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EDUCATION

University of Denver College of Law

J.D., Dec. 2002

Civil Litigation Clinic - Outstanding Student Attorney, 2002-2003

Charles Johnson Scholarship, 1999, 2002

Frankel Scholarship, 2000

Portland State University

Master of Urban Studies, 1984

Full Scholarship, 1981-1983

Research Assistant, 1981-1983

Rita Deiringer Urban Studies Award, 1983

Linfield College

B.A., Political Science/Psychology, 1981

American Association of University Women (AAUW) Woman of the Year, 1981

EXPERIENCE

- 4/2003-present **Contract Attorney**, Fox & Robertson, P.C., Denver, Colorado
● Research and writing on a variety of disability rights cases.
- 4/1998-10/2003 **Law Clerk**. Colorado Cross Disability Coalition, Denver, Colorado
● Assisted General Counsel in conducting research, preparing for litigation, and working with volunteers regarding Americans with Disabilities Act Title III cases.
- 8/2003-12/2003 **Student Law Clinic**, University of Denver College of Law, Denver, Colorado
● Represented client in state court, wrote and filed motions, argued motion in court, prepared for trial. Assisted other students with their clients and court work.
- 9/2000-12/2000 **Legal Internships in Washington D.C.** Department of Justice, Disability Rights Section; and Health and Human Services, Office of Civil Rights
● Interned at two government agencies. Did legal research/writing for disability policy and litigation; wrote jury instructions; analyzed complaints; investigated potential lawsuit.
- 6/2000-8/2000 **Public Interest Law Clerkship** Colorado Cross Disability Coalition, Denver, Colorado
● Researched Medicaid home health appeals process; assisted with federal summary judgment motion in fair housing case and Title III case.
- 1/2000-5/2000 **Social Security Legal Internship** Henry Feldman, Esq., Denver, Colorado
● Assisted two clients in their administrative hearing appeal to obtain or retain Social Security benefits, learned Social Security law.
- 6/1999-8/1999 **Civil Rights Legal Intern** Fox & Robertson, P.C., Denver, Colorado
● Investigated and drafted national class action complaint against inaccessible gas station chain which was ultimately successful; researched issues related to attorneys' fees.

- 1984-present **Community Organizer** ADAPT/Not Dead Yet
- Coordinated logistical and strategic aspects of numerous advocacy efforts; consulted on civil rights compliance; developed advocacy materials; trained and supervised organizers; provided advocacy support at national, state and local levels; coordinated filing and settlement of 20 *pro se* Americans with Disabilities Act, Title III lawsuits.
- 5/1995-5/1996 **Project Director** AssisTech Advocates, Denver, Colorado
- Designed and obtained multi-year assistive technology grant providing advocacy and education. Managed staff and \$75,000 budget; conducted outreach; trained and supervised peer advocates; planned and carried out all activities, including bilingual program.
- 10/1989-11/1990 **Program Coordinator** State of Washington, Governor's Committee on Disability Issues
- Staffed 60-member committee and several subcommittees; prepared communications; organized meetings; recorded minutes; reviewed and tracked disability-related bills through legislature; wrote legislative updates; answered public's questions; conducted study for legislature regarding access to higher education.
- 11/1987-5/1989 **Manager of Programs and Services** Capital District Center for Independence, Albany, New York.
- Supervised all aspects of 11 programs; collected and organized statistics; wrote grants; trained staff; developed new programs; assisted director in all duties.
- 10/1984-9/1987 **Project Director** Employability Support Network, Portland, Oregon.
- Authored and obtained three-year federal grant; hired, trained, and supervised 21 part-time staff; managed \$100,000 budget; organized workshops; problem-solved; developed handbooks; evaluated and reported data.
- 1/1984-12/1984 **Project Director** Educational Equity Network, Portland, Oregon.
- Secured agency sponsorship for innovative one-year federal grant; coordinated and developed training; chaired workshops and meetings; developed bibliography and curriculum.

SELECTED VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES

- Member, Organizing Committee, first Queer Disability Conference, 2002
 IDEAS Fellowship (Researched disabled women's leadership during Beijing conference), 1995
 Mayor's Gay and Lesbian Task Force, 1994-1996
 DRACH, a national disability housing group, 1996-1999
 Chinook Fund Board, Vice-President, 1991-1998
 National Funding Exchange Board, 1996- 1998
 Member, ADA Transportation Regulations Committee, 1991