

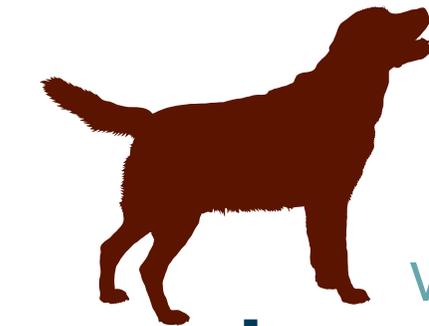
what is a
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Changes have been made to Title II and Title III of the Americans with Disabilities Act regarding service animals. These changes, which will go into effect March 15, 2011, will affect the service animal users and the places of public accommodation they enter (local government buildings, businesses, hospitals, etc.). All individuals affected by the changes are encouraged to participate in this event. Speakers from the United States Department of Justice and Disability Rights California will discuss the new Federal law and its application in California.



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Agenda

9 am

Introduction/Welcome

Board President Eric Holm

9:10 am

United States Department of Justice

Liz Savage

Overview of changes to Title II and III of the ADA (service animals), and what this means to members of the public, law enforcement, and the business community.

9:30 am

Disability Rights California

Fred Nisen/Stuart Seaborn

Overview of changes compared to State service animal access laws.

10 am

Q&A

10:45 am

Break

11 am

Q&A Continued

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Adjourn

Speakers

Eric Holm



Board President Eric Holm, after serving as a volunteer, speaker, and independent consultant with Guide Dogs for the Blind, Inc., was appointed by Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger to the State Board of Guide Dogs for the Blind on October 29, 2008 and elected Board President on October 25, 2010.

Holm graduated from Saint Mary's College (BA), San Francisco Law School (JD), and the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center. He served as a Federal Adjudications Officer for the U.S. Department of Justice and the U.S. Department of Homeland Security. Holm also held the position of Vice President and Chief Stewart of the American Federation of Government Employees Local 1616.

Holm actively engages as a member of the National Federation of the Blind and the Bay Area Association of Disabled Sailors. Presently, Holm also serves on the City of San Rafael Park & Recreation Commission and the City's ADA & Accessibility Advisory Committee, educating and advancing the rights and responsibilities of persons with disabilities.

Ford, Holm's beautiful Yellow Labrador, nurtured and trained at Guide Dogs for the Blind, assists him in living life to the fullest.

Fred Nisen



Fred Nisen has been an attorney in the Bay Area Regional Office of Disability Rights California for approximately ten years. Before coming back to Disability Rights California, where he was an intern during law school, Nisen worked at the Nevada Disability Advocacy & Law Center. Nisen works on discrimination issues by public and private entities as well as housing discrimination, including reasonable accommodations.

Liz Savage

Liz Savage is an Attorney-Advisor in the Civil Rights Division's Disability Rights Section where she focuses on developing technical assistance materials for the Section's Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) technical assistance program.

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She has been involved in disability policy for more than 25 years and during the late 1980s, coordinated the Congressional lobbying campaign, building a coalition of more than 75 national disability, civil rights, religious and civic organizations that led to enactment of the ADA.

While serving as Counsel to the Assistant Attorney General for Civil Rights during the Clinton Administration, Savage was intimately involved in the creation of the ADA Technical Assistance and ADA Mediation programs and served as an advisor to Assistant Attorneys General Deval Patrick and Bill Lann Lee on ADA enforcement.

Savage is the recipient of several awards for her disability rights work including The President's Committee on the Employment of People with Disabilities Distinguished Service Award (1992) and the National Council on Independent Living Individual Achievement Award (1990).

Stuart Seaborn



Stuart Seaborn began working with Disability Rights California in 2002 as a staff attorney in the Los Angeles Regional Office and is currently the Managing Attorney of the Sacramento Regional Office. His work focuses on litigation and policy advocacy to challenge discrimination against persons with physical and mental health disabilities.

Seaborn is also a visiting professor of Disability Rights Law at King Hall/UC Davis School of Law. Previously, he investigated allegations of health-care privacy and civil rights violations as an Equal Opportunity Specialist for the Office for Civil Rights of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services in San Francisco. In addition, he represented low-income workers during a brief stint as a union-side labor attorney.

Seaborn spent the first three years of his legal career as a trial attorney at the Antitrust Division of the U.S. Department of Justice, where he worked on the prosecution of international bid-rigging and price fixing conspiracies. He graduated from the UCLA School of Law in 1998 and is bilingual in English and Spanish.