

# Malta House of Care



## Roopa Modha, Esq.: Attorney and Activist

You could say that attorney and activist Roopa Modha does not let grass grow under her feet.

Eight months after she graduated from UConn Law School in 2014, she founded her own law firm, [Roopa Modha Law & PR](#), in Shelton, CT, which focuses on the areas of immigration, intellectual property, and entertainment/media/fashion law. These specialties are a natural outgrowth of her education – she earned certificates in Intellectual Property and Tax Studies at UConn – and her passions: Since high school, Roopa has devoted her considerable organizational and social media talents to a wide array of causes, but especially those that support girls and women.

As a law student, she was president of the South Asian Law Students Association, moderating panels with state judges and other experts on issues surrounding domestic violence, rape laws, and discrimination, and she herself was often tapped as a keynote speaker for conferences and summits organized by South Asian organizations along the East Coast. She also helped to plan the law school's Diversity Week each year, was president of the Phi Delta Phi International Legal Honor Society, and excelled in the classroom, as well: A graduate of Brandeis University, Roopa was the only UConn Law student to win a Boehringer Ingelheim scholarship for excellence in Intellectual Property in the 2011-12 school year. In 2014, the [Connecticut Women's Education and Legal Fund](#) named Roopa one of its "40 Women for the Next 40 Years," stating that she "will help inspire the next generation of women as a passionate agent of change."

Last year, Roopa was chosen as a delegate to the [White House's inaugural Women's Summit](#), which celebrated female achievers from around the country. In 2015, she was named an ambassador for "[Girl Rising](#)," an international organization whose mission is to raise awareness and funding for girls' education worldwide – a role she treasures. She says: "I have been fortunate to live in a society where girls are able to get an education, but globally, more than 62 million girls are not in school due to various barriers. If we can help our girls come up in the world, we can help society overall."

