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## **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

### **District of Columbia Office of Disability Rights**

Director (November 2007-December 2008)

- Created new Cabinet-level office within the District of Columbia government.
- Responsible for developing vision, goals, staff, and budget for Office of Disability Rights.
- Office of Disability Rights develops and advocates for disability-related public policy and regulations, investigates complaints regarding disability rights, advises all DC agencies, Mayor, and City Council on compliance with the disability rights laws, and acts as liaison between DC government and the disability community.
- Developed District effective communication policy, procedure and funding mechanism; Developed program to bring wheelchair-accessible taxicabs to DC for the first time; Developed program access plan for physical access to government facilities; Organized the first Disability Awareness Conference and District government participation in Disability Mentoring Day.

### **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 strategic planning, fundraising, grants, training, policy development, public speaking, administration, and personnel management.
- Associate Visiting Professor, Loyola Law School - 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)**

- “Cases & Materials on Disability Civil Rights Law and Policy,” Thomson-West Group, co-authors Peter Blanck, Charles Siegal, Michael Waterstone.
- “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, ABA 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 Assn of Los Angeles (Board of Governors 2002-2007); Co-Chair, Appointive Office Committee (2003-2007); Co-Chair, Mentoring Committee (2002-2003)
- Ability Magazine (national magazine on disability and culture), Editor (2004-2007)
- Wheels for Humanity, Advisory Board (2004-2007)
- California Bar Standing Committee on Legal Professionals with Disabilities (Chair 2001-2002; Vice Chair 2000-2001; Member 1999-2000)
- Maryland NARAL (Chair, 1993-1997; Director, 1992-1993)
- DC Society of Professionals in Dispute Resolution (Director, 1997-1998)
- Mediator, DC Superior Court Multi-Door Program, Civil Division

### **AWARDS**

- 2007 Lawdragon top 3,000 plaintiffs’ lawyers in the United States
- 2007 Women Lawyers Assn of Los Angeles, Distinguished Service Award
- 2006 Loyola Law School Board of Governors Distinguished Service Award
- 2006 Durfee Foundation Stanton Fellowship
- 2005-2007 Los Angeles Magazine Super Lawyer (one of the top 5% of attorneys)
- 2004 Independent Sector Leadership IS Award

- 2002 State Bar of California Diversity Award-Individual
- 2002 Southern California Employment Round Table Carol F. Schiller Award
- 1997 Dept. of Justice John Marshall Award for Alternative Dispute Resolution

## **BAR ADMISSIONS**

California; District of Columbia; Maine; U.S. Court of Claims; U.S. Supreme Court

## **EDUCATION**

J.D. cum laude, Cornell Law School – 1989

B.A. magna cum laude, Sweet Briar College - 1986