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Professor Feldblum joined the faculty of Georgetown University Law Center in 1991 and established the Federal Legislation Clinic in 1993. Feldblum coined the term "legislative lawyer" to describe a lawyer equally skilled in law and politics who can research, draft and negotiate legislation and administrative regulations.

Prior to joining the Georgetown faculty, Feldblum served as the principal lawyer for the American Civil Liberties Union's AIDS Project where she drafted and negotiated the Americans with Disabilities Act.

Feldblum served as a law clerk to Judge Frank M. Coffin on the First Circuit Court of Appeals and to Justice Harry A. Blackmun on the U.S. Supreme Court. Ms. Feldblum also worked as a lobbyist on population issues and as a staff person to then-Congresswoman Barbara Mikulski. Professor Feldblum received her BA from Barnard College and her JD from Harvard Law School.

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Katie Corrigan is the Co-Director of Workplace Flexibility 2010 where she, along with Chai Feldblum, is responsible for overseeing the strategy, legislative lawyering, policy research, media, and constituent outreach components of the effort. Corrigan began working with Workplace Flexibility 2010 as Assistant Director of the Georgetown University Law Center's Federal Legislation Clinic. As Assistant Director of the Clinic, Corrigan supervised 2 lawyers and 12 law students each semester to provide quality legislative lawyering services to the Clinic's non-profit clients.

Prior to working in the Clinic, Corrigan was a legislative counsel at the American Civil Liberties Union, where she was responsible for defending privacy and due process in the context of the federal government's response to terrorism. Before joining the ACLU, Corrigan worked as counsel on disability policy for Senator Tom Harkin on the Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Committee and as a Teaching Fellow at Georgetown's Federal Legislation Clinic.

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Heather Sawyer is a Visiting Professor at Georgetown University Law Center and Assistant Director of the Federal Legislation Clinic. She is responsible for achieving the Clinic's dual mission - providing quality legal services to its clients, Workplace Flexibility 2010 and Catholic Charities USA, and providing Georgetown law students with the training, supervision, and field experience necessary for them to become effective legislative lawyers.

Prior to joining the Clinic, Professor Sawyer was Senior Counsel for Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund in its Midwest Regional Office in Chicago, Illinois. In her nine years at Lambda, Sawyer fought for meaningful protection for gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender workers and their families, and for safer learning environments for gay youth and school personnel. Before that, Sawyer practiced employment law at the Chicago law firm of Schiff Hardin & Waite. In addition, Sawyer has taught at Northwestern Law School and Loyola University-Chicago's Institute of Human Resources and Industrial Relations.

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In addition to her position as Legislative Counsel, Sheaks serves as an Adjunct Professor of Law at Georgetown University Law Center where she co-teaches the course "Health and Welfare Benefit Plans: Tax and ERISA Aspects" for the LL.M. program.

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Jean Flatley McGuire, PhD, is the Lorraine Snell Visiting Professor at the Institute on Urban Health Research at Northeastern University's Bouve College of Health Sciences. She brings leadership, practical management experience, state and federal policy development and advocacy, and policy research skills to Workplace Flexibility 2010.

McGuire worked extensively on the Americans with Disabilities Act and on initiatives addressing family and medical leave, income and family support, housing assistance, and vocational training and job development. McGuire's managerial experience has spanned non-profit, proprietary, and public sector employment settings.

McGuire has worked in the field of public health for 25 years and has extensive experience in HIV and STD prevention and care, communicable disease surveillance, developmental and chronic disabilities management, substance abuse treatment, and health care financing. She worked in Washington, D.C. as an advocate for people with disabilities from 1985 through 1991. Most recently, McGuire served for six years as an Assistant Commissioner of Health at the Massachusetts Department of Public Health.

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Robert Raben heads The Raben Group, LLC, a legislative consulting practice that specializes in intellectual property issues and civil rights issues. Mr. Raben creates bipartisan legislative and communications strategies for clients, using law and public policy to meet his clients' needs.

Raben has over a decade of professional experience as an attorney, a senior Capitol Hill staffer with the House Judiciary Committee and an Assistant Attorney General at the Department of Justice. Raben brings a bipartisan approach to his legislative consulting firm, built during a legislative career that began on Representative Barney Frank's staff and concluded with House Judiciary Committee Chairman Henry Hyde's endorsement of Raben's Justice Department appointment. Raben has dealt extensively with both bodies of Congress and either side of the aisle as a chief lobbyist and strategist on a range of issues, including intellectual property, federalism, tort reform and cybercrime.

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Nancy Buermeyer is a principal at The Raben Group, LLC, where she brings over fifteen years of policy, political and advocacy experience on issues ranging from employment discrimination and lesbian and gay civil rights, to health care and women's rights.

As a senior level policy person for the Human Rights Campaign (HRC), Buermeyer developed proactive legislative strategies to raise awareness among members of Congress and the public on issues such as workplace discrimination, hate crimes, and health care issues including HIV/AIDS. Buermeyer also served as Deputy Director for Political Strategy at HRC, where she developed outreach strategies to the business community and built bipartisan support for HRC initiatives.

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Sessoms worked as a legislative aide for Senator Edward M. Kennedy on the Senate Judiciary Committee, Subcommittee on Immigration, where she was responsible for advising and briefing the Senator on issues related to the Legal Services Corporation, violence against women, and immigration and refugees. Sessoms assisted with planning and arranging hearings, strategized on passing and opposing legislation, handled priority casework, and advanced the Senator at issue-related functions.

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For Goodwill Industries International, on the occasion of its Centennial celebration, Giglio provided strategic communications and media placement services resulting in more than 90 million print readers. Patti Giglio and Goodwill Industries International won PR Week's prestigious "2003 Non-Profit Team of the Year" for the Centennial campaign.

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Kempthorne co-founded the Family & Workplace Consortium in 1988, beginning her work in the area of work-life. In 2000, she joined Business Psychology Associates, in Boise, as the Director of Work-Life Initiatives. After partnering with her colleagues at BPA on work-life initiatives, Kempthorne founded the Twiga Foundation, Inc. In that role, she strives to promote a family consciousness in her community, work and home by engaging others across the country in a dialogue centered on workplace effectiveness and flexibility. More information on the Twiga Foundation can be found at www.twigafoundation.org.

As First Lady of Idaho, Kempthorne is engaged in a range of efforts concerning children, families and communities. She is the co-chair of Governor Kempthorne's Coordinating Council for Families and Children, serves on the leadership committee of Leadership to Keep Children Alcohol Free, and is co-chair of the President's Advisory Commission on Drug-Free Communities at ONDCP.

Kempthorne has a degree in business management from the University of Idaho.