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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Burton Blatt Institute at Syracuse University

Senior Vice President (Jan. 2009-present)

- Member of senior management team responsible for all aspects of disability research, education, and advocacy organization with 50 employees worldwide. Responsibilities include: strategic planning, developing organizational structure, communications and fundraising, supervision of 12 staff
- Supervise
 - Southeast DBTAC: ADA Center
 - Southeast Technical Assistance and Continuing Education (TACE) Center for Vocational Rehabilitation systems
 - Civil Rights Team (including Association of Disability Rights Counsel, public education, policy, and litigation efforts)
 - Research Department (including legal and social science research regarding best practices for inclusive corporate culture)
- Substantive Projects
 - Legal advocacy for accessibility of information and communication technology (IT/ICT)
 - Amazon Kindle, Adobe Digital Editions, CourseSmart, e-books
 - Advisory Committees – National Public Inclusive Infrastructure; WiGIT accessible wireless grids; Reading Rights Coalition
 - Comments - Health Information Technology; FCC Net Neutrality; National Educational Technology Plan
 - ADA employment and reasonable accommodation requirements
 - Best practices for inclusive corporate culture
 - Transportation accessibility
 - Procurement preferences for disability-owned businesses; affirmative action for people with disabilities
 - Intersection of ADA community integration requirements and fair housing law
 - Segregated and subminimum wage employment

Washington DC Office of Disability Rights

Director (Nov. 2007-Dec. 2009)

- Develop new Cabinet-level office in the District of Columbia government to ensure compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and other federal and local disability rights laws.
- Responsibilities include: complaint investigation, informal dispute resolution, consultation in litigation, training, strategic planning, personnel management, and disability policy development
- Developed and implemented new complaint investigation and dispute resolution process for handling disability and access disputes
- Developed and implemented centralized sign language interpreter program
- Developed and implemented centralized reasonable accommodation program
- Set priorities for program accessibility modifications to DC government facilities
- Developed and implemented training curriculum for DC government employees
- Developed and implemented plan to survey accessibility of sidewalks, curb cuts and transportation stops
- Developed and implemented plan to increase accessibility of dc.gov website and agency

Disability Rights Legal Center/Loyola Law School (formerly Western Law Center for Disability Rights)

Executive Director/Visiting Associate Professor of Law (Sept. 1998-Nov. 2007)

- Manage all aspects of non-profit disability rights organization representing individuals with disabilities. Supervise all major programs of DRLC: Civil Rights Litigation Project; Disability Mediation Center; Cancer Legal Resource Center; Options Counseling Program and Lawyer Referral Service; Community Outreach Program; Education Advocacy Project.
- Grew organization budget from \$450,000 to \$2.3 million in 8 years. Grew staff from 8 to 32 in 8 years. Created and developed Community Outreach Program; Education Advocacy Project; Respect-ABILITY Coalition and Conference; Pro Bono Project.
- Responsibilities include litigation, negotiation, mediation, strategic planning, fundraising, grants, training, policy development, public speaking, administration, and personnel management.
- Representative cases:
 - Rodde v. Bonta (prevent closure of Rancho Los Amigos Rehabilitation Hospital);
 - Benavidez v. Shelley (challenge failure to implement electronic voting machines);
 - Diamond v. Los Angeles Police Department (challenge failure to provide sign language interpreter);
 - Miles v. County of Los Angeles (require accessibility modifications to Los Angeles County courthouses);
 - Bancroft v. CIM/H&H Retail (require newly constructed Kodak Theater to be made fully accessible);
 - Flores v. Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (challenge capacity constraints in paratransit system);
 - Handy v. Los Angeles Taxi Cooperative (challenge discrimination by taxi providers against individuals with service dogs);
 - Thalheimer v. Los Angeles Service Authority for Freeway Emergencies (require freeway emergency callboxes to be accessible for people with hearing and mobility disabilities).
- Teach Loyola Law School upper division classes - Disability Rights Law; Special Education Law; Alternative Dispute Resolution; DRLC Litigation Seminar.
- Adjunct Professor, University of Southern California Law School (2005-2006) – Special Education and Disability Law; Adjunct Professor, Loyola Marymount University, School of Education (2006) - Special Education Advocacy.

Civil Rights Division, U.S. Department of Justice (1993- 1998)

Supervisory Attorney, Disability Rights Section

- Supervised 11 attorneys and non-attorneys investigating and negotiating settlements of more than 350 complaints of discrimination under federal disability rights laws. Managed ADA mediation program.
- Analyzed local building codes for equivalency to the ADA construction requirements. Negotiated with state governments to amend codes to achieve ADA equivalency. Represented the Section in rule-making activities.
- Created and implemented the Department of Justice ADA Mediation Program.
- Civil Rights Division Alternative Dispute Resolution Coordinator.

Pierson Semmes & Bemis, Litigation Attorney (Aug. 1989- Nov. 1993)

- Handled all aspects of discovery, trial preparation, and appeals of complex natural gas contract suits, copyright, trademark, and libel cases in state and federal courts.

