

# *Dr. Laura C. Hoffman*

Seton Hall University School of Law  
One Newark Center, Room 510  
Newark, NJ 07102  
(973) 642-8868

[Laura.Hoffman@shu.edu](mailto:Laura.Hoffman@shu.edu)

LinkedIn Profile: [www.linkedin.com/pub/laura-hoffman/5a/3a8/305](http://www.linkedin.com/pub/laura-hoffman/5a/3a8/305)

## Licensure

Ohio State Bar licensed, May 2008

## Associations/Organizations

Parma Bar Association, Member (January 2014-Present)

The Lawyers Guild of the Catholic Diocese of Cleveland, Member (July 2016-Present)

## Education

**Loyola University Chicago School of Law, Beazley Institute for Health Law and Policy, Chicago, IL**  
*S.J.D. in Health Law and Policy*, May 2012

*Commencement Honor, Public Service Award*, May 2012

*Loyola Public Interest Law Reporter, Staff Writer*, 2011-12

*Health Justice Project, Beazley Institute for Health Law and Policy, Pro Bono Attorney*, December 2010

- Provided research and drafting of clinic intake manuals on education and health law issues

*Health and Disability Advocates (HDA), Legal Volunteer*, September 2010-December 2010

- Provided legal research on veterans' rights pension and health care issues
- Provided legal research on special education law issues
- Prepared materials on Response to Intervention (RtI)

**Loyola University Chicago School of Law, Chicago, IL**

*LL.M. in Child and Family Law*, May 2010

*Loyola University School of Law, Civitas ChildLaw Clinic, Student Attorney*, August 2009-May 2010

- Managed cases of the clinic under the supervision of staff attorneys
- Performed interviews of the clinic's child clients and parents of child clients
- Drafted correspondence, memos, and legal documents for cases assigned by the clinic staff
- Made court appearances on behalf of children represented by the clinic

*Equip for Equality, Special Education Law Clinic, Intern Attorney*, August 2009-December 2009

- Performed legal research on special education law issues
- Drafted letters to parents of children with disabilities in response to inquiries regarding legal protections under special education law
- Performed intake of hotline calls to the organization from parents of children with disabilities seeking legal assistance for special education law issues
- Provided additional legal/clerical support to staff attorneys as necessary

**American University Washington College of Law, Washington D.C.**

*LL.M. in Law and Government*, May 2009

- Concentration in Civil and Constitutional Rights
- 2008-09 Dean's Fellow for Academic Support, Program on Law and Government
- LL.M. Executive Board, Treasurer
- 2009 Commencement Honor for the LL.M. Program on Law and Government

**Ave Maria School of Law, Ann Arbor, MI**

*J.D.*, May 2007

- Ave Maria Tuition Scholarship
- Women's Law Association/Secretary 2006-07
- Spring 2007 Dean's Honor Roll
- 2007 Student Commencement Award

**University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, IN**

*Bachelor of Arts, cum laude, Political Science; Theology minor*, May 2004

- *Scholarships*: John and Beryl Echlin, Hank/Stark, Michael Lee, Dailey Memorial, Pleska Memorial for the Blind
- *Academic Programs*: Notre Dame Washington Program
- *Award*: Tom McDermott Award, presented to an outstanding student who contributes to assisting people with disabilities in the Notre Dame community
- *Special Distinction*: Notre Dame Class of 2004, <http://newsinfo.nd.edu/content.cfm?topicid=5221>

**Legal Experience**

**Seton Hall Law School, Newark, NJ**

*Assistant Professor of Law*, March 2018-Present

- Researching, developing, and disseminating legal and public policy analyses to inform and shape federal and state policy
- Working with the Center's Faculty Director and others to apply for grants and to manage grant-funded projects
- Developing educational programs and fora in which leading experts from the public and private sectors examine important legal and policy developments
- Creating materials for use in the law school's robust online graduate program
- Serving as Faculty Editor of the Center's blog, "Health Reform Watch," and Faculty Advisor of Seton Hall Law's student publication Health Law Outlook
- Other activities such as speaking at continuing education programs, presenting at academic and other conferences, and providing legal commentary to the media

