

SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES

THE *OLMSTEAD* DECISION FIVE YEARS LATER: HOW HAS IT AFFECTED HEALTH SERVICES AND THE CIVIL RIGHTS OF INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES?

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EILEEN ELIAS is the Deputy Director for the Office of Disability within the Office of the Secretary, Department of Health and Human Services. In this position, she coordinates, develops, and implements the Department's disability programs and initiatives related to the President's New Freedom Initiative. Prior to this appointment, she worked at the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration of HHS as a Special Expert, and has served as Commissioner of Mental Health for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. In that position she worked with various sectors to help implement cost-effective and efficient integrated systems of care. She has also published extensively, been a guest lecturer, and received various awards for her work.

MICHAEL GOTTESMAN is a Professor of Law at Georgetown University and an appellate lawyer, specializing in labor and civil rights law. Before joining the Georgetown faculty as an adjunct professor at the law center in 1978, he served in multiple roles. Mr. Gottesman has argued seven cases before the U.S. Supreme Court, and over 150 cases in the federal courts of appeals. In 1999, he successfully argued the *Olmstead* case. He was appointed by former President Jimmy Carter in 1977 to serve on the Judicial Nominating Commission for the District of Columbia. In this capacity, he reviewed candidates for the U.S. Court of Appeals and the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia.

TOM PEREZ is an Assistant Professor of Law at the University of Maryland School of Law. From 2001 until 2003, he was also Director of the law school's nationally recognized clinical law program. A graduate of Harvard Law School and the John F. Kennedy School of Government, Professor Perez was Director of the Office for Civil Rights at the United States Department of Health and Human Services from 1999 until 2001, and prior to that was Deputy Assistant Attorney General for Civil Rights at the United States Department of Justice. In his capacity as Director of OCR at HHS, he served as co-chair of a Department-wide working group seeking to expand opportunities for people with disabilities to thrive in community-based settings.

His teaching and scholarship focuses on the intersection of health care and civil rights. He was heavily involved in the Clinton administration's Initiative to Eliminate Racial and Ethnic Disparities in Health Status, and has authored a number of papers on this topic for the Institute of Medicine. He currently serves on the Kaiser Commission on Medicaid and the Uninsured, as well as the Sullivan Commission on Diversifying the U.S. Healthcare Workforce. He is also Vice President of the Montgomery County Council,

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MATT SALO is the Director of the Health and Human Services Committee at the National Governors Association. Prior to joining NGA as their chief health lobbyist in January of 1999, Matt spent five years working for the National Association of State Medicaid Directors. He earned his first health policy Purple Heart analyzing the Clinton Health Security Act, his second with the Balanced Budget Act of 1997, and barely survived a third on the NGA Medicaid Reform Task Force. He also taught for two years at T.C. Williams High School in Alexandria, VA. His primary areas of interest have been in Medicaid, Medicare, long-term care, public health, prescription drugs, and managed care. He firmly believes he is responsible for repeal of the Boren Amendment, securing tobacco settlement money for the states, and getting \$20 billion in fiscal relief from Congress. He holds a BA in Eastern Religious Studies from the University of Virginia, and is still trying to find ways to explain how that got him to where he is today.

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BOB WILLIAMS is co-director of Advancing Independence, a forum that advances policy reforms that enhance the independence of Americans with disabilities. He also served as the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Disability, Aging and Long Term Care Policy and as the Commissioner of Developmental Disabilities in the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. Prior to this, he worked on enacting the Americans with Disabilities Act and closing the District of Columbia's public institution. Born with cerebral palsy, he brings a unique set of perspectives, abilities and commitment to his work.