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ADITI GOEL

Executive Director *of the*
Sixth Amendment Center

As the child of immigrant parents who grew up without the freedom to live by their own determination, Aditi Goel has always deeply valued America's founding principles. Witnessing the limitations her parents faced — in contrast to the opportunities she had in America — cemented her belief in the promises of the U.S. Constitution and its freedoms. She considers the right to counsel fundamental to protecting those freedoms.

As such, Aditi's 15-year career has been dedicated to upholding the constitutional right to counsel — from interning as an investigator at a public defender office in Washington, D.C., to serving as a public defender in Massachusetts, to teaching as a Clinical Instructor at Harvard Law School, and now leading as the Executive Director of the Sixth Amendment Center (6AC).

At 6AC, she has evaluated and provided expert assistance to legislators and courts across the country to help strengthen their public defense systems. Her work has driven reform in South Dakota, Guam, California and beyond. She launched 6AC's law school internship program, which has hosted more than 50 law students in 24 different law schools. She also transformed 6AC's website, making it an indispensable public resource for information on the right to counsel.

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“6AC is one of a kind. It is mission-focused, approaches reform methodically, and its philosophy of change — doing the difficult work of engendering trust — works and is one that I personally value.”



Expertise

Aditi is the Executive Director and heads 6AC's technical assistance and evaluation services. She has 15 years of experience in public defense, including as a public defender at Massachusetts' Committee for Public Counsel Services, Clinical Instructor at Harvard Law School's Criminal Justice Institute, and investigator at the Public Defender Service for the District of Columbia.

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Executive Director

May 2025 – Present

Deputy Director

Sept 2023 – May 2025

Senior Program Manager

June 2022 – Sept 2023

Program Manager

June 2020 – June 2022

Clinical Instructor / Harvard Law School

Criminal Justice Institute

Sept 2017 – June 2020

Public Defender / Committee for Public Counsel Services

Sept 2012 – Sept 2017

Media and Press Experience

6AC has been featured in various media and press over 650 times. As part of that coverage, Aditi Goel has contributed her expertise to prominent publications from across the country such as The Christian Science Monitor, NPR, The Boston Globe, The New York Times, and The Santa Barbara Independent. Recently, she was also a featured guest on the Public Defenseless podcast. She has consistently emphasized the underinvestment in indigent defense systems and the importance of meaningfully upholding the Sixth Amendment right to counsel to achieve a fair justice system.

Featured Media Outlets



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