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EXPERIENCE

ELECTRONIC PRIVACY INFORMATION CENTER

MAR 2015 – PRESENT

Deputy Director (April 2021 – present)

Interim Associate Director & Policy Director (April 2020 – March 2021)

Policy Director & Chief Technology Officer (January 2017 – April 2020)

State Policy Coordinator & Chief Technology Officer (March 2015 – January 2017)

Provide expertise to shape strong privacy and open government laws at both the state and federal level. Coordinate and manage EPIC's policy agenda. Advise members of Congress, state legislators, and their staff on privacy legislation regarding topics including consumer privacy, government surveillance, and facial recognition. Draft amicus curiae briefs in important digital privacy cases in federal and state appellate courts. Speak to press and at conferences nationwide on topics ranging from voter privacy to artificial intelligence.

Contributions include:

- Launched both the EPIC State Policy Project (2015) and the broader EPIC Policy Project (2017) in order to influence privacy and open government laws at both the state and federal level.
- Drafted a coalition framework for comprehensive federal privacy legislation supported by sixteen consumer groups.
- Drafted model legislation creating a U.S. Data Protection Agency, which was integrated into legislation introduced in the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives.
- Authored *Grading on a Curve: Privacy Legislation in the 116th Congress*, which sets out the key elements of a modern privacy law and scored pending privacy legislation in Congress.
- Co-authored *The Secret Ballot at Risk: Recommendations for Protecting Democracy*, a report highlighting the right to a secret ballot and how Internet voting threatens voter privacy.

OFFICE OF STATE SENATOR BARRY R. FINEGOLD

JAN 2011 – JAN 2015

Chief of Staff and General Counsel (August 2011 – January 2015)

Legislative Director (January 2011 – August 2011)

Coordinate and manage Senator Finegold's policy agenda and direct the actions and staff of his office. Negotiate with executive agencies, other legislative offices, and interested parties to advance the Senator's agenda. Advise the Senator on legislation pending before the Senate, including the state budget. Draft legislation filed by the Senator. Coordinate Election Laws committee work. Respond to press inquiries on behalf of the Senator.

Contributions include:

- Drafted a successful budget amendment establishing a \$2 million grant for police departments with low per-capita spending on police personnel, resulting in a \$631,000 grant award for Senator Finegold's district. Grant was renewed and increased to \$4 million in the FY13, FY14 and FY15 budgets.
- Drafted significant election law reform legislation enacted into law, An Act Reforming Election Laws, Chapter 111 of the Acts of 2014. Provisions included early voting and online voter registration.
- Worked with community hospitals to draft successful amendments to ensure their survival in the health care marketplace during debate on health care cost containment.

JOINT COMMITTEE ON TELECOMMUNICATIONS, UTILITIES & ENERGY MAR 2009 – JAN 2011

Legal Counsel, Office of Representative Barry R. Finegold, Chairman

Drafted legislation and prepared committee redrafts of bills, including those on wind energy siting reform, public utility company accountability, bottle recycling, and appliance efficiency. Analyzed pending legislation, prepared bill summaries, and made recommendations to the House Chairman regarding action to be taken by the committee. Served as a primary contact for Committee members, industry lobbyists, advocacy groups, and individuals on all issues pending before the Committee.

Contributions include:

- Drafted major public utility accountability legislation enacted into law, An Act Relative to Public Utility Companies, Chapter 133 of the Acts of 2009. Worked with House and Senate conference committee members to reach compromise on the bill.
- Drafted committee comments on regulations issued by relevant state agencies, specifically regulatory changes to the Renewable Portfolio Standard (RPS), solar carve-out regulations (SRECs), and changes to biomass eligibility for renewable energy certificates (RECs).

E D U C A T I O N

NORTHEASTERN UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW

Juris Doctor

May 2008 | Boston, MA

STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK AT GENESEO

Bachelor of Arts in Computer Science

May 2002 | Geneseo, NY

M E M B E R S H I P S

MASSACHUSETTS BAR

Member since Dec. 2008

ELECTION VERIFICATION NETWORK

Member

WAKEFIELD DEMOCRATIC TOWN COMMITTEE

Vice-Chair (August 2020 – present)