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Top Skills

Civil Rights Law

Education Law

Appellate Advocacy

Seth Galanter

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Summary

In more than 25 years of legal practice, I have worked for the federal government, in private practice, and now at a non-profit law firm. A common thread of my work has been advocating on behalf of children, people with disabilities, and the LGBTQ community.

With the generous support of many mentors and colleagues, I have argued two cases in the U.S. Supreme Court -- one on behalf of a nude war protestor (although the issue before the Court was only about attorneys fees) and one on behalf an independent state agency that advocates on behalf of people with disabilities. I also argued dozens of cases in the U.S. Court of Appeals, primarily when I worked at the Department of Justice's Civil Rights Division in the 1990s.

During the Obama Administration, I was fortunate to serve in the Office for Civil Rights at the U.S. Department of Education in various capacities, including a stint as Acting Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights, where I oversaw the activities of more than 500 employees and a budget of \$100 million.

I currently work as a Senior Director at a national non-profit focused on protecting vulnerable youth interacting with government agencies providing education and health care. My cases have involved several against the federal government, as well as state agencies.

Experience

Office for Civil Rights, Department of Education
Deputy Assistant Secretary for Legal Affairs
November 2021 - Present (1 year 10 months)

National Center for Youth Law
Senior Director, Strategic Advocacy Team
July 2017 - November 2021 (4 years 5 months)

Washington D.C. Metro Area

U.S. Department of Education

5 years 3 months

Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, Office for Civil Rights

August 2013 - January 2017 (3 years 6 months)

Acting Assistant Secretary, Office for Civil Rights

December 2012 - August 2013 (9 months)

Deputy Assistant Secretary for Policy, Office for Civil Rights

February 2012 - December 2012 (11 months)

Washington DC

Senior Counsel, Office for Civil Rights

November 2011 - February 2012 (4 months)

Morrison & Foerster

Of Counsel

2002 - October 2011 (9 years)

U.S. Department of Justice

Appellate Attorney, Civil Rights Division

1994 - 2002 (8 years)

Hon. Dolores K. Sloviter

Judicial Clerk

1993 - 1994 (1 year)

Northwest Women's Law Center

Summer Intern

1993 - 1993 (less than a year)

Education

University of Pennsylvania Law School

JD · (1990 - 1993)

Columbia University

BA, Political Science · (1986 - 1990)