**Data Federal Corporation, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Medicare Hearings and Appeals, Cleveland, OH**

*Attorney Advisor*, October 2017-February 2018

- Reviewing assigned cases to identify legal and factual issues and analyzing case documents to develop a finding of fact or conclusion of law
- Researching legal authorities to develop background information and points of law and applying them to the facts of the case
- Developing and drafting recommendations based on jurisdictional or due process issues
- Assisting in drafting interrogatories, obtaining stipulations of fact, identifying hearing witnesses, assisting in pre-hearing negotiations, and evaluating evidence to be submitted
- Maintaining case files, including administrative records and exhibit lists
- Assisting senior attorneys in preparing conditional agreements, preparing advisory memoranda, and developing recommendations for cases to be decided without hearing
- Preparing responses on status and disposition of cases, including dismissal, requests for extension, and requests for reopening
- Assisting in drafting rulings, orders, and memoranda relating to less complicated cases and routine issues
- Performing other duties as assigned in the processing of cases

**Cuyahoga County Prosecutor's Office, Juvenile Justice Unit, Cleveland, OH**

*Assistant Prosecuting Attorney*, July 2014-February 2017 (2 years, 7 months)

- Sat First Chair on juvenile delinquency trials for felony and misdemeanor cases

- Managed a courtroom docket for a magistrate or judge in juvenile delinquency cases in Cuyahoga County that included handling all docket hearings such as arraignments, competency hearings, pre-trials, trials, dispositional hearings, and juvenile sexual offender classification hearings
- Oversaw and provided guidance to law clerks who assist with preparation of criminal cases
- Successfully argued on behalf of the State of Ohio before the Eighth District Court of Appeals in *In re A.W.* (No. 103269)
- Sat First Chair on juvenile traffic trials
- Interviewed victims and witnesses for cases including child victims in sexual assault cases
- Reviewed & charged cases that come through the Juvenile Detention Center including overnight charging
- Prepared arrest warrants when necessary as the on-call prosecutor
- Reviewed pending charges assigned to assigned courtroom cases and performs refile of charges if necessary with supervisor approval
- Answered phone calls from the public, police officers, & attorneys
- Assisted the public with filing charges & explaining the criminal process
- Performed legal research for pending criminal cases
- Managed the juvenile traffic court docket
- Responded to motions involving juvenile traffic cases
- Responded to applications for the sealing of juvenile records by written brief & oral argument
- Responded to motions for judicial release of juveniles from the Ohio Department of Youth Services (ODYS) by written brief & oral argument

**City of Parma, Office of the Law Director, Parma, OH**

*Staff Attorney*, May 2012-July 2014 (2 years)

- Drafted ordinance proposals
- Drafted Law Director's opinions
- Performed legal research and drafts memoranda on a multitude of issues pertaining to the City
- Conducted research and writing for the Prosecutor's Office
- Communicated with other city officials, agencies, governments, etc. on legal issues
- Communicated with residents of the city regarding complaints and questions related to the interpretation of the Parma Codified Ordinances and the Ohio Revised Code
- Prepared articles on current legal issues on behalf of the Law Director for city publications for residents
- Provided technical guidance and support to current law clerks
- Provided public presentations to community groups visiting Parma City Hall on the role of the Law Director/Law Department
- Performed other duties as assigned for the legal representation of the City of Parma and its officials

**Loyola University Chicago, Chicago, IL**

*Dissertation Reviewer*, March 2014-May 2014 (2 months)

- Provided support to the Beazley Institute for Health Law and Policy in reviewing dissertations of current doctoral students (S.J.D.) in final preparations for their dissertation defenses

**Loyola University Chicago School of Law, Professor Michael Zimmer, Chicago, IL**

*Research Assistant*, February 2011-May 2012 (1 year, 3 months)

- Provided legal research on "protected class" in anti-discrimination law/individual rights cases in U.S. Supreme Court jurisprudence
- Provided legal research on "protected class" in law reviews and journals
- Provided legal research/memo writing on International Employment Law issues
- Provided editorial support for International Employment Law case book

**City of Parma, Juvenile Diversion Program, Parma, OH**

*Pro Bono Magistrate*, June 2010—August 2011 (Pro Bono during Summer Months)

