

Faculty Supervisors

PATRICIA ANGLEY
JONATHAN BROWN
ROBERT CISNEROS
DAVID N. DORFMAN
MARGARET M. FLINT
ROBIN FRANKEL
ERIN GLEASON ALVAREZ
JACK HORNICKEL
JANENE MARASCIULLO
TODD OMMEN
ANTON PRIBYSH
AMELIA WILSON

JOHN JAY LEGAL SERVICES, INC.

ELISABETH HAUB SCHOOL OF LAW
80 NORTH BROADWAY
WHITE PLAINS, NY 10603
TEL 914-422-4333
FAX 914-422-4391
JJLS@LAW.PACE.EDU

Executive Director
TODD D. OMMEN

Clinic Administrator
ROBERT WALKER

Assistant

Clinic Administrator
JENNIFER RUHLE

Program Coordinator
KARINA PRIEGO

Mr. Dan Ruben
Equal Justice America
3007 East Boundary Terrace
Suite 201
Midlothian, VA 23112

December 2, 2025

Dear Mr. Ruben,

We hope this letter finds you well. Our names are Anne-Marie Brown, Eleftheria Halampalakis, and Hope Newkirk. During the Fall 2025 semester, we have had the opportunity to work as Student Attorneys with the Equal Justice America Disability Rights Clinic at John Jay Legal Services, Inc. Through our participation in the clinic, we have engaged in the representation of real clients, applying the skills that we learned in our seminar to our representation and gaining valuable experience that transcends that which can be learned within the walls of a classroom. If not for your support of the clinic and its mission, none of this would have been possible. We look forward to continuing to build upon the skills learned through our participation in the clinic throughout the course of our careers as attorneys.

My name is Annie, a part-time Flex student here at Pace. For the last five years, I have been a paralegal doing real estate law. I wanted to apply to the Disability Rights Clinic because I wanted hands-on experience serving clients whose rights and access are often too overlooked. I'm grateful for the opportunity to work directly with individuals navigating barriers and to learn empathetic, practical lawyering. What I loved most was being part of a team that approached each task and client with patience and dignity. This clinic has given me tools that I will carry with me throughout my legal career, such as interviewing skills and having a more client-centered mindset. This clinic truly reminded me why I came to law school in the first place, to help people feel seen and supported.

My name is Eleftheria Halampalakis, and I am a full-time student in my last year at Pace. When I started law school, I wanted to apply to as many different clinics and externships available to me in order to maximize my experience and knowledge of different sectors of the law. The Disability Rights Clinic was one of those opportunities. Through this clinic, I was able to work with clients on issues that were life changing for them. I learned how to communicate with team members and clients who had disabilities that made our work at the clinic require patience and empathy. Not only am I thankful for the opportunity to help those in need, but I am thankful for this clinic showing me a more personable side of the legal field. This clinic helped me grow as an advocate and a person. I look forward to taking the skills I have developed from this experience into practice with me.

I, Hope, am a full-time student in my last year at Pace. I was initially drawn to the Disability Rights Clinic based on my experience caring for my grandfather, who was diagnosed with moderate Alzheimer's when I was in high school. Seeing the challenges that came with the progression of his diagnosis inspired

me to seek to work with people who are vulnerable to those same types of challenges. Working in the clinic has given me a deep respect for those who commit their lives to advocating for the elderly and disabled. Through our work in the clinic, I have become more confident in my ability to effectively communicate with clients. I also had the opportunity to do outreach with Cancer Support Community, discussing how our missions intersect, and how the clinic can help those diagnosed with life-altering illness by offering them access to help navigating advanced estate planning and other related legal matters. I am immensely grateful for this experience and the personal and professional growth I have gained through the course of this semester.

Throughout the semester, our team worked collaboratively to support clients navigating a variety of disability-related legal issues. We conducted in-take interviews, gathered facts, and identified exactly what our clients needed. Together, we researched applicable laws and drafted documents such as powers of attorney and wills. We routinely met to strategize, share updates and learn from one another, creating a supportive environment where we could think critically and problem-solve as a team. By combining our individual strengths, we were able to focus on each client and make meaningful progress. Thank you for all that you have done to make this experience possible for us and for others.

Sincerely,

Signed by:

Anne-Marie Brown
Signed by:

Eleftheria Palampalakis
Signed by:

Hope Newkirk

Law Student Interns
Equal Justice America DRC

CC: Patricia Angley, Esq., Supervising Attorney