

BIOGRAPHY

Sharanjeet Parmar, a Lecturer on Law and human rights Clinical Instructor with Harvard Law School, has been working on international human rights for the past eight years. From 2002-2005, Parmar served as a trial attorney in Sierra Leone, focusing on the use of child soldiers and gender crimes. In this role, Parmar directed and supervised field investigations involving child witnesses, examined child witnesses in court, and facilitated the testimony of expert witnesses on crimes against children – issues that are still at the fore of human rights concerns in Sierra Leone, nearly seven years after the country's civil war.

In 2005, Parmar traveled to South Sudan, where she worked as a rule of law officer and legal aid manager for the International Rescue Committee. Parmar was responsible for initiating a community-based legal aid program, and providing basic human rights training for local paralegals.

Since 2006, Parmar has been with Harvard Law School. Her work with students has included projects focused on sexual and gender-based violence in West Africa, public health and human rights in India, child labor on diamond mines in Sierra Leone and transitional justice issues in Liberia, India and Namibia.

During Summer 2008, Sharan assisted with efforts to rebuild and reform the justice sector for the United Nations Development Program in Somalia. Her work focused on strengthening the police and courts to help bring stability to the country, as well as addressing the needs of those most marginalized in society such as women, children and minorities.

She holds a Bachelor of Laws (LL.B.) from Dalhousie Law School, Canada, and a Masters of Laws (LL.M) with Distinction in International Legal Studies from New York University School of Law.