

## **BIOGRAPHY**

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As the Executive Director of the American Library Association (ALA) Washington Office, Emily Sheketoff oversees both the Office of Government Relations (OGR), which conducts lobbying efforts before Congress and the Executive Branch, and the Office for Information Technology Policy (OITP), an office that promotes the development and utilization of electronic access to information as a means to ensure the public's right to a free and open information society.

Having held numerous positions in the federal government and legislative branch over the course of her career, Sheketoff often draws from her experiences within the Beltway as the office works on initiatives important to the library community such as family literacy, information literacy, free access to electronic resources, public access to government information, privacy, first amendment protection, intellectual property and copyright issues, and school libraries.

Prior to coming to the ALA Washington Office, Ms. Sheketoff was the Deputy Assistant Secretary of Labor for OSHA, where she ran the day-to-day operations of this government enforcement agency, working with the staff to be more responsive to the public and small business.

Ms. Sheketoff's previous positions included Director of Interagency Affairs and White House Liaison for the Office of Personnel Management, Deputy Director for the Office of Priority Placement, Office of Presidential Personnel in the Clinton Administration, and Special Assistant to the Director of the White House Office of Administration in the Carter Administration.

In the U.S. Senate, Ms. Sheketoff was a researcher and aide to former Connecticut Senator Lowell P. Weicker on the Senate Watergate Committee, and she also served as an investigator and aide to the Staff Director on the House Intelligence Committee -- investigating the U. S. intelligence community.

In the media, Ms. Sheketoff served as the Washington Bureau Producer for the Monitor Channel of the Christian Science Monitor, and covered the Pentagon during the first Gulf War. As an assignment editor with *World Monitor*, she produced commentaries and made assignments to 20 reporters and 30 producers worldwide. Ms. Sheketoff also worked for the nightly public affairs program, *The Journal* on the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation in the CBC's Washington Bureau.

She holds a Bachelor's Degree in American studies from George Washington University, and spent her junior year at the University of Copenhagen.