

SAMANTHA S. KUBEK, ESQ.

EXPERIENCE

New York Legal Assistance Group, LegalHealth Division, New York, NY

Coordinating Attorney, Veterans Initiative, 2020-present

Founded the first two legal clinics in the country to serve women veterans exclusively, with a focus on survivors of military sexual assault/harassment. Staff weekly legal clinics at VA medical centers in the Bronx and Manhattan, representing low-income clients through medical-legal partnership model in generalist practice. Manage 70+ caseload. Triage client legal issues through in-person intake. Litigate in court and represent clients in administrative hearings.

Veterans Initiative: Coordinate legal clinic schedules for Veterans Initiative attorneys, supervise interns and paralegals on the Veterans Intake Line, and liaise with VA Medical Center staff regarding on-site legal clinics. File claims regarding VA benefits and discharge upgrades. Review medical records, gather evidence, and draft affidavits and briefs for the VA, Board of Military Corrections, and Discharge Review Boards.

Generalist: Advise and represent clients on matters including family law, immigration, public assistance, and housing subsidies. Represent clients in Social Security hearings and housing court.

Grant Work: Drafts grant proposals, applications, and reports for private foundations. Assisted in obtaining six new grants and many renewal grants for the LegalHealth division, totaling over \$1M.

Community Training/Education: Prepared and published the 3rd and 4th Editions of the New York City Veteran's Legal Guide. Created LegalHealth's first DSRIP-focused curricula on domestic violence and family law, to healthcare professionals throughout NYC. Created innovative training for healthcare providers at non-VA hospitals throughout NYC regarding veteran status as a social determinant of health. Organize and conduct know your rights trainings for veterans at the Manhattan VA Medical Center.

Public Speaking: Testified before United States House of Representatives Veterans Affairs Committee's Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations (February 5, 2020). Testified before New York City Council on important issues impacting the veteran community. Served as panelist and moderator for many events including those hosted by NYLAG, New York State Health Foundation, the American Bar Association, and the Legal Services Corporation.

Staff Attorney, 2018-2020

Equal Justice Works Fellow, 2016-2018

Advanced Reproductive Justice Clinic, Spring 2016

Assisted in drafting an amicus brief for *Zubik v. Burwell* addressing the implications of state abortion regulations and subsequent closure of clinics. Drafted sections of a motion for summary judgment for suit concerning Wisconsin's Child Endangerment laws as applied to pregnant women's drug use.

New York Legal Assistance Group, Matrimonial & Family Law Unit, New York, NY

Legal Intern, Summer 2015

Provided legal assistance to survivors of domestic violence on matrimonial and family law matters. Drafted legal documents for family law cases and prepared clients for trial. Wrote research memos and appeared on the record.

Her Justice, New York, NY

New York Women's Bar Association Fellow and Legal Intern, Spring 2015

Assisted with uncontested divorces at various stages of the legal process. Conducted brief services with clients. Drafted legal documents for family law cases and researched case law.

Professor Sarah Burns, New York, NY

Research Assistant, Summer 2014, Spring 2015

Researched abortion laws and case law; proofread for amicus brief with NYU's Reproductive Justice Clinic. Strategic planning for client regarding rollout of demonstration project to alleviate harms resulting from abortion clinic closures.

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Reproductive Justice Clinic Fall 2014

Assisted the National Advocates for Pregnant Women in their challenge to Alabama's Chemical Endangerment Law and a lawsuit concerning a pregnant woman's involuntary detention. Worked with Center for Reproductive Rights on Crisis Pregnancy Center litigation.

ACLU Women's Rights Project, New York, NY

Legal Intern, Summer 2014

Researched and wrote memos concerning constructive discharge laws, workplace reasonable accommodation policies, health risks of PTSD due to Military Sexual Trauma, and discrimination in housing due to domestic violence incidents.

EDUCATION

New York University School of Law, New York, J.D., May 2016

Honors: The Review of Law and Social Change, Senior Articles Editor
John Sexton Scholarship – partial tuition scholarship based upon academic merit

Activities: New York City Bar Domestic Violence Committee, Student Member (2015-2016)
Law Students for Reproductive Justice, Co-Chair (2014-2015)
Teaching Assistant, Lawyering Program (2014-2015)
Uncontested Divorce Project, Student Advocate (2013-2014)
Domestic Violence Advocacy Project, Director of the Vagina Monologues (2016)
Substantial Performance A Cappella Group, Member-at-Large (2014-2016)

Georgetown University, Washington, DC

B.A. in Government (with Honors) with a minor in English, cum laude, May 2013

Honors Thesis: *Steeped in God: An In-Depth Analysis of the Republican Party's Changing Stance Towards Women and the Rise of the Teavangelicals*

BAR ADMISSION

New York

MEMBERSHIPS

A Better NYLAG, UAW Local 2325, *President/Chair*
New York City Veterans Law Working Group, *Co-Chair*
ABA Health Law Section's Military & Veterans Health Law Interest Group, *member*
Legal Services Corporation Veteran Task Force, *member*