

Jennifer Sherman

EDUCATION

University of California, Berkeley, School of Law, Berkeley, CA

J.D. Candidate, May 2022

Honors: Berkeley Law Dean's Fellowship Merit Scholarship

Activities: American Constitution Society, At-Large Board Member; *Berkeley Journal of Gender Law and Justice*

The George Washington University, Washington, DC

B.A., *summa cum laude*, Political Science (minor History), May 2017

Honors: Phi Beta Kappa; Pi Sigma Alpha (Political Science Honors Society); Jesse Fant Evans Prize (Excellence in Contemporary History); Harmon Choral Prize (Excellence in Choral Leadership)

Activities: University Singers; Chamber Choir; Pi Beta Phi Fraternity for Women, Leadership and Nominating Committee; DC Bound Guide

Study Abroad: CIEE Paris: Contemporary French Studies, Paris Center for Critical Studies (Spring 2016)

EXPERIENCE

Gun Violence Prevention Project, Berkeley Law, Berkeley, CA

Student Researcher

Sept. 2019 - Present

Support Giffords Law Center in developing guides, fact-sheets, and other resources. Research constitutional law at the intersection of data privacy and how the internet functions as a tool for radicalization and glorification of violence.

Brainstorm strategies to protect privacy while preventing the growth of the internet's capacity to lead to gun violence.

American Bar Association, Washington, DC

Legislative Associate/Program Assistant, Governmental Affairs Office

April 2017 - May 2019

Researched legislation and ABA policy to support lobbying staff. Drafted, edited, and sent letters to Congress and the Administration. Attended hearings and coalition meetings as an ABA representative. Managed the Governmental Affairs Office (GAO) website update. Edited and published the Washington Letter, a monthly newsletter by GAO. Planned and executed ABA Day 2018 and 2019, a three day fly-in lobbying event for over 300 bar leaders.

Legal Services Corporation, Washington, DC

Government Relations and Public Affairs Intern

Sept. 2016 - April 2017

Tracked legislation and monitored congressional CJS appropriations activity in both the House and Senate. Researched and wrote sections of the FY2018 LSC Budget Request to Congress. Compiled and edited LSC "By the Numbers" publication, which is sent to all 133 LSC grantees and various stakeholders. Developed databases and bios on the 2016 Presidential transition and Freshmen Members of the 114th Congress.

National Association of Latino Elected and Appointed Officials (NALEO) Educational Fund, Washington, DC

Policy Intern

May 2016 - Aug. 2016

Conducted legislative research on census, voting rights, and naturalization. Planned and attended meetings on Capitol Hill with over 20 Republican and Democratic offices. Assisted in preparing materials for the 33rd Annual NALEO Conference in Washington, DC.

U.S. Department of Education, Washington, DC

Policy Assistant/Intern, White House Initiative on American Indian & Alaska Native Education June 2015 – Aug. 2015

Drafted guidelines and toolkits regarding new initiatives. Assisted in writing a 70+ page policy report on Native Student Environment. Planned internal Department of Education events focusing on diversity and inclusion.

U.S. House of Representatives, Congressman Donald Norcross, Washington, DC

Intern

Dec. 2014 - May 2015

Wrote correspondence on current issues to be mailed to constituents. Managed and organized constituent opinions, phone calls, and mail. Researched legislative issues. Maintained excel databases on contacts and members of Congress.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Basic French. Enjoy watching the NFL, especially the Philadelphia Eagles, and spending time at the New Jersey shore.

Jennifer Sherman Candidacy Statement

When I first came to Berkeley Law, I was in awe of the variety of organizations that students could immediately join. Yet, as I walked through the tables during the organization fair, I noticed one organization was missing: the American Bar Association (ABA). Working for the ABA's Governmental Affairs Office (GAO) prior to attending law school, I recognized the importance of the organization for the legal profession and that future lawyers should get involved as soon as possible. The lack of ABA presence on campus concerned me, and as I spoke to my peers about our experiences prior to law school, few people knew what the ABA did besides accredit the law school they were attending.

I am applying for the Delegate of Communications, Publications, and Outreach because I want more students to know about and be involved in the ABA. Without early involvement, these future lawyers may never know how the ABA benefits them, or the ways they can give back through the ABA. As the Law Student Division Delegate of Communications, I hope to work closely with the Chair and other Delegates to better inform law students about the ABA. A simple idea would be to have each school's ABA representative or SBA president table at organization fairs and plan one lunch talk per semester. As the Communications Delegate, I would create one pagers for tabling, an easy sign-up tool, and sample lunch talk programs so that the representatives do not have to be burdened with planning everything from scratch.

My work at the ABA prior to law school gave me a lot of experience in the three areas this role requires: policy, content creation, and keeping records. As a Legislative Associate in GAO, I learned how to research ABA policy and assisted Legislative Counsel in drafting policy letters to send to Congress. I also learned the process through which ABA policy is drafted and passed. If elected, I would work closely with the Chair to make sure the Law Student Division

sponsored policy that best represents its members. As for content creation, I have experience working on the Washington Letter, GAO's publication, different sections of the GAO website, and handouts for ABA Day. Finally, I managed the record keeping of ABA policy letters and testimony in hard copy, electronically, and online. I also took minutes for Standing Committee of Governmental Affairs and ABA Day Planning Committee meetings. In addition, I facilitated communications to both committees, and sent ABA Day mass emails promoting the event and giving information to participants.

As Delegate of Communications, Publications, and Outreach, I hope to build the next group of active ABA members to maintain the ABA's status as the voice for the legal profession. I would be glad to contribute my time and efforts to work towards that goal.