

Melanie Benesh

EDUCATION **GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY LAW CENTER**, Washington, DC
Juris Doctor, February 2014, *cum laude*

MARQUETTE UNIVERSITY, Milwaukee, WI
Honors Bachelor of Arts Degree, May 2006, *magna cum laude*

LEGAL EXPERIENCE/EMPLOYMENT

Environmental Working Group, Washington DC, *Legislative Attorney*, August 2014-present
Provide legislative and regulatory analysis on a variety of issues including per-and poly-fluoroalkyl substances (PFAS), the Toxic Substances Control Act, personal care product regulation, PCB regulations, Superfund, drinking water, asbestos regulation, food labeling, FDA law, genetic engineering, and food additives.

Georgetown University Law Center, Washington DC, *Adjunct Professor*, January 2018-Present
Teach practicum course “Public Interest Advocacy: FDA Regulation of Food and Personal Care Products” during the Spring semester.

Law Office of Eric M. May, P.C., Washington DC, *Law Clerk*, December 2011-July 2014
Researched and wrote motions and appellate briefs related primarily to workers’ compensation law. Interpreted for Spanish-speaking clients.

ACLU Washington Legislative Office, Washington DC, *Legal Intern*, September 2013-December 2013
Performed legal research and writing related to federal immigration reform, federal detention policy, and federal border policy.

Bredhoff & Kaiser, PLLC, Washington DC, *Summer Associate*, July 2013-September 2013
Researched and wrote legal memoranda on legal issues related to federal jurisdiction, labor law, civil procedure, and ERISA.

Federal Trade Commission, Bureau of Consumer Protection, Washington DC, *Law Clerk*, May 2013-July 2013
Researched and wrote legal memoranda on legal issues related to FTC investigations, pending cases, and enforcement actions.

Murphy Anderson, PLLC, Washington DC, *Peggy Browning Fellow*, June 2012-August 2012
Researched statutes, regulations, legislative histories, and case law related to the False Claims Act, federal labor law, and ERISA.

Center for Justice and International Law (CEJIL), Washington DC, *Legal Intern*, January 2012-May 2012
Wrote and edited sections of briefs of cases before the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights and assisted with preparation for key meetings related to those cases. Work was in both English and Spanish.

Harrison Institute for Public Law, Washington DC, Research Assistant, August 2011-December 2011, August 2010-May 2011
Researched government procurement as a potential market for goods produced in compliance with the International Labor Organization’s core labor standards.

Kids in Need of Defense (KIND), Washington DC, Volunteer Interpreter, September 2011- May 2013

Professor Andrew Schoenholtz, Washington DC, Research Assistant, May 2011-August 2011
Researched immigrant detention and deportation laws and helped design fall course.

OTHER EXPERIENCE

Voces de la Frontera, Milwaukee, WI, Youth Organizer, July 2007-August 2010

Organized student-led campaigns and community immigration reform initiatives with over 300 high school and college-aged youth. Wrote grant applications, recruited members, and engaged in grassroots fundraising. Managed all communications related to youth organizing.

Marquette University, Tenejapa, Chiapas, Mexico and Milwaukee, WI, Research Assistant, “The Cultural Politics of Fair Trade Coffee” August 2006-June 2007

Assisted Dr. Molly Doane, Ph.D. with interviews of stakeholders in the Fair Trade coffee industry, including 30 families in a Fair Trade organic coffee cooperative in Chiapas, Mexico. Also assisted with transcription and analysis.

PUBLICATIONS

Model or Anti-Model: The Role of U.S. Regulatory Takings Doctrine in Foreign Jurisdictions, *Cardozo Journal of International and Comparative Law*, Spring 2016.

Derechos Inaccesibles. Los Convenios Sobre Las Normas Básicas del Trabajo en Argentina, Chile, México y Guatemala. *Ars Boni et Aequi*, December 2016.

OTHER

Spanish fluency

BAR ADMISSIONS

Maryland June 2014

District of Columbia June 2016