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The Right to Legal Personhood of Marginalised Groups: Achieving Equal Recognition Before the Law for All

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The right to legal personhood has been enshrined in human rights law since its inception with the Universal Declaration of Human Rights in 1948. However, it has been largely overlooked. This book explores the marginalisation occurring as a result of barriers to the right to legal personhood and how this can be rectified— how the right to legal personhood can be realised for marginalised groups. It presents a legal argument for the protection of the right and a normative analysis of the importance of the right in maintaining equality in socio-legal systems.

Dr. Anna Arstein-Kerslake, Author



Dr Anna Arstein-Kerslake is an internationally recognised legal academic in the fields of human rights, disability rights, and gender justice. She has published widely in these areas, including her recent books, *Restoring Voice to People* (Cambridge University Press 2017) and *Legal Capacity and Gender* (Springer 2020). She is an Associate Professor at the University of Melbourne and is committed to bringing research into the classroom and engaging students with community, industry, and government sectors. She developed, and leads, the Disability Human Rights Clinic (DHRC) and the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) and Disability Benefits Clinic at Melbourne Law School.

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Rashmi Goel, Commentator



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