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## Brooke Lierman



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### Profile

Brooke Lierman's practice includes workers' rights litigation, disability rights, §1983 litigation, commercial contract disputes, and Randolph-Sheppard Act cases involving blind vendors. Brooke is also part of a team representing blind students in their quest for accessible technology at colleges and universities. Her pro bono activities involve assistance with expungement through the Homeless Persons Representation Project, and in the past, representation of community associations before the Baltimore Board of Liquor License Commissioners.

Brooke was chosen for a 2017 Aspen-Rodel Fellowship in Public Leadership, which is open by invitation only to emerging political leaders with a reputation for intellect, thoughtfulness, and a commitment to civil dialogue.

In November 2014, Brooke was elected to her first term in the Maryland House of Delegates, representing District 46 (Baltimore City). She now serves in the General Assembly as a member of the Appropriations Committee.

Brooke was selected as one of the *Sun Magazine's* 50 Women to Watch in 2014, and since 2013, she has been chosen annually for inclusion on the *Super Lawyers' Maryland Rising Stars* list. Selection to the Maryland Rising Stars is an honor reserved for those lawyers who exhibit excellence in practice. To be eligible for inclusion in Rising Stars, a candidate must be either 40 years old or younger or in practice for ten years or less. Only 2.5 percent of the attorneys in Maryland are named to the Rising Stars list each year.

In 2013, Brooke was selected for *Baltimore Magazine's* "40 Under 40," a list of 40 top young professionals with the vision and drive to make changes in the region and in 2014, Brooke was selected to receive *The Daily Record's* Leading Women award, given to women who are 40 years of age or younger for the accomplishments they have made so far in their careers.

Prior to joining the firm, Brooke clerked on Maryland's federal district court for Chief Judge Deborah Chasanow, and before that for her predecessor as Chief Judge, the Honorable Benson Legg.

Before law school, Brooke worked on several local and national political campaigns, including for Paul Wellstone and Howard Dean. She also served as an AmeriCorps VISTA member at The DREAM Program in Burlington, Vermont. In the year before she attended law school, Brooke worked as Special Assistant for National Security at the Center for American Progress in Washington, D.C.

During law school, Brooke was President of the American Constitution Society and worked as a policy advisor to Texas State Senator Rodney Ellis. She also participated in Texas RioGrande Legal Aid's Housing Law Clinic and interned with the Honorable William Wayne Justice on the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Texas.

## Education

- The University of Texas School of Law, J.D., cum laude, 2008
- Dartmouth College, A.B., 2001

## Bar Admissions

- Maryland
- Massachusetts

## Representative Cases

- *Jay Innes, et al. v. University of Maryland-College Park, et al.* - Successfully represented three deaf plaintiffs with season tickets to Terps basketball and football games in suit to require the University to provide equal access to all aural content for deaf and hard of hearing sports fans, both in-stadium and on the athletic department's website (2017).
- *Anthony v. Durham School Services, L.P.* - Helped secure a \$1.25 million settlement for a class of school bus drivers and attendants who were wrongly denied overtime and regular pay for all hours worked. (2014)
- *Gray v. The Walt Disney Company* - Won summary judgment holding that the owners and operators of the ESPN Zone restaurant in Baltimore's Inner Harbor violated the WARN Act when they closed the restaurant without providing the employees with the 60-day notice required by law and without paying them the full amount they would have earned had they received that notice (915 F. Supp. 2d 725 (D. Md. 2013)).
- *Mayor & City Council v. Rolley* - Won defense verdict on behalf of former employee from whom the City had sought the return of pay she received during leave with which the City had erroneously credited her, and during which she had worked from home. (2012)

## Honors

- Legislator of the Year Award, 2017
- Maryland Rising Stars, 2013-present
- 2017 Aspen-Rodel Fellowship in Public Leadership
- *Sun Magazine's* 50 Women to Watch in 2014
- *The Daily Record's* Leading Women, 2014
- *Baltimore Magazine's* "40 Under 40," 2013

## Memberships

- House of Delegates, District 46
- Baltimore Museum of Art, Board Trustee
- Women's Bar Association, Member
- Maryland-Washington Employment Lawyers Association (MWELA), Member
- National Employment Lawyers Association, Member

## Media

- "Federal Hill Beer Garden at Baltimore City Liquor Board," WMAR TV2, June 27, 2013.
- "Federal Hill's CrossBar, after contested hearing, denied beer garden," *Baltimore Business Journal*, June 27, 2013.
- "Liquor Board Denies Crossbar Expansion; Crossbar to Open in Smaller Space," [SouthBMore.com](http://SouthBMore.com), June 28, 2013.
- "School bus drivers protest working, safety conditions - Drivers part of class-action lawsuit against Durham transportation," *The Baltimore Sun* quotes Brooke Lierman, the attorney representing the workers in the federal suit, May 24, 2013.

- "La Raza loses appeal, next step unclear," *Baltimore Guide*, April 3, 2013.
- "Highlandtown bar gets another day in court," *Baltimore Guide* quotes Brooke Lierman, the attorney representing the Highlandtown Community Association, March 27, 2013.
- "City loses suit against former mayoral candidate's wife," *The Baltimore Sun*, October 25, 2012.
- "Liquor license of Upper Fells Point bar is suspended," *The Baltimore Sun* quotes Brooke Lierman, who represented the Lombard Court Homeowners Association before the liquor board, October 04, 2011.

## Presentations

- July 8, 2015, Brooke presented "The Impact of the Organized Blind Movement: Perspectives from a Friend and Champion in the Maryland Legislature" at the National Federation of the Blind's 2015 National Convention, Orlando, FL.
- March 25, 2014, Brooke participated in a panel discussion on career development during the Governor's Leadership Forum for Women and Girls, Annapolis, MD.

## Publications

- "Election Day Registration: Giving All Americans a Fair Chance to Vote," *Harvard Law & Policy Review*, February 2008
- "'To Assure Safe and Healthful Working Conditions': Taking Lessons from Labor Unions to Fulfill OSHA's Promises," *Loyola University New Orleans Journal of Public Interest Law*, Vol. 12, Fall 2010.

