

Jacqueline Horani

Clinical professor, entrepreneur, and innovator dedicated to collaboration, Access-to-Justice, and liberation. Holding a J.D. from NYU School of Law, speaking & teaching internationally, she brings clarity to the fundamentals of law, business, and social justice. A natural teacher, systems changemaker, and a fast learner, she is skilled at revealing the simplicity within complex ideas.




EDUCATION


NEW YORK UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW, New York, NY, USA
J.D., 2016


Honors: Review of Law & Social Change, *Senior Articles Editor*
Human Rights Watch, *Research Assistant* 2013-2014
Federal Trade Commission, *Law Clerk* Summer 2015

UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA AT OMAHA, Omaha, NE, USA
B.A. in Philosophy, *magna cum laude*, 2011
Honors: Regents Scholar, Honors Scholar

PERSONAL DATA

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TEACHING EXPERIENCE

QUINNIPIAC UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW, North Haven, CT, USA
Affiliated Law Faculty

Spring 2021

"Negotiations Clinic"

Based on excellent student feedback, was invited back to co-teach and lead fully virtual clinic focused on integrative approaches to conflict resolution, dispute management, negotiation skills, and collaborative law. Creating new syllabus, curriculum, teaching materials, and online course system. Offering students an opportunity to facilitate the negotiation of agreements between real clients who might be anywhere in the world. Introducing students to negotiating cross-border transactions and integrating a systems-change approach to lawyering.

QUINNIPIAC UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW, North Haven, CT, USA
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Summer 2020

"Experiential Clinic: Examining Contracts & the Process of Reaching Agreement in Transactional Practice"

Co-taught and developed first of it's kind fully virtual clinical experiential course at university. Taught an integrative approach to law, contracting, client interviewing, and collaborative team practices. Co-created course syllabus, curriculum, and a dynamic Blackboard learning management system. Used multiple innovative teaching methodologies including law firm formation simulation followed by experiential client work facilitating and drafting real agreements.

CUTTING EDGE LAW ENTERPRISES, INC., Global Remote
Co-teacher

June-July 2020

Introduction to Conscious Contracts® Course-Australia & US Series

Co-taught 6 week course to lawyers and entrepreneurs in Australia & the US on the basics of the Conscious Contracts® methodology, bringing a relational and values-based approach to agreements.

CUTTING EDGE LAW ENTERPRISES, INC., Global Remote
Guest Speaker

June 2020

Introduction to Conscious Contracts® Course-Europe & US Series

Developed and taught plain language drafting class to lawyers in Europe & the US.

LEGAL & ENTREPRENEURIAL EXPERIENCE

HORANI LAW, PLLC, New York, NY, USA
Founding Attorney & Changemaker

March 2019-Present

Purpose-driven sliding fee scale law firm dedicated to transforming experiences of 'work', the business of law, and Access-to-Justice solutions. Offering consulting and legal services bringing clarity, meaning, and transparency to entity formation, contracts, organizational policies, marketing, and more. As a certified Conscious Contracts® practitioner and trainer, I help people learn to establish trust through their agreements, communicate in plain language, and align their work with their values. Researching & prototyping solutions to reduce impacts of 'accidents of geography', increase economic justice, and reduce barriers to wealth and collaboration.

LEGAL AID, Bronx, NY, USA
Staff Attorney

September 2016-March 2019

Tenant organizer and litigator advocating for improved living conditions, defending and affirming tenant rights in housing court in the Bronx, NY. Known among opposing counsel as a strong oral advocate. Experienced in drafting creative motions, advocating in front of judges, and resolving complex layers of issues between multiple parties and agencies. Involved in community meetings and navigating multiple stakeholder interests.

LUCKY'S VINTAGE, Omaha, NE, USA
Co-Owner & Co-Founder

April 2012-Present

Launched vintage clothing and furniture store emphasizing community sustainability. Provided capital investment and drafted business responsibility agreements between partners. Advocated at City Council on behalf of local business district. Designed customer photo-shoots for online marketing, expanding sales to 26 U.S. states and 14 countries worldwide.

FELLOWSHIPS

57 COACHES-KAIROS PROJECT
Change Agent Fellow

July, 2020

Selected as a changemaker pioneer for my commitment to helping humanity find a better way of working, interacting, and living in the post-Covid-19 paradigm. Based on my application as a lawyer working to increase access to new-paradigm legal education while innovating access-to-justice tools, I was granted a 3-month coaching program fellowship. This program was designed to help understand and break through the challenges I was facing to increase the impact of my work. My current research projects are a continuation of my fellowship commitment to making a positive difference in the world.

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION, USA
Business Law Section, Member

2018-Present

NEW YORK CITY BAR ASSOCIATION, New York, NY, USA
Senior Lawyers Committee, Secretary

2020-Present

NEW YORK CITY BAR ASSOCIATION, New York, NY, USA
Mindfulness & Well-Being in the Law Committee, Secretary

2018-2019

COMMUNITY & VOLUNTEERING

SCORE SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION, New York, USA Fall 2019-Present
Mentor & Advisory Board Member

Volunteering as legal subject matter expert mentoring small business and non-profit entrepreneurs; Advisory board member for companies with min. \$4 million annual revenue.

INTEGRATIVE LAW CREW, Virtual March-December 2020
Member

Self-managed co-mentorship small group for women attorneys to discuss and support each other on the intersection of legal careers and personal development.

SOCIETY 2045, Global Remote July 2020-Present
Member

A global group of people coming together regularly to contribute their vision of the society they want to see by 2045. Bringing together each individual's unique experiences, respective projects, and networks to discover and collaborate on a broader vision of the future.

FORREST WEBB, Global Remote March 2018-Present
Co-leader

Forrest Webb began as a group of lawyers and legal consultants with a shared mission and vision. We set out to transform what it means to be a lawyer through collaboration and exploration of how to make the world a better place. We host legal changemaker cafes, develop and hold trainings for lawyers and business people, and advise clients seeking interdisciplinary approaches.

RESEARCH PROJECTS

SLIDING SCALE FEE MODEL- *Legal Tech*

Developing a tool to allow law firms of any size (especially solos!) to easily customize and implement a sliding scale fee system into their billing. The tool automatically adjusts the fee a potential client would pay based on household size and income. Aimed to address the huge access-to-justice gap in the U.S., we've already received enough interest from companies outside the legal industry that we will be expanding the project to work for any service business.

COLLABORATIVE TEAM MODELS- *Ethics & Legal Practice*

Testing out approaches for holistic teams of practitioners to represent clients together instead of on a referral basis. A collaborative team model not only helps clients not have to repeat their stories, it helps counsel strategize more effectively and creatively, and helps lawyers and practitioners pursue work that aligns with their strengths. Through this multi-modality approach, clients often achieve deeper, more transformative, and sustainable results. We are researching ways to clarify and ease pursuing such a model while complying with cross-jurisdictional, insurance, and professional ethics and regulations.

INTERNATIONAL HIRING & COOPERATIVE MODELS- *Labor Law, Contracts, & Corporations*

I believe that 'accidents of geography' should not dictate our access to opportunities. In this globalized and virtual world, we need to make it easier for businesses (especially solo & small law firms) to ethically take on interns and hire internationally while addressing economic injustice. We are researching ways to challenge hierarchies of expertise, to remove exploitative practices from our work, and empower workers to freely collaborate. I am currently working with colleagues in Belgium and the U.S. to develop cooperative structures that help achieve these goals.