

# MEENA JAGANNATH

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Community Justice Project, Inc.

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Co-Founded with Alana Greer

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2015 Black Male Achievement Fellow



## BIG BOLD IDEA

Support racial justice and human rights movements led by communities of color by providing grassroots organizations with legal support, strategic partnerships and representation in organizing campaigns.

## ORGANIZATION OVERVIEW

Community Justice Project, Inc. (CJP) provides legal support to racial justice and human rights movements led by communities of color in Florida and beyond. CJP uses a broad range of legal tactics including human rights advocacy, litigation, and participatory research to bolster grassroots organizing on issues such as police accountability, mass incarceration, and economic justice. CJP works closely with grassroots groups in low-income communities of color, and those led by black youth in particular, because of a deeply held belief that meaningful social change can only come from movements organized and led by those most impacted by social injustice.

## PERSONAL BIO

Meena Jagannath, co-founder of the Community Justice Project, Inc., is a movement lawyer with an extensive background in international human rights. Prior to coming to Miami, she worked for the Bureau des Avocats Internationaux in Port-au-Prince, Haiti where she coordinated the Rape Accountability and Prevention Project, which combined direct legal representation with advocacy and capacity building of grassroots women's groups. In the U.S. she has paved a path for community leaders to use human rights advocacy to elevate their organizing by coordinating delegations to the United Nations and other forums with youth leaders and directly impacted persons including the parents of Mike Brown, Jr. Meena has published several articles in law journals and other media outlets. She received her J.D. from University of Washington Law School where she was a William H. Gates Public Service Law Scholar. She also holds a master's degree in International Affairs (human rights) from Columbia University where she was a Foreign Language and Area Studies scholar, and a BA in International Relations and Peace and Justice Studies from Tufts University.

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### Organization/Fellow Location

New York, United States

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### Impact Location

North America

United States

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### Organization Structure

Nonprofit

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