- Heard cases involving first time juvenile offenders in the City of Parma for minor criminal and traffic offenses

- Assessed the juvenile's offense and set appropriate volunteer service as a consequence
- Counseled and provided guidance to juvenile offenders in the program

**American University Washington College of Law, Washington, D.C.**

*Dean's Fellow for Academic Support*, September 2008—May 2009 (8 months)

- Provided academic support to international lawyers in the LL.M. program
- Assisted students in understanding the American legal system
- Helped students understand preparation for law school courses such as understanding the case study method
- Assisted students in understanding legal research and writing
- Assisted students in understanding entrance into the practice of law in the U.S. with advice on bar study preparations and general inquiries about the bar exam process

**City of Parma, Office of the Law Director, Parma, OH**

*Law Clerk*, August 2000--December 2004/ May 2006--August 2006/August 2007--August 2008/ May 2011-August 2011 (Intermittent)

- Drafted ordinance proposals
- Drafted Law Director's opinions
- Performed legal research and drafted memoranda on a multitude of issues pertaining to the City
- Conducted research and prepared memoranda for the Prosecutor's Office

**Autism Legislation Project (ALP), David M. Sternfield, Chicago, IL**

*Legal Intern/Team Leader*, September 2005--August 2006 (Pro Bono) (1 year, 1 month)

- Conducted legal research and prepared memos on autism/disability legislation in the international section for the following countries: China, India, Scotland, and Ireland
- Supervised other legal interns in completion of their work for the project

**Ave Maria School of Law, Professor Jane Adolphe, Ann Arbor, MI**

*Research Assistant*, September 2005--May 2007 (2 years)

- Researched and drafted memo on the proposed definition of "disability" in international law with respect to the UN Disability Convention
- Researched and drafted memo on the impact of the adoption of the UN Disability Convention on the legal rights of people with disabilities

**Ave Maria School of Law, Dean Michael O. Kenney, Ann Arbor, MI**

*Research Assistant*, May 2005--August 2005 (3 months)

- Conducted extensive research and editorial comments for constitutional law, environmental law, and legal education papers

**U.S. Department of Justice, ENRD/PLSL, Washington, D.C.**

*Legal Intern*, August 2002--December 2002 (4 months)

- Researched various environmental law issues
- Attended congressional hearings and drafted hearing summaries for attorneys
- Proofread legal documents and offered recommendations for legal positions of the documents

**LOGAN Center, South Bend, IN**

*Research Assistant*, August 2003--December 2003 (4 months)

- Conducted research on the Indiana Medical System
- Organized the research into an easy-to-follow document to enable the Center to assist in the welfare of its disabled clients with regard to health care

*Disability Law Educator*, January 2002--May 2002

- Educated disabled clients on the rights protected for people with disabilities through the American with Disabilities Act (ADA)

- Devised games and strategies designed to help clients comprehend their rights in a very basic sense to accommodate their disabilities

**City of Parma, Prosecutor's Office, Parma, OH**  
*Legal Intern*, June 1999/June 2000 (Intermittent)

- Filed cases with the Prosecutor's Office
- Updated the citizen complaint database
- Answered questions posed by the public

### **Disability Advocacy Experience**

**National Youth Leadership Network (NYLN), Washington, D.C.**  
*Development Specialist*, April 2008—April 2009 (1 year)

- Assisted the Network with programmatic tasks supporting NYIC/NYLN activities
- Supported the Network through community participation and grassroots outreach
- Recruited, trained, and supported youth leaders and new members
- Provided public presentation (i.e. conferences, workshops, grant institutes, etc.)

### **Teaching Experience**

**Loyola University Chicago School of Law, Chicago, IL** (2010-12, SJD Candidate)

- *Law and Public Health*  
Autism & Public Health Law  
Childhood Obesity & the Law
- *Long-Term Healthcare*  
Autistic Children & Transition

### **Publications**

**University of Connecticut, Hartford, CT**  
*Connecticut Law Review (Commentary Issue)*, Vol. 46, Issue 5 (2014), Provided Comment to article by Professor David Friedman, "Public Health Regulation and the Limits of Paternalism."

