

# Jay Kumar Aiyer

Barbara Jordan-Mickey Leland School of Public Affairs  
Political Science/Executive Masters of Public Administration (eMPA) Program  
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## PROFILE

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An accomplished academic and researcher with a proven record of success in the public, private and non-profit sectors; licensed to practice in Law in Texas since 1995.

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## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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### Texas Southern University – Barbara Jordan Mickey Leland School of Public Affairs

*Assistant Professor*

*2011-Present*

Serving as a faculty member in the Executive Master's of Public Administration program, teaching all aspects of public administration including public finance, public policy, inter governmental relations and government technology; researching and developing scholarly work in the field of urban policy.

### South Texas College of Law

*Adjunct Professor*

*2010-Present*

Specializing on municipal, school and immigration law.

### The Aiyer Law Firm

*Principal*

*2009-2011*

Specializing in complex legal matters including immigration related services; premises liability and nuisance related litigation; and providing assistance to educational entities on business process and educational policies.

### Foster Quan, LLP

*Of Counsel*

*2005-2009*

Handling complex immigration matters including employment-based business immigration and emigration, family-based immigration and naturalization, deportation and removal defense, immigration-related litigation, visas for artists and entertainers, foreign investors, and employer audits.

### Jay Aiyer, Attorney at Law

*Attorney*

*2004-2005*

Managed private civil practice with an emphasis in personal injury and immigration solutions.

### Chamberlain Hrdlicka, P.C.

*Of Counsel*

*2002-2004*

Specialized in business visa options for multinational corporations, including E, H, L and immigrant adjustment applications; provided law firm business development expertise for corporate and banking sections.

### Deloitte & Touche

*Senior Management Consultant*

*2000-2002*

Improved the operations of public, educational, and non-profit institutions; clients included the City of Houston, the City of Dallas, Harris County, Spring Branch ISD, Dallas ISD and the Houston ISD; authored

of several reports on management solutions in governmental operations, including the first comprehensive review of business operations at Houston ISD.

Office of the Mayor, City of Houston

*Chief of Staff*

1998-2000

Managed the day-to-day operations of the Mayor's office, overseeing a staff of 90 and a budget in excess of \$3 million.

Hofheinz, Mahoney & Jones

*Attorney*

1995-1998

Provided general civil legal services to clients that included: business immigration, small business civil litigation, and uncontested family matters.

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**EDUCATION**

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South Texas College of Law

*Juris Doctor*

December 1994

University of Texas, LBJ School of Public Affairs

*Masters in Public Affairs*

August 1993

University of Texas

*Bachelor of Arts*

May 1990

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**COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT**

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Former Chair of the Houston Community College Board of Trustees; American Immigration Lawyers Association, Houston Bar Association, South Asian Bar Association, Asian-American Bar Association, YMCA International Services, South Asian Chamber of Commerce and Asian American Business Council. Member of the State Bar of Texas, Charter member of TiE Houston. Graduate of the Center for Houston's Future, Texas Lyceum, and Leadership Houston

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**PRESENTATIONS AND PUBLICATIONS**

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“COH Election Analysis,” Red White and Blue, PBS October 15, 2011

“Racially Correlated Voting Patterns in Biracial Elections in Houston 1997-2009.” Western Social Science Association, Houston Texas April 12, 2012. Aiyer

“Technology as a Tool for Education Reform.” Western Social Science Association, Houston Texas April 12, 2012. Aiyer

“Education Reform-Case Study NFISD.” Research Week Presentation Texas Southern University, April 5, 2012. Aiyer

“Bridging the Skills Gap.” BJI Policy Journal, Volume 1. Aiyer

“Education Reform-Case Study.” BJI Policy Journal, Volume 1. Aiyer and Adams

“AP and Dual Credit, HISD Case Study NFISD.” BJI Policy Journal, Volume 1. Aiyer, Adams and Robinson

“Taking a closer look at STAAR test results,” Houston Chronicle, June 15, 2012

“Connecting to Markets-Exploring Low-Income Neighborhoods in the regional Context,” Presentation to Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas-Houston, June 20 2012.

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## **BIO**

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Jay K. Aiyer has proven himself a leader and innovator in the public, private and non-profit sectors. An academic specializing in urban public policy, Jay is also a licensed attorney and policy consultant who has handled a myriad of complex legal and policy matters while serving as an academic and policy advocate. Prior to his career in academia, he was in private practice with Foster Quan, LLP (formerly Tindall & Foster, P.C.) and previously served as an attorney with the firm of Chamberlain, Hrdlicka, Williams, White and Martin. A graduate of the South Texas College of Law, Jay has been a licensed attorney since 1995.

In addition to serving as an Assistant Professor of Policy at The Jordan/Leland School of Public Affairs at Texas Southern University and the interim Assistant Director of the Barbara Jordan Institute for Policy, he has authored several research papers in the area of urban education reform. He also continues to serve as an Adjunct Professor of Law at South Texas College of Law.

### **Working for Innovation....**

In addition to his legal and academic career, Jay has also been a senior management consultant in Education and Government for Deloitte and Touche, L.L.P. He is the author of several reports on management solutions in governmental operations, including the first comprehensive review of business operations at Houston ISD. His past clients have included San Jacinto Community College, Dallas Independent School District and the Spring Branch Independent School District. Jay holds a Bachelors Degree from the University of Texas at Austin in Government and Economics, and a Masters Degree from the L.B.J. School of Public Affairs at the University of Texas.

### **Commitment to Public Service...**

Jay has worked in the public sector, first in the Texas Senate, where he worked for state Senator Rodney Ellis and in the City of Houston, where he served as Chief of Staff to Mayor Lee P. Brown. He was the first Asian American and youngest Chief of Staff in the modern history of Houston. He has also served on the boards of many community and non-profit organizations including, the YMCA International Services, South Asian Chamber of Commerce and Asian American Business Council. He is a member of the State Bar of Texas, and has been a member of the Houston Bar Association, South Asian Bar Association, Asian-American Bar Association, and is a Charter member of TiE Houston. He is a graduate of the Center for Houston's Future, Texas Lyceum, and Leadership Houston. He is also a frequent contributor to the Houston Chronicle as a guest writer on policy and education issues.

Jay is a past Chair of the Houston Community College Board of Trustees, serving as 2006 Board Chair and Member of the Board of trustees from 2001-2007. He was appointed to the HCCS Board of Trustees in April 2001, and elected for a full term in November 2001 to represent Southwest Houston. Jay was the first person of Asian descent to serve on the HCCS Board of Trustees.

### **Family**

Jay grew up in Southwest Houston, and attended public schools in the Alief and Fort Bend Independent School Districts. He and his wife, Nirja Sharma Aiyer, a Senior Assistant City Attorney, are the proud parents of a 14-year-old daughter, Meera and 10-year-old son, Naveen.