
Profile

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City

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State

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Postal Code

What Precinct do you live in? *☒ Precinct 9

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Alternate Phone

MLPB (but I am leaving this position)

Employer

legal advisor

Job Title

Applicants are encouraged to attend or read the minutes of several meetings of the body to which they are applying, if possible.

Which Boards would you like to apply for?

Commission on Disability: Submitted

Are you a registered voter in the Town of Natick?☒ Yes ☐ No**Have you ever attended a Natick town meeting?**☐ Yes ☒ No**Have you ever served on a board, committee, or commission in the Town of Natick?**☒ Yes ☐ No**If yes, please list name(s) of board, committee or commissions, along with date(s) of service:**

I am not sure if this counts? I was a board member of Natick SEPAC (2016-2017), and served as the Johnson Elementary liaison.

Interests & Experiences

Why are you interested in serving on a board or commission? Are there any changes you would like to see to these boards, committees and/or commissions?

I am interested in becoming more engaged in my local community, especially now that I will have time (I am leaving my current f/t job). I am also interested in disability issues and advocacy. I consider the opportunity to become involved in the Disability Commission as a valuable chance to participate in my community through a lens of personal and professional interest to me - namely special needs and disability rights.

Are you a graduate of the Natick Community Services Citizen's Leadership Academy?

☐ Yes ☒ No

Please list any skills or specialized knowledge you can bring to these boards, committees and/or commissions.

I am an attorney with experience in disability advocacy. I have worked as a public interest lawyer with low-income clients pursuing Social Security disability claims. I also have several years of experience in private practice as an estate planner with a focus on long-term care planning for disabled and elderly individuals. In addition to my legal background, I have a master's degree in English, grant-writing experience (both professional (Bard College); and volunteer (Johnson Elementary NEF grant; SPARK Kindness). I have written and edited for law journals, as well as non-profit publications.

Please list any professional affiliations.

Women's Bar Association National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys (National and Massachusetts Chapters) Member, Special Needs Steering Committee (Massachusetts Chapter, National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys).

Let us know what other specialized interests or hobbies you might have.

I enjoy writing, editing, and helping others to express and clarify their writing and communication. I love literature and am a fan of the Morse Institute. I have learned a great deal from individuals and families who have additional or special needs. I would be grateful for the chance to work with a Commission dedicated to amplifying the presence and voice of disabled individuals, and their families/caregivers, who live in our community.

Applicants are encouraged to upload a resume, accepted file types are listed below.

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Upload a Resume

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Relevant Work Experience

Legal Advisor, Medical-Legal Partnership | Boston 2019 - present

Support health and human services workers by providing legal information and strategies in a variety of subjects including housing, immigration, family law matters, public benefits, and employment. Manage an e-mail-based triage system to field inquiries from health and human services workers and provide rapid response. Develop trainings for health and human service workers on relevant public interest law subject matters (housing, immigration, employment, etc.)

Senior Associate Attorney, Pathway Law, Belmont, MA 2014 - 2019

Practice in the area of estate planning, elder law, special needs planning, and estate administration. Work with clients to plan for current and future long-term care. Draft estate planning documents, including wills, powers of attorney, health care proxies, advance directives, revocable and irrevocable trusts. Work with clients to administer estates.

Staff Attorney, Law Offices of Michel P. Haggerty, Rhinebeck, NY 2010 – 2014

Practiced in the area of elder law, including the drafting and execution of wills, advance health care directives, powers of attorney, and trusts (mainly irrevocable Medicaid-qualifying trusts). Occasionally prepared and submitted Medicaid applications (institutional benefits), and negotiated with DSS to secure approval. Some experience with residential real estate and probate.

Program Associate, Office of Program Development, Bard College 2006 –2010

Identified external funding opportunities for individual faculty projects and college-wide programs, and helped develop proposals and manage awards. Worked with faculty to draft, edit, and submit proposals and budgets, and annual reports. Wrote grant proposals for the College (e.g., annual Bard Musical Festival; Environmental and Urban Studies Program). Responsible for organizing and writing content of Grants Office website.

Staff Attorney, Southern Tier Legal Services, Bath, NY 2000 - 2003

Represented low-income clients in Social Security cases (SSI and SSDI), housing court (defending against evictions) and education cases. Participated in community outreach and education.

Supervisory Experience

Drafting Committee – Lead (Pathway Law)

Led regular meetings for attorneys to isolate and revise various provisions of estate planning documents.

Deedwork Supervisor (Pathway Law)

Supervise and edit paralegal work in drafting deeds, homestead declarations, and trustee certificates.

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Selected Associations

NAELA (National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys) – member of National and Massachusetts chapters. MassNAELA Special Needs Committee member.

Women’s Bar Association of Massachusetts – volunteer mentor/attorney for Elder Law Project.

Recent Publications

Book Review: “‘When I Need Your Help I’ll Let You Know,’ and Other Senior Myths that Can Lead to Disaster,” by Barbara Adler West, J.D. and Stephen F. Adler, PhD. *NAELA Journal*, September 2018.

Recent Presentations

February 5, 2019, Arlington Continuing Education: Trust Planning for Those with Special Needs and Circumstances

Education

The Ohio State University
University of Cincinnati College of Law
Haverford College

M.A. in English
J.D.
B.A. in English

Selected Honors

Graduate School Fellowship, Department of English, Ohio State University
Arthur Russell Morgan Fellowship in Human Rights, University of Cincinnati College of Law
University of Cincinnati Law Review, Contributor and Articles Editor
Human Rights Quarterly, Senior Articles Editor, University of Cincinnati College of Law
Judge Spiegel Public Interest Law Fellowship, University of Cincinnati College of Law
Dean’s List, University of Cincinnati College of Law
Henry Morrill Prize in Constitutional Law, University of Cincinnati College of Law