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Practice Areas

Civil Rights, Defense of Professional Licenses, Health Care, Public Interest Litigation, Special Education

Managing Partner

Profile

Sharon Krevor-Weisbaum is a passionate and forceful legal representative for individuals with disabilities and their families who require services or supports from state or federal government and for those who require accommodations from employers or service providers. She aggressively advocates for special education and support services for children and their families and for developmental and mental health services for adults. Sharon also represents parents with disabilities in child protection proceedings and other family law matters. She is also a kind and gentle advocate for seniors and their families.

Sharon has represented college and university students with disabilities in Americans with Disabilities Act litigation to ensure that they have equal access to their curriculum and other services offered by the universities. Sharon has significant experience collaborating with colleges and universities, and litigating where necessary, issues involving the needs of students with disabilities. Sharon has played a significant role in working with the Office of General Counsel for various universities in resolving OCR and/or other complaints brought by university students. All of these cases have involved university disability services offices and have resulted in systemic change settlement agreements focused on ensuring sustained changes in university culture surrounding curriculum accessibility.

Sharon also serves as counsel or in an advisory capacity to disability advocacy organizations throughout the State of Maryland and is often asked to speak at annual conferences and training programs. She has served on the faculty of The National Leadership Consortium on Developmental Disabilities at the University of Delaware and speaks regularly for the Maryland Association of Community Services (MACS).

Sharon is equally passionate and forceful in her representation of non-profit and for-profit entities that provide supports and services to individuals with disabilities and the elderly, whether serving as a proactive general counsel or as an aggressive advocate for her corporate clients. In her representation of community-based mental health and addiction service providers, organizations that provide housing and support services to individuals with developmental disabilities, senior care providers (including nursing homes and assisted living), and providers of personal home care and durable medical equipment, Sharon understands and appreciates the difficult balance her clients must achieve as business entities and service providers.

As a former Assistant Attorney General for the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, Sharon has built the knowledge, experience and relationships with regulators that allow her to counsel and defend health care providers effectively in actions involving licensure and regulatory compliance. She also uses this experience to represent individual health care practitioners before professional disciplinary boards and to represent parents who find themselves the subject of abuse and neglect accusations by local departments of social services.

In partnership with others at Brown, Goldstein & Levy, Sharon works to provide her clients with the legal talents that will best serve their needs, whether through advocacy, education, litigation, or negotiation. Sharon considers it an honor to serve as a member of the legal community and to serve her clients with compassion and a sense of pride in her work.

Sharon looks forward to continuing to share her extensive experience, passion, and sense of justice with her clients and welcomes others to consider her as their legal advisor.

A client of Sharon's recently wrote: "Thank you for all that you have done for our family - you are really amazing - smart, kind and caring, all accompanied by an incredible work ethic. It is such a wonderful feeling to find someone of your caliber and integrity. We hope more families like ours are lucky enough to find you." See what other clients have to say about Sharon in the References section of her Avvo profile.

Education

- University of Maryland School of Law, J.D. with Honors, 1987
- Cornell University, M.A. in Industrial and Labor Relations, 1984
- University of Michigan, B.A. with distinction, 1979

Honors

- *The Daily Record's* Leadership in Law Award, 2017 & 2007
- *The Daily Record's* Top 100 Women in Maryland, 2017
- Top 50 Women *Maryland Super Lawyers*, 2014
- *Maryland Super Lawyers*, 2013-present
- Stanley S. Herr Advocacy Leadership Award of The Arc of Baltimore, 2008
- Bernard A Gould Award of The Arc of Maryland for Outstanding Leadership and Dedication Benefitting Persons with Developmental Disabilities and their Families, 2007

