

UNPACKING IQBAL

Ashcroft v. Iqbal is known as the seminal case that every 1L agonizes over because it transformed the pleading standard starting in 2008. But this case goes beyond pleading standards. It is intertwined with questions surrounding qualified immunity, Xenophobia, Islamophobia and carries a holding that eerily resembles a rationale for blatant racism and discrimination. We have invited panel speakers Professor Alexander Reinert and Professor Shirin Sinnar to discuss the impact that *Iqbal* has had on the entire American litigation system for ethnic and racial minorities.

When: Thursday, April 15th
6:00-7:15pm CDT

Where: Zoom, register here:
<https://lu.ma/qgugl5o3>

Speakers

Alexander Reinert

Alexander Reinert argued before the Supreme Court in *Ashcroft v. Iqbal* and has appeared on behalf of parties and amicus curiae in many significant civil rights cases. Alex is the Max Freund Professor of Litigation and Advocacy and Director of the Center for Rights and Justice at the Cardozo School of Law. Alex joined the faculty of Cardozo in 2007, after working as an associate at Koob & Magoolaghan for six years, where he focused on the rights of people confined in prisons and jails, employment discrimination, and disability rights.

Shirin Sinnar

Shirin Sinnar joined the Stanford Law faculty in 2012. Her scholarship focuses on the legal treatment of political violence, the procedural dimensions of civil rights litigation, and the role of institutions in protecting individual rights and democratic values in the national security context. Her recent work assesses the legal regime for domestic and international terrorism under U.S. law.



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