

## **Witness Bio**

### **Joan Entmacher**

Joan Entmacher is a Senior Fellow at the National Academy of Social Insurance. Until January 2016, she was Vice President for Family Economic Security at the National Women's Law Center, a nonprofit organization that has been working since 1972 to advance and protect women's rights and opportunities. She directed NWLC's program to improve policies affecting the economic security of low-income women and their families, including Social Security, tax and budget, child care, and other income support programs, through public education, research, advocacy, and litigation. Entmacher is a leading expert on Social Security and women. She has been invited to testify before Congress on several occasions; written numerous analyses of Social Security issues; developed original proposals for improving Social Security benefits; served on the expert study panel convened by the Academy to develop its report, *Uncharted Waters: Paying Benefits from Individual Accounts in Federal Retirement Policy*; and commented on Social Security issues for the media and at numerous conferences. Previously, Entmacher worked at the National Partnership for Women & Families, taught political science at Wellesley College, headed the Civil Rights Division of the Massachusetts Attorney General's Office, and litigated cases in the U.S. Department of Labor Solicitor's Office. Entmacher is a graduate of Wellesley College and Yale Law School. Entmacher has been an Academy member since 2005.