

KADIA SARAF.

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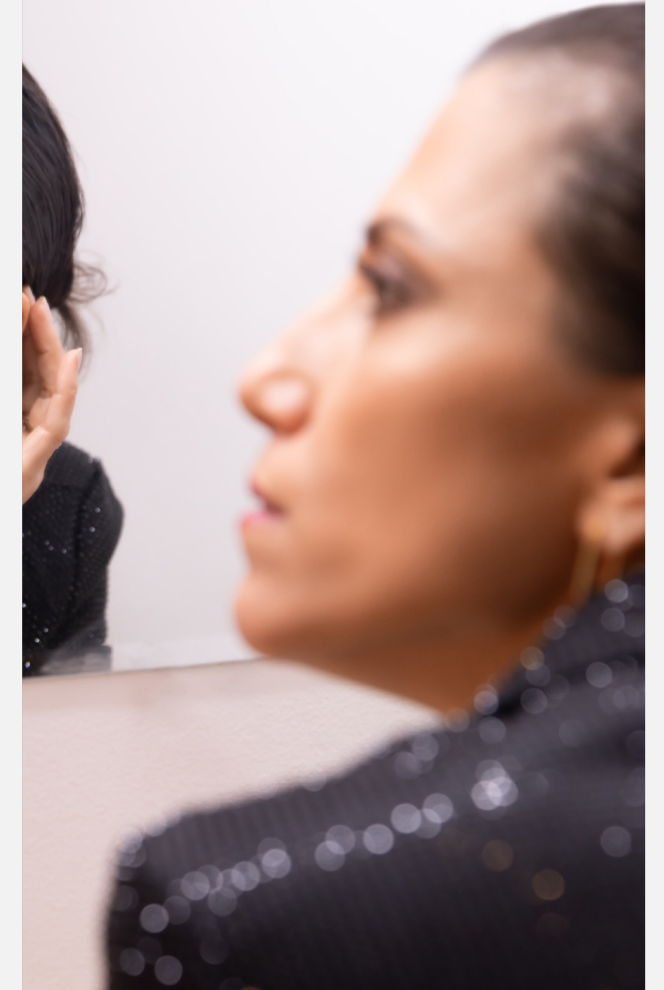
BIOGRAPHY.

Kadia Saraf is a remarkable talent known for her contributions to acting and martial arts. She has graced numerous television shows and films, including her notable portrayal of the **recurring character U.S. Attorney Anya Avital** in the renowned ***Law & Order – Special Victims Unit*** series, and **received story credit** for conceptualizing an episode. Recently, Kadia delighted audiences with **a crossover appearance in *Law & Order - Organized Crime***. As a proud member of both **SAG-AFTRA** and **WGA-E**, Kadia's talent and contributions are recognized and celebrated.

Born in Bern, Switzerland, and raised in Israel and Switzerland, Kadia has remarkable linguistic aptitude, fluently speaking **English, Hebrew, German, and Swiss-German**. She is also conversant in **ASL, Arabic, and French**. In 2004, she embarked on a transformative journey to the United States to pursue her acting career, where she graduated from **The Lee Strasberg Theatre and Film Institute**. Her dedication to honing her skills remains steadfast as she continues to explore improv and sketch writing at the prestigious **Upright Citizens Brigade**.

In addition to her acting prowess, Kadia is an accomplished martial artist in **Kenpo Jitsu**, becoming the **Israeli National Champion** in 2001 through her dedication and extraordinary skill.

Kadia Saraf's indomitable passion, talent, and linguistic versatility have made her a sought-after actor, captivating audiences with her performances and bridging cultures through her craft.



FILMOGRAPHY.



NBC

LAW & ORDER SPECIAL VICTIMS UNIT

Kadia Saraf joined the **Law & Order: Special Victims Unit** cast in 2021 as the recurring character of U.S. Attorney Anya Avital. Law & Order is one of the longest-running TV shows of all time.





FILMOGRAPHY.

LAW & ORDER: ORGANIZED CRIME

U.S. Attorney Anya Avital
Recurring Role - 2023

LAW & ORDER: SPECIAL VICTIMS UNIT

U.S. Attorney Anya Avital
Recurring Role – 2021 - 2023

BLUE BLOODS

Regina - 2023

FBI: INTERNATIONAL

Legat Erin Padilla - 2022

THE GOOD FIGHT

Talia Aaronson - 2020

FIRST WE TAKE BROOKLYN (feature film)

Sarit - 2018

THE BLACKLIST

Maya Elazar - 2017

ACTING REEL



BOXING & MARTIAL ARTS.

Kadia is a multifaceted individual with a rich background in various artistic expression and martial arts forms. Her passion for martial arts ignited at a young age when she embarked on training in the discipline of **Kenpo Jitsu**. Her dedication and talent led her to achieve the remarkable feat of becoming the **Israeli Kenpo Jitsu National Champion in 2001**.

Driven by her unwavering commitment, Kadia continues to push herself to new heights by exploring additional martial arts disciplines. She engages in the art of **Katana Sword**, **Archery**, **Kali Sticks**, and the **Bo Staff**, constantly refining her skills.

Additionally, Kadia has delved into the world of **boxing**, honing her skills in the ring. Kadia maintains an impressive training regimen with a demanding seven-day-per-week schedule to ensure continuous growth and improvement.

“ True strength is not just about mastering physical techniques but also harnessing the power of self-discipline and daily practice. That has always been the core of my motivation. ”

MARTIAL ARTS REEL

BOXING REEL

DANCE.

Kadia's passion for the physical arts extends gracefully into the realm of dance, where she has trained in various styles, including **Ballet**, **Flamenco**, **Hip Hop**, and **Salsa**. Each dance form represents a unique expression of her artistry, showcasing her versatility and dedication to mastering different movement disciplines.

Kadia's prolific background in dance, coupled with her expertise in boxing and martial arts, underscores her remarkable versatility and relentless pursuit of excellence across various forms of physical expression.

“Around age 3, I joined my mother in a dance class. I sat there watching her dance so gracefully, and I wanted to be part of that.”

DANCE REEL





“ I feel a responsibility to share my gifts and talents with the world. It’s not a side hustle. It’s what I’m here for. ”

WRITING & ADVOCACY.

Kadia Saraf has been diligently studying ASL and learning about Deaf Culture and is an active advocate for the Deaf community in the entertainment industry. Kadia recently conceptualized a story of deaf survivors of sexual assault for episode 10 called **“Jumped In”** in season 24 of ***Law & Order: Special Victims Unit***, which aired in early 2023.

In addition to Kadia’s contribution to the deaf-centered episode on *Law & Order: Special Victims Unit*, she is developing a limited series based on actual events. A story about her great-grandmother, widowed at the young age of 23, forced to save her seven children from persecution in 1930’s Yemen. She also writes sketch comedy and is a member of WGA-E.

Kadia is also passionate about animal rights and has been strictly vegan since 2012.

“As hearing people, we are privileged beyond comprehension. Things we take for granted, easy access to resources, and the presumption that we can communicate with anyone at any stage, those things simply aren’t available to the Deaf community.”



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THE NEW YORK TIMES

On the Set of 'Law & Order: SVU,' an Unscripted Meet-Cute

THE MANHATTAN HERALD

INTERVIEW: Catching Up With Kadia Saraf

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Kadia Saraf Talks Behind The Episode Of 'Law & Order: SVU'

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“ Great take! Going again! ”

- Norberto Barba
Director and Exec. Producer on Law & Order: SVU



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