

# HARLEEN KAUR GAMBHIR

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## EDUCATION

### HARVARD LAW SCHOOL, J.D., May 2019

Honors: *Magna cum laude*

Activities: *Harvard Law Review*, Articles Editor

Publications: Research Assistant to Professors Daphna Renan, Noah Feldman, and K. Sabeel Rahman  
Recent Case, *City of El Cenizo v. Texas*, 890 F.3d 165 (5th Cir. 2018), 132 HARV. L. REV. 1738 (2019)

Recent Case, *Igartúa v. Trump*, 868 F.3d 24 (1st Cir. 2017), 131 HARV. L. REV. 1155 (2018)

*Wagafe v. Trump, a Preview of "Extreme Vetting" Litigation*, LAWFARE (Jan. 3, 2018)

*The Next Wave of AUMF Expansion?*, LAWFARE (Nov. 13, 2017)

### HARVARD COLLEGE, B.A. in Social Studies, May 2014

Honors: Departmental High Honors, *cum laude*

Thesis: *Data-Driven Democracy: Persuasion Experiments in the Obama 2012 Campaign*

## EXPERIENCE

**HON. HARRY T. EDWARDS U.S. COURT OF APPEALS, DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**, Washington, DC 2020-2021  
*Law Clerk (upcoming)*

**HON. PATTI B. SARIS, U.S. DISTRICT COURT, DISTRICT OF MASSACHUSETTS**, Boston, MA 2019-2020  
*Law Clerk*

**NAACP LEGAL DEFENSE & EDUCATIONAL FUND**, New York, NY January 2019  
*Litigation Intern*

Drafted the complaint for a vote dilution challenge under Section 2 of the Voting Rights Act (VRA). Produced motions regarding the appointment of a Special Master in a separate VRA case. Researched Twenty-Sixth Amendment case law and recent judicial findings of discriminatory intent in voting rights cases.

**PROTECT DEMOCRACY**, Cambridge, MA Fall 2018  
*Clinic Student*

Wrote memos analyzing merits and venue issues in a First Amendment lawsuit by a journalists' association. Drafted a section of brief regarding the Appointments Clause. Researched organizational standing issues and originalist understandings of presidential power.

**MEXICAN AMERICAN LEGAL DEFENSE & EDUCATIONAL FUND**, San Antonio, TX Summer 2018  
*Litigation Intern*

Drafted portions of the Defendant-Intervenors' briefs opposing a preliminary injunction of DACA. Reviewed depositions and discovery documents. Conducted client intake. Drafted the opening statement and supporting material for a federal district court hearing on a school finance case.

**PERKINS COIE, LLP**, Washington, DC Summer 2018  
*Political Law Group Summer Associate*

Conducted legal research in support of voting rights litigation and in response to client inquiries on election law. Wrote memoranda analyzing redistricting litigation following *Gill v. Whitford*. Gave a presentation on campaign finance law to the full staff of a client organization. Drafted affidavits and conducted research for an administrative hearing regarding a challenge to a client's nominating petition.

**BRENNAN CENTER FOR JUSTICE**, New York, NY Summer 2017  
*Democracy Program Legal Intern*

Assisted attorneys with litigation, scholarship, and legislative advocacy related to voting rights, redistricting, and fair courts. Conducted extensive statutory research and drafted memoranda in support of litigation.

**HARVARD DEFENDERS**, Cambridge, MA Spring 2017-Present  
Provide free representation to low-income defendants in criminal show-cause hearings before clerk-magistrates. Conducted weekly client intake. Participated in weekly discussions on representation strategies.

**INSTITUTE FOR THE STUDY OF WAR**, Washington, DC 2014- 2016  
*Counterterrorism Team Lead Analyst*

Authored daily and long-form reports on ISIS's global strategy and operations. Managed ten individuals. Published opinion editorials in *The Wall Street Journal*, *The Washington Post*, and *Politico*. Appeared on CNN, MSNBC, and BBC. Briefed presidential candidates, Congress members, and U.S. and foreign defense officials.

## **PERSONAL**

Languages: Intermediate Punjabi, Hindi comprehension

Interests: Travel (29 countries), political campaign work, hiking