

Shalini Konanur – Biography

Shalini Konanur is the Executive Director / Senior Lawyer at the South Asian Legal Clinic of Ontario (SALCO). SALCO is also a founding and steering committee member of the Colour of Poverty - Colour of Change. Shalini has spent her entire career in Ontario's legal aid clinic system working with thousands of racialized clients over 21 years. Shalini's work focuses on the impact of systemic racism on the life outcomes of racialized communities and includes test case work to challenge systemic racism in the Ontario Courts, the Federal Court, and the Supreme Court of Canada, and advocacy domestically and internationally to combat racism in Canada. For the past 15 years, Shalini has worked extensively in direct legal service, test case work, and advocacy on immigration law in Canada. She has also provided training to judges and practitioners on enhancing cultural competence in serving racialized communities. Most recently, Shalini provided training through the National Judicial Institute for judges across Canada on cultural competence in the courtroom.