**University of Pennsylvania Law School, Philadelphia, PA**  
*Journal of Law and Social Change*, 16 U. Pa. J. L. & Soc. Change 151 (2013), "An Employment Opportunity or a Discrimination Dilemma? Sheltered Workshops and the Employment of the Disabled."

**University of Wisconsin Law School, Madison, WI**  
*Wisconsin Law Review*, (2013), article by Michael J. Zimmer with citation to Laura Hoffman as Research Assistant, "Inequality, Individualized Risk, and Insecurity."

**Hamline University School of Law, St. Paul, MN**  
*Hamline Law Review*, 36 Hamline L. Rev. 275 (2013), "Hospital Medical Futility Policy & the Severely Disabled Child: Is Disability a Death Sentence?"

**John Marshall Law School, Chicago, IL**  
*John Marshall Law Review*, 46 J. Marshall L. Rev. 169 (2012), "Health Care for the Autistic Child: The Case for Federal Legislative Reform for ABA Therapy."

**St. Mary's University School of Law, San Antonio, TX**  
*The Scholar: St. Mary's Law Review on Minority Issues*, Spring 2012, Vol. 14, No. 4, "The U.S. Supreme Court's 'Disability' in Statutory Construction: The Debate Over the Interpretation of 'Disability' Under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) & the ADA Amendments Act of 2008."

**Loyola University Chicago School of Law, Chicago, IL**

*Loyola Public Interest Law Reporter*, Expected Fall 2011, "Sub-Minimum Wage or Sub-Human?: The U.S. Impact on the Civil Rights of People with Disabilities in Employment."

**Southwestern Law School, Los Angeles, CA**

*Southwestern Law Review*, 2012, Vol. 41, No. 3, "The Difficulty of Ensuring Access to Health Care for the Autistic Child: Why More is Needed Than Federal Health Care Reform."

**Rutgers School of Law—Newark, Newark, NJ**

*Rutgers Law Record*, 39 Rutgers L. Rec. 128 (2011-2012), "Special Education for a Special Population: Why Federal Special Education Law Must be Reformed for Autistic Children."

**University of Pittsburgh School of Law, Pittsburgh, PA**

*Pittsburgh Journal for Environmental and Public Health Law*, 5 Pitt. J. Envtl Pub. Health L. 123 (2011), "The Fight over Fizz: Soda Taxes as a Means of Curbing Childhood Obesity?", available at <http://pjeph.law.pitt.edu/index.php/past-issues/volume-5-issue-2-summer-2011/>.

**Notre Dame Law School, Notre Dame, IN**

*Notre Dame Law School Journal on Legislation*, Fall 2011, 37 J. Legis. 39 (2011), "A Federal Solution That Falls Short: Why the Keeping All Students Safe Act Fails Children with Disabilities."

**ChildLaw and Education Institute, Loyola University Chicago, Chicago, IL**

*ChildLaw and Education Institute Forum*, Volume 2010, "A Matter of Harm: Why the U.S. Congress Must End Corporal Punishment Against Children in U.S. Schools." available at [http://www.luc.edu/law/academics/special/center/child/childed\\_forum/index.html](http://www.luc.edu/law/academics/special/center/child/childed_forum/index.html).

**Conference Presentations**

Marco Biagi Foundation, University of Modena and Reggio Emilia, *Modena, Italy*

A Civil Right Protected or Discrimination Continued?: The Dilemma of the Employment of the Disabled in Sheltered Workshops, Young Scholars' Workshop in Labor Relations—Poster Session, March 2012

**Honors**

National Dean's List/Nominee for the International Mission on Diplomacy

Parma Law Director's Outstanding Citizen Award

Office of the Mayor Proclamation, City of Parma

**Service**

Little Brothers of Holy Family Home (April 2017-September 2017)

St. Francis de Sales New Life Choir (May 2017-February 2018)

St. Francis de Sales Women's Choir (September 2012-February 2018)

Holy Name Cathedral (September 2009-May 2012)

- Member, Cathedral Singers

Ohio Youth Leadership Forum for Students with Disabilities (2001-03)

- Program Assistant, Peer Counselor, Co-Leader