

Emily Seelenfreund

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

City of Oakland, Oakland CA

ADA Programmatic Access Coordinator (September 2022-Present) Oversee and coordinate effort to adopt new ADA Transition Plans. Create and execute disability competency and ADA trainings given to all City staff.

Disability Rights Advocates, Berkeley CA, New York, NY

Staff Attorney (September 2019 - September 2022) *Wolinsky Fellowship Attorney* (September 2017 - September 2019) Litigated and negotiated complex class action cases advancing the civil rights of people with all types of disabilities, with a concentration on cases seeking equal access to education and transportation. Took and defended depositions. Drafted press releases and participated in video and print media advancing disability rights. Investigated systemic disability rights violations and crafted case theories and relevant motions.

ParaCliffHangers Inc., Berkeley CA, New York, NY

Cofounder and Vice President (November-2019 to Present) Founded non-profit organization that empowers people with all types of disabilities through adaptive rock climbing. Executed 501(c)(3) certification status, including drafting of bylaws, articles of incorporation, and selection of board of directors. Oversee all programming and fundraise through grant-writing, donor campaigns, and events.

Office for Civil Rights; HHS; Civil Rights Division, Washington DC

Summer Intern (July 2016-August 2016) Provided commentary on *Olmstead* transition plans.

Arnold and Porter LLP, San Francisco, CA

Summer Associate (May 2016-June 2016) Drafted memoranda on arbitration and collateral estoppel.

Disability Rights California, Oakland, CA

Summer Law Clerk (May 2015-August 2015) Provided direct legal aid to students with disabilities.

Teach for America, Gallup, New Mexico

Church Rock Elementary School- Third Grade Teacher (August 2012- May 2014) Taught all subjects to 20 students. Guided students to 1.7 years reading growth in one-year span. Designed yearlong science curriculum utilized across grade level. Coached 5th graders in school basketball league.

EDUCATION

Harvard Law School, Cambridge, Massachusetts

J.D, May 2017

Honors: Dean's Scholar Prize in International Law; recognized for over 1,000 hours of public service **Activities:** Tenant *Advocacy* Project (President); Supero Law Students Association (Co-Founder and President of an affinity group for students with disabilities and first-generation students); Criminal Justice Institute Clinic; Veteran's Law and Disability Clinic; Lambda Law Students Association

The University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, Alabama

B.A. *summa cum laude*, in Political Science and History, May 2012 (Minor in Human Development) **Honors:** Academic All-American; Member of XX.XI (Top 31 women); Outstanding Student with Disability; **Activities:** Varsity Wheelchair Basketball; Director of Intercollegiate Athletics; Honors College Mentor