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Top Skills

Public Policy

Policy Analysis

Civil Rights

Jocelyn Samuels

Commissioner at U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission
Bethesda, Maryland, United States

Experience

U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission
Commissioner
October 2020 - Present (3 years 1 month)
District of Columbia, United States

The Williams Institute, UCLA School of Law
Executive Director
June 2017 - October 2020 (3 years 5 months)
Los Angeles, CA

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
Director, Office for Civil Rights
August 2014 - January 2017 (2 years 6 months)
Washington D.C. Metro Area

Served as head of 250-person office responsible for enforcing compliance both with civil rights laws banning discrimination by hospitals, physicians, health plans, and social service providers and with the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act governing the privacy and security of patient health information. As Director, oversaw all aspects of office operations, including policy development, enforcement activities, and outreach to stakeholders. Notable accomplishments included publication of final regulations implementing Section 1557 of the Affordable Care Act.

U.S. Department of Justice
Acting Assistant Attorney General for Civil Rights
July 2013 - August 2014 (1 year 2 months)
Washington D.C. Metro Area

Served as acting head of Civil Rights Division, responsible for fulfillment of Division's mission to promote equality of opportunity and enforce panoply of federal civil rights statutes. As Principal Deputy, supervised, and spearheaded policy projects and litigation for, Division's Employment, Education, and Policy Sections; exercised responsibility for overall operation of Division, including staffing, personnel management, strategic planning, budget oversight,

and interactions with other Department components; built collaborative relationships with other federal agencies and Division stakeholders.

US Department of Justice

Principal Deputy Assistant Attorney General for Civil Rights
October 2011 - July 2013 (1 year 10 months)

Department of Justice

Senior Counselor
July 2009 - September 2011 (2 years 3 months)

National Women's Law Center

Vice President for Education & Employment
September 2001 - July 2009 (7 years 11 months)
Washington D.C. Metro Area

Managed 8 person team with \$1.5 million budget in advocacy to promote gender equity in education and employment, including on issues of equal protection; pay equity; sexual harassment; and affirmative action. Drafted briefs on complex issues; engaged in legislative and administrative advocacy; offered public education and training; provided technical assistance to employers and schools.

Senator Edward M. Kennedy

Labor Counsel
January 2001 - September 2001 (9 months)
Washington D.C. Metro Area

Policy and legal adviser on labor legislation, including laws on worker health and safety, discrimination, and collective bargaining. Developed policy positions and strategies; drafted legislation and reports; coordinated with labor and civil rights groups; prepared Senator for hearings, markups and floor debates

Equal Employment Opportunity Commission

Senior Attorney-Adviser
January 1990 - January 2001 (11 years 1 month)
Washington D.C. Metro Area

Drafted policy on complex issues of employment discrimination law, including affirmative action, disparate impact, disability discrimination and employee benefits. Represented EEOC on interagency task forces; coordinated outreach to civil rights groups; prepared draft legislation; did extensive public speaking

Education

Columbia Law School

JD

Middlebury College

Bachelor's degree, English Language and Literature, General