Memberships

- Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, Task Force on the Quality of Services for Individuals with Developmental Disabilities
- American Health Lawyers Association
- The Council of Parent Attorneys and Advocates (COPAA)
- Maryland State Bar Association
- Public Justice Center, Advisory Committee, 2014; Board Member, 2005-2013; Chair, 25th Anniversary Gala, 2011
- First Maryland Disability Trust, Inc., Board Member, 2010-2015
- Executive Alliance
- Habonim Dror Camp Moshava, Board Member, 2009-2015

Media

- Major, Lindsey & Africa interviewed Sharon for their April 3, 2017 article "Female Law Firm Leaders in Small Markets: Q&A with Sharon Krevor-Weisbaum."
- Sharon was interviewed for the March 11, 2016 *The Daily Record* article, "'We are striving for more.' More work needed to recruit, promote women, minority lawyers, partners say."
- Sharon's representation of the Federal Hill Neighborhood Association is featured in the March 22, 2014 *Baltimore Brew* article, "Lurking in Federal Hill Crossbar saga: a 'zombie' liquor license."
- Sharon discusses how she sheds light on the issues those with disabilities face in the article "Blind Spot" by Jessica Tam, which appeared in the January 2014 issue of *Maryland Super Lawyers 2014*.
- On May 8, 2012, Sharon commented on WHYY radio in Philadelphia on her representation of four blind plaintiffs in their lawsuit against The Free Library of Philadelphia regarding the inaccessibility of the e-readers utilized by the Library in its lending program.
- May 25, 2011, Sharon commented on Channel 13 WJZ News Baltimore regarding a \$2 million lawsuit that was filed against the Board of Education of Prince George's County and a principal after a student was sexually abused by another boy in his class.
- Holly Miller, "A Matter of Justice: Our Fight to Obtain Braille Instruction," *Future Reflections*, Summer 2012.
- Angelica Gomez, "A Chance to Learn," *Future Reflections*, Summer 2012.
- "College Is Hard Enough: Digital Technology Should Work for Everyone," *EDUCAUSE Review*, March/April 2011.

Presentations

- May 5, 2016, Sharon participated in the White House Forum on Civil Rights of Parents with Disabilities, which brought together disability rights advocates, parents with disabilities, policymakers, and key leaders from the social services field to discuss the civil rights of parents with disabilities, Washington, DC.
- July 8, 2015, Sharon presented "Protecting the Bonds of Love: Progress in Defending Our Right to Parent" at the National Federation of the Blind's 2015 National Convention, Orlando, FL.
- June 18, 2015, Sharon presented "Setting the Stage: Legal Precedents & Higher Education Obligation" at the Accessible Instructional Materials & Technology Summit, Columbia, MD.
- December 11, 2014, Sharon presented "Guardianship and Other Alternatives" at the Harford County Department of Community Services Commission on Disabilities Speaker Series, Bel Air, MD.
- July 2, 2014, Sharon Krevor-Weisbaum joined two of her colleagues, Steven Gordon, Assistant United States Attorney, U.S. Department of Justice, Civil Rights Division, and Mary Malone Hancock, Director, Daniel, Johnson & Nagle, P.C., at the American Health Lawyers Association Annual Meeting in New York, NY. Together they presented: "Disability Discrimination in Health Care Settings: How to Ensure Equal Access and Avoid Violations of the Law."
- April 24, 2014, Sharon facilitated the "Parental Rights 'How-To' Workshop" on representing parents with disabilities who are involved in child protective services proceedings or custody disputes at the 2014 Jacobus tenBroek Disability Law Symposium, Baltimore, MD.
- March 8, 2014 at the Council of Parent Attorneys and Advocates (COPAA) 16th Annual Conference, Sharon Krevor-Weisbaum, Natalie L. Shaheen, and Jayne M. Wesler presented "Advances in Blindness Advocacy: Power Tools in the Toolbox," Baltimore, MD.

Blog Articles

- Health Care Professionals Beware: You must keep your address updated with your licensing Board
- Medical Spas, Med-Spas, or Medi-Spas – By Any Name, Professionals Must Follow State Rules and Regulations

