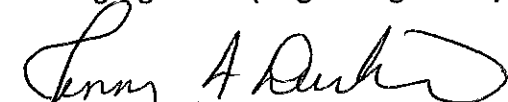




# City of Seattle Boards & Commissions Notice of Appointment

<b>Appointee Name:</b> Rebecca A. Craemer		
<b>Board/Commission Name:</b> <i>Seattle Commission for People with Disabilities</i>		<b>Position Title:</b> <i>Member</i>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Appointment</b> OR <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Reappointment</b>		<b>Council Confirmation required?</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
<b>Appointing Authority:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Council <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mayor <input type="checkbox"/> Other: <i>Fill in appointing authority</i>	<b>Date Appointed:</b> 2/23/2018	<b>Term of Position: *</b> 5/1/2017 to 4/30/2019
<b>Residential Neighborhood:</b> Ravenna	<b>Zip Code:</b> 98105	<b>Contact Phone No.:</b>
<b>Background:</b> Rebecca Craemer is an experienced attorney in the field of accessibility. After graduating Brooklyn Law School in 2006 as a Sparer Fellow, she worked at Advocates for Children in New York representing families of children with disabilities and running a pro bono legal program. She then worked at Disability Rights Legal Center in California on impact litigation involving service animals, police misconduct, building/facility and programmatic accessibility challenges to private and public buildings and transportation systems. Of her many accomplishments, she is most proud of collaborating with the County of San Bernardino to ensure the county's entire network of courthouses was made accessible. During her time in litigation, Rebecca found she had a passion for accessibility and in 2016, she became certified as an expert in building and facility accessibility (CASp) through the California Division of State Architect's Office. Rebecca plans to use her experience to help make Seattle a more accessible city.		
<b>Authorizing Signature (original signature):</b> 		<b>Appointing Signatory:</b> Jenny Durkan Mayor of Seattle

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\*Term begin and end date is fixed and tied to the position and not appointment date.

# REBECCA A. CRAEMER

## PROFILE

Innovative and collaborative accessibility expert with broad-based experience in discrimination/anti-bias claims in both the private and public sector. Extensive experience conducting building and facility inspections, surveys and plan reviews for accessibility. 10 years of experience litigating discrimination claims in federal, state and administrative tribunals as well as complex, large-scale mediation. Experience training professionals on addressing discrimination/anti-bias claims.

## CERTIFICATION

### **Certified Access Specialist Program (CAsp) (paperwork pending)**

- Passed both parts of CAsp exam, a California program recognizing experts in building and facility accessibility provisions in state and federal law.

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

### **Attorney/Expert Consultant**

May 2013 - Present

- Conduct site inspections for commercial/residential property and a public school.
- Conducted training of property managers and administration staff for a large property management company on accessibility laws. Developed a process for managers to escalate accessibility concerns to management in order to reduce likelihood of discrimination claims.
- Resolved legal disputes in a variety of discrimination cases, including ADA, ADAAG, Unruh Act, IDEA, Fair Housing Act and Section 504 reasonable accommodation cases.
- Litigated ADA, Section 504, and IDEA cases.

### **Disability Rights Legal Center, Attorney**

March 2010 - Oct 2012

- Represented individuals and classes in high-profile, federal litigation concerning disability discrimination, mostly Title II and III, and attendant claims.
- Conducted site inspections and reviewed plans for proposed construction of numerous public and commercial buildings as part of litigation or to avoid litigation.
- Conducted trainings for lawyers, law students, parents and medical professionals on accessibility laws.
- Participated in large investigations regarding website accessibility, airport loading zones, stadium and theatre accessibility, American Medical Association substance abuse programs, higher education access, mental health services for students, and Fair Housing disputes, among other subjects.
- Representative matters included:
  - *Goldkorn, et al., v. County of San Bernardino*: Negotiated settlement for the rehabilitation of state courthouses (including 15 pre-existing facilities, several new facilities and new construction within old facilities) websites, programs and procedures.
  - *Mrs. Wheelchair California, et al., v. Starline Tours*: Anti-discrimination class action concerning busses, other tour vehicles, access to services and websites.
  - *C.C. v. Cypress School District*: Lawsuit alleging discrimination for failing to allow a student with autism to attend school with his autism service dog.
  - *Independent Living Center of Southern California et al., v. City of Los Angeles*: Lawsuit alleging publically funded housing was not built with a sufficient number of accessible units.

# Seattle Commission for People with Disabilities

16 Members: Pursuant to SMC 3.14.920, all members subject to City Council confirmation, 2-year terms:

- 7 City Council-appointed
- 8 Mayor-appointed
- 1 Other Appointing Authority-appointed: Commission-appointed

## Roster:

*D	**G	RD	Position No.	Position Title	Name	Term Begin Date	Term End Date	Term #	Appointed By
6	F		1.	Member	Rebecca A. Craemer	5/01/17	4/30/19	1	Mayor
6	F	3	2.	Member	Diana Harnett Chaikin	5/01/17	4/30/19	1	City Council
6	M		3.	Member	Eric L. Scheir	5/01/17	4/30/19	1	Mayor
6	M	6	4.	Member	Jayson Morris	5/01/17	4/30/19	1	City Council
2		2	5.	Member	M. Dorian Taylor	11/1/17	10/31/19	1	Mayor
			6.	Member	VACANT	11/1/17	10/31/19	1	City Council
2	F	5	7.	Member	Christiana ObeySumner	11/1/17	10/31/19	2	Mayor
6	F		8.	Member	Dianne Laurine	11/1/17	10/31/19	2	Commission
			9.	Member	VACANT	5/01/16	4/30/18	1	City Council
6	M	7	10.	Member	Shaun Bickley	5/01/16	4/30/18	1	Mayor
6	F	7	11.	Member	Jessica Williams-Hall	5/01/16	4/30/18	1	City Council
			12.	Member	VACANT	5/01/16	4/30/18	1	Mayor
6	M		13.	Member	Kevin C. Eggers	11/1/16	10/31/18	1	City Council
			14.	Member	VACANT	11/1/16	10/31/18	2	Mayor
			15.	Member	VACANT	11/1/16	10/31/18	1	City Council
6	F		16.	Get Engaged	Nicole Palczewski	9/1/17	8/31/18	1	Mayor

## SELF-IDENTIFIED DIVERSITY CHART

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	Men	Women	Transgender	Unknown	Asian	Black/ African American	Hispanic/ Latino	American Indian/ Alaska Native	Other	Caucasian/ Non- Hispanic	Pacific Islander	Middle Eastern	Multiracial
Mayor	3	1				1				2			
Council	3	2								5			
Comm		1								1			
Total	6	4				1				8			

## Key:

- \*D List the corresponding Diversity Chart number (1 through 9)
  - \*\*G List gender, M = Male, F= Female, T= Transgender, U= Unknown
  - RD Residential Council District number 1 through 7 or N/A
- Diversity information is self-identified and is voluntary.