

Fighter, writer, lawyer Shefali Desai

shares her personal and professional experiences advocating for asylum seekers in Arizona.

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Shefali Desai is a child of the American southwest, daughter of Indian immigrants, mother of sons, fighter/writer/lawyer, and a lover of mountains, forests and bodies of water. She has been a Rhodes Scholarship finalist, Arizona Supreme Court law clerk, and VONA fellow. Her book-length manuscript was selected by Lidia Yuknavitch as a finalist in the Kore Press Memoir Competition, and her work has been published widely including in *Ms. Magazine*, the *UCLA Women's Law Journal*, *Kartika Review*, and the anthology *This Bridge We Call Home*.

She currently is co-authoring a legal paper on federal and state regulatory power over so-called sanctuary cities, litigating an asylum case, and finalizing her hybrid memoir. She lives in the Sonoran Desert with her partner and two children.