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Biography

Jessica Vapnek is a Lecturer, Global Programs Advisor, and Director of the M.S.L. Program at UC Hastings. Previously, she was a Regional Technical Director for a consulting firm in San Francisco implementing rule-of-law projects around the world. In that role she managed complex international projects, helped write winning proposals, and published articles on access to justice and dispute resolution. Previously, for almost 15 years, Professor Vapnek served as a Legal Officer with the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization in Rome, providing policy advice to member countries, drafting legislation on agriculture and natural resources, and writing and editing a number of articles and books. Professor Vapnek has lived in Africa (she was a Peace Corps Volunteer in the former Zaire and a Fulbright Scholar in Ghana) and has worked in or traveled to 91 countries during her career. She speaks French, Spanish, and Italian.

Areas of Expertise

Agriculture and Natural Resource Law, Legislative Drafting, Rule of Law

Affiliations

State Bar of California : Member, Bar Association of the District of Columbia : Member

Education

University of California, Berkeley - School of Law
J.D.

Yale University
B.A.

Accomplishments

Editor in Chief
California Law Review

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