Students Make a Difference*, KING COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION BAR BULLETIN (Aug 2009) available at, <http://www.kcba.org/newsevents/barbulletin/archive/2009/09-08/article17.aspx>.

**LANGUAGE SKILLS:** Proficient in Spanish and Malayalam (dialect of Kerala, India).

# Seattle Human Rights Commission

November 27, 2013

15 members, confirmed by City Council, who serve a term of 2-years:

- 7 appointed by Mayor, confirmed by City Council
- 7 appointed by City Council
- 1 appointed by the Commission, confirmed by City Council

1 Get Engaged Member, confirmed by City Council who serves a single term of 1-year

D	G	Name	Appointed	Term Ends	Term #	Position	Appointed By
6	F	Katherine Beckett	08-27-12	07-22-14	1 <sup>st</sup>		City Council
6	M	Alex Becker		07-22-14	1 <sup>st</sup>		City Council
6	F	Catherine Moore	08-27-12	07-22-14	1 <sup>st</sup>	Chair	City Council
4	F	Ethel Branch	09-24-13	07-22-15	1 <sup>st</sup>		City Council
4	F	Nika Dahlbacka	09-09-09	07-22-13	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Vice-Chair	City Council
3	F	Alejandra Gonza	11-01-12	07-22-13	1 <sup>st</sup>		City Council
3	M	Greg Ramirez	10-31-11	07-22-13	1 <sup>st</sup>		City Council
1	F	Christina Ygonia	08-27-12	07-22-14	1 <sup>st</sup>		Commission
3	M	David Lujano	11-15-12	07-22-14	1 <sup>st</sup>		Mayor
3	F	Andrea Negréte	11-05-12	07-22-14	1 <sup>st</sup>		Mayor
1	M	Rich Stolz	03-20-13	07-22-14	1 <sup>st</sup>		Mayor
1	F	Jennifer Yogi	07-30-10	07-22-14	2 <sup>nd</sup>		Mayor
5	F	Marsha Mavunkel	10-31-11	07-22-13	2 <sup>nd</sup>		Mayor
6	M	Martin Penner	07-30-10	07-22-13	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Secretary	Mayor
5	F	Anita Khandelwal	11-14-13	07-22-15	1 <sup>st</sup>		Mayor
6	F	Naomi McMillen	07-15-13	09-01-14	1 <sup>st</sup>	Get Engaged	Mayor

(sorted by appt auth, term end date and name)

## Diversity

	Men	Women	Vacant	Minority	(1) Asian-American	(2) African-American	(3) Hispanic Latin@	(4) Native-American	(5) Other	(6) Caucasian
Council	2	5	0	4	0	0	2	2	0	3
Commission	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
Mayor	3	4	0	5	2	0	2	0	2	1
Get Engaged	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>5</b>