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Radha Natarajan is the Executive Director of the New England Innocence Project (NEIP), whose mission includes freeing innocent people from prison, preventing future wrongful convictions, and supporting exonerees upon release. Before joining NEIP as its Staff Attorney, Radha spent twelve years as a public defender, most recently at the Roxbury Defenders Unit. For her work, she has been presented with the 2020 Carol Donovan Award for Exceptional Advocacy by the Committee for Public Counsel Services, 2020 Excellence in the Law Award from Massachusetts Lawyers Weekly, the 2018 President's Award from the Massachusetts Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers, the 2013 Top Women of Law Award, and the 2011 Access to Justice Award from the Massachusetts Bar Association.

She is a 2000 graduate of Stanford University, where she majored in Comparative Studies in Race and Ethnicity, focusing on the role of race in the legal system. She is a 2003 graduate of New York University School of Law, where she was the Managing Editor of the New York University Law Review.

- **Leadership Superpower:** “My leadership superpower is seeing connections, between people and ideas, and nourishing those connections for a larger impact.”
- **What brings her joy:** Her daughter - she is 5! Peace and calm is important to her, being at home with music and just having a calm place to be in.
- **Theme Song:** “Rise Up” by Andra Day