Dear Section Members,

It is my pleasure to serve as the Chair of the Disability Law Section this year. Many thanks to our Vice-Chair Valarie Blake, our Secretary Jennifer Shinall, and the members of the Executive Board for their assistance and hard work throughout the year in getting our programming together.

Now is a divided time in our nation, when finding common ground and looking past our differences can seem difficult or impossible. While many are hoping and fighting for change, there are sharp divides about how that change should proceed and what ends it should achieve.

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In this political and social climate, the study of disability holds special importance. Unlike so many other issues, concern for disability has often triumphed over partisanship. The Americans with Disabilities Act and other disability legislation typically passed with wide margins of approval, and sponsorship from both sides of the aisle. Understanding the political history of disability law promises to help us think about how we might advance other important social causes in politically divided times. It may also help us to ask whether such bipartisan efforts are still possible in Congress, in disability law, or in other arenas.

Our panel at the 2018 meeting, Could We Pass the ADA Today? Disability Rights in an Age of Partisan Polarization, will address these issues. We are honored to have Tony Coelho, a former U.S. Representative from California and the primary sponsor of the ADA, join us. He’ll be joined by Professors Mary Crossley, Elizabeth Pendo, Laura Rothstein, and Michael Waterstone. Jasmine Harris will moderate.

Co-sponsored by the Sections on Election Law, Legislation & Law of the Political Process, and Law & Mental Disability, this topic not only demonstrates the importance of the ADA in its own right but also as a vehicle for understanding the political process. The theme of the 2018 AALS Annual Meeting is Access to Justice, and studying disability is an excellent way to consider this issue both for people with disabilities as well as other groups seeking footholds for change in the legislature. It will be an excellent and timely panel discussion, and we hope you will be able to join us.

For anyone who may be interested in getting more involved in the section, we will be holding an executive meeting after our panel, and you are welcome to join us.

I wish you all safe travels to San Diego.

Jessica L. Roberts, Chair
University of Houston Law Center
Could We Pass the ADA Today?

Disability Rights in an Age of Partisan Polarization

Featured Speaker
Representative Tony Coelho
Primary House Sponsor of the 1990 Americans with Disabilities Act, 101st U.S. Congress

Panelists
Professor Laura Rothstein
University of Louisville Brandeis School of Law
Review of Enabling Acts: Are the ADA's Supportive Elements Still in Place?
(selected from call for papers)

Professor Mary Crossley
University of Pittsburgh School of Law

Professor Elizabeth Pendo
Saint Louis University School of Law

Professor Michael Waterstone
Loyola Law School, Los Angeles

Moderator
Professor Jasmine E. Harris
University of California Davis School of Law
Disability Section Publications and Honors, 2017

Bradley A. Areheart

Publications


Honors

Michael J. Zimmer Memorial Award, 2017 Colloquium on Current Scholarship in Labor and Employment Law (awarded to “a rising scholar who values workplace justice and community, and who has made significant contributions to labor and employment law scholarship”)

Valarie K. Blake

Publications


Rethinking the Americans with Disabilities Act’s Insurance Safe Harbor, *6 Laws* 25 (Special Issue 2017)

Honors

Interim Dean, Georgia State University College of Law (July 2017 – Present)

Arlene S. Kanter

Publications


Honors

Promoted to Jack & Lovell Olender Professor of Law and Director of the Legislation Clinic

Wendy F. Hensel

Publications


Honors

Interim Dean, Georgia State University College of Law (July 2017 – Present)

Marcy Karin

Publications


Rights of National Guard and Reserve Members Under the Uniformed Services Employment Rights and Reemployment Act (USERRA), *Servicemember and Veterans Rights* (Lexis 2017) (with Brian Clauss)

Honors


The Fight for Personhood, Legal Capacity, and Equal Recognition Under Law for People with Disabilities in Israel and Beyond, *Cardozo L. Rev.* (forthcoming 2017) (with Yotam Tolum)

Valarie K. Blake

Publications


Rethinking the Americans with Disabilities Act’s Insurance Safe Harbor, *6 Laws* 25 (Special Issue 2017)

Honors

Interim Dean, Georgia State University College of Law (July 2017 – Present)
Elizabeth Pendo

**Publications**

Guest editor, Special Issue: Health Care Law and the Rights of Individuals with Disabilities, LAWS (2017)

**Honors**

Appointed Member, American Bar Association, Commission on Disability Rights

Chair, AALS Section on Law, Medicine and Health Care (2017)

Member, SEALS Inclusiveness Committee, Beginning & Newer Law Teachers Committee, Prospective Law Teachers Committee, & Disability Law Liaison for Programming (2017)

Jessica L. Roberts

**Publications**


Fit to Play in the NBA? Reconciling the NBA Collective Bargaining Agreement with the Americans with Disabilities Act, 166 UNIV. PENN. L. REV. ONLINE --- (forthcoming 2017) (with Brittainie Zinsmeyer)

How Assuming Autonomy Undermines Wellness Programs (with Leah Fowler), 27 HEALTH MATRIX 101 (Symposium 2017)

**Honors**


Progressive Genetic Ownership, 93 NOTRE DAME L. REV. (forthcoming 2018)


Should You Profit from Your Genome? (with Amy McGuire & Stacey Pereira), Correspondence, 35 NATURE BIOTECH. 18 (2017)

Stigmatizing the Unhealthy, 43 J.L. MED. & ETHICS (forthcoming 2017) (with Elizabeth Weeks Leonard)

Nicole B. Porter

**Publications**

**Honors**

Introduction: Four Views on Healthism, 18 MARQUETTE
Disability Section Publications and Honors, 2017 (Continued)

HONORS

Chair, AALS Disability Section (2017)

Laura Rothstein

PUBLICATIONS


How Genetics Might Affect Real Property Rights, 41 J. L. Med. & Ethics 44 (2016) (with Mark Rothstein)

The Use of Genetic Information in Real Property Transactions, 31 Probate & Property, ABA No. 17 (2017) (with Mark Rothstein), Reprinted in ABA Solo eReport (June 2017)


Ani B. Satz

PUBLICATIONS


HONORS

Appointed, Emory Global Health Institute Fellow (2017)

Appointed, University Senate Governance Committee (2017)

Elected, Emory University Senate (2017)

Elected, Emory Faculty Council (2017)

Hosted National Symposium Exploring New Technologies in Biomedical Research (with Health Law, Policy & Ethics Project & the Human Toxicology Project Consortium)

Jennifer B. Shinall

PUBLICATIONS


Rev. 255 (Symposium 2017)


HONORS

Secretary, AALS Disability Section (2017)

Guest Editor, Special Issue on Sexual Harassment in the Economics Profession, Committee on the Status of Women in the Economics Profession, American Economics Association (forthcoming 2018)

Mark C. Weber

PUBLICATIONS


Intent in Disability Discrimination Law: Social Science Insights and Comparisons to Race and
Disability Section Publications and Honors, 2017 (Continued)

