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Professional experience

Stanford Law School, Organizations and Transactions Clinic

Associate Director and Lecturer in Law (2022 – present)
Clinical Supervising Attorney and Lecturer in Law (2012 – 2022)

Instructor in clinic designed to help prepare students for corporate practice. Responsibilities include curriculum and client development, legal services delivery, student supervision, and leading class sessions. Clinic represents established Northern California nonprofit corporations. Projects include corporate governance, contracts, structural, and programmatic matters. Research interests include transactional skills teaching and law firm training and professional development.

Cooley LLP, Palo Alto, CA

Corporate Associate (1999 – 2003, 2005 – 2012)

Corporate and securities experience with an emphasis on mergers and acquisitions. Experience also included securities law, corporate governance, venture capital financings, public offerings, private placement transactions, and executive compensation. Developed internal reference and training materials for firm-wide corporate attorneys. Conducted training sessions for junior corporate attorneys on business opinion practice, due diligence, and M&A. Mentored and trained junior and summer associates.

International Business Machines Corporation, Armonk, NY

Staff Attorney (2004 – 2005)

Provided legal support for various corporate functions, including corporate development, marketing, global procurement, corporate secretary, treasury and integrated supply chain. Developed and reviewed internal policies.

Education

Harvard Law School

J.D. (1999)

Harvard Journal of Law & Technology, Technical Editor
Korean Association of Harvard Law School, President

Massachusetts Institute of Technology

B.S., Biology (1996)

Phi Beta Kappa

The Tech, Managing Editor

Varsity Swim Team, Club Water Polo

Publications

Michelle Sonu, *Improving the Training and Supervision of Lawyers in Law Firms through Insights from Law School Clinics*, NALP PD QUARTERLY 29 (August 2016).

Jay A. Mitchell & Michelle Sonu, *Food Banks to Investment Banks: Clinic Design for Corporate Practice*, 19 LEWIS & CLARK L. REV. 267 (2015).

Chao, D.M., Gadbois, E.L., Murray, P.J., Anderson, S.F., Sonu, M.S., Parvin, J.D. & Young, R.A., *Identification of a mammalian RNA polymerase II holoenzyme containing an SRB regulatory protein*, 380 NATURE 82-85 (1996).

Website**Nonprofit documents | nonprofitdocuments.law.stanford.edu**

website, targeted to lawyers, containing roughly 250 form and precedent legal documents for nonprofit organizations; materials relate to corporate governance, programmatic and earned income activities, resource sharing and other relationships unique to nonprofits, and other topics; site includes governance documents, contracts, practical management tools, and examples of advice communications; site also contains brief discussion about approach to legal document design

Academic presentations

Preparing for Corporate Practice: Transaction Management, presentation at 14th Annual Transactional Clinical Conference, Kansas City, MO (2015).