PUBLICATIONS (Samples)

- “Future of Disability Law and Advocacy and ‘The Right to Live in the World,’” Second Jacobus tenBroek Disability Law Symposium, 15 Texas Journal on Civil Liberties and Civil Rights 1, co-author Peter Blanck (Fall 2009).
- “Future of Disability Rights: Part Three—Statutes of Limitations in Americans with Disabilities Act Design and Construction Cases,” 60 Syracuse Law Review 125, co-author Peter Blanck (forthcoming).
- “Cases & Materials on Disability Civil Rights Law and Policy,” Thomson-West Group, co-authors Peter Blanck, Charles Siegal, Michael Waterstone (2005, 2009).
- “What Society Needs to do to Ensure Seniors with Disabilities Age Well,” AARP Diversity & Aging in the 21st Century: Let the Dialog Begin, co-author Shawna Parks (2009).
- “Disability Civil Rights Law and Policy,” Thomson-West Group, co-authors Peter Blanck, Charles Siegal, Michael Waterstone (January 2004).
- ABILITY Magazine – “ADA Renews a Civil War Battle” (Jan. 2004); “Many Citizens Are Still Denied the Right to Vote,” May 2004; “Giving Up on Kids with Disabilities” (August 2004); “Rights and Wrongs: What good is a right without a court?” (Dec. 2006); “Roaring Back at the Zoo,” Feb. 2007; “What Do You Want to be When You Grow-Up?” (April 2007).
- Co-Author, *Challenging Barriers*, Los Angeles Lawyer Magazine (November 2005).
- *Moving Ballots Into Age of Computers*, Los Angeles Daily Journal (November 17, 2003).
- *Supreme Court Continues to Limit Federal Disability Rights Law*, Advocate, the Journal of the Consumer Attorneys Association of Southern California, Vol. 29, No. 8 (October 2002)
- *Developments in Disability Rights Law*, Advocate, the Journal of the Consumer Attorneys Association of Los Angeles, Vol. 28, No. 9 (November 2001).
- *Fighting to Preserve the Disability Community’s Rights on the 10th Anniversary of the ADA*, The Journal of NAMI California, Vol. 11, No. 3.
- *Mediation of Disputes Under the ADA*, 3 ABA Disp. Res. Magazine, No. 3, pp.16-19 (1997)
- *Alternative Dispute Resolution in a Feminist Voice*, 5 Ohio St. J. on Dispute Res. 337 (1990)

OTHER RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

- Member, California State Bar Council on Access and Fairness, 2007
- Co-Chair, U.S. Architectural and Transportation Barriers Compliance Board Courthouse Access Advisory Committee (2004-2006)
- Commissioner, American Bar Association Commission on Mental and Physical Disability Law (2004-2006)
- 2006 Stanford Business School Executive Program for Nonprofit Leaders, graduate.
- Member, National Council on Disability/Lockheed Martin Blue Ribbon Task Force to Study the Impact of the Americans with Disabilities Act (2004-2006)
- Women Lawyers Association of Los Angeles (Board of Governors 2002-present); Co-Chair, Judicial Appointive Office Committee (2003-present; 2001-2002); Co-Chair, Mentoring Committee (2002-2003)
- Ability Magazine (national magazine on disability and culture), Editor, 2004-07.
- Wheels for Humanity, Advisory Board, 2004-05.
- California Bar Standing Committee on Legal Professionals with Disabilities (Chair 2001-02; Vice Chair 2000-01; Member 1999-2000)
- Mediator, DC Superior Court Multi-Door Program, Civil Division

AWARDS

- 2009 Washington Super Lawyer (one of the top 5% of attorneys in Washington, DC)
- 2007 Lawdragon top 3,000 plaintiffs' lawyers in the United States
- 2007 Women Lawyers Assn of Los Angeles, Distinguished Service Award (pending)
- 2006 Loyola Law School Board of Governors Distinguished Service Award
- 2006 Durfee Foundation Stanton Fellowship to study media and public perceptions of disability rights movement
- 2008, 2007, 2006 & 2005 Los Angeles Magazine Super Lawyer (one of the top 5% of attorneys in Los Angeles)
- 2004 Independent Sector Leadership IS Award – honoring investment in people (staff, students, people with disabilities, and community)
- 2002 State Bar of California Diversity Award-Individual – honoring exceptional contributions promoting diversity in the legal profession
- 2002 Southern California Employment Round Table Carol F. Schiller Award recognizing commitment to civil rights advocacy
- 1997 Dept. of Justice John Marshall Award for Alternative Dispute Resolution

BAR ADMISSIONS

California (#202178 – 3/1/99); District of Columbia (#424896 – 8/31/90); Maine (#6871 – 9/27/89); U.S. District Court – Central District of California (9/24/99)

EDUCATION

J.D. cum laude, Cornell Law School – 1989
B.A. magna cum laude, Sweet Briar College - 1986