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Asha Rangappa is a former Special Agent of the FBI who worked in the New York Office and specialized in counterintelligence investigations. Her work involved monitoring foreign agents working on behalf of other countries and neutralizing their activities. As a part of this effort, Asha conducted behavioral assessments on targets to determine their suitability and vulnerability to be recruited to work as double agents for the United States.

She later transferred her skills into a new context – as the dean of admissions at Yale Law School. Responsible for crafting the incoming class for the most selective law school in the world, Asha evaluated applicants based not only on their academic promise but on their character and fitness to enter the legal profession. Because of her background and experience, Asha also served on the disciplinary committee of Yale Law School where she helped adjudicate ethical issues and academic misconduct. She also served for six years as a core member of Yale's University-Wide Committee on sexual misconduct, where she participated in and chaired hearings involving both student and faculty allegations.

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