

Radha Natarajan



Radha Natarajan (she/her/hers) is committed to fighting for freedom alongside the people, families, and communities harmed by the criminal legal system. She is the Executive Director of the New England Innocence Project, an organization that helps free innocent people from prison, fights injustice within the criminal legal system, and supports people who have suffered from long-term incarceration as they rebuild in freedom. Radha earned her B.A. in Comparative Studies in Race and Ethnicity at Stanford University and her J.D. from New York University School of Law.

As a daughter of immigrants, Radha recognizes the intersectionality of movements for liberation and looks for opportunities to challenge the systems that keep people from thriving. Radha uses litigation and organizing

strategies to confront myths and biases that lead to injustice.

Radha has been in this fight for freedom for more than 20 years, starting her legal career as a public defender at the Roxbury Defenders in 2003 and joining the New England Innocence Project in 2015. For her work, Radha has been presented with a 2023 Lawyer of the Year Award by Massachusetts Lawyers Weekly, the 2020 Carol Donovan Award for Exceptional Advocacy by the Committee for Public Counsel Services, 2020 Excellence in the Law Award from Massachusetts Lawyers Weekly, the 2019 Leadership Award by the Massachusetts Nonprofit Network, the 2018 President's Award from the Massachusetts Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers, the 2013 Top Women of Law Award, and the 2011 Access to Justice Award from the Massachusetts Bar Association. However, the most significant reward for Radha is marching toward liberation with the people she serves and dismantling systems of injustice to free us all.