

The CCD Rights Task Force regularly monitored significant legislative, administrative, and judicial developments affecting the civil rights of people with disabilities. The Task Force also took formal actions including the following:

- The Task Force submitted comments to the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) proposing modifications and additions to the EEOC's Preliminary Plan for Retrospective Analysis of Significant Regulations. The EEOC had solicited formal comments before finalizing its plan.
- The Task Force met with Allison Nichol following her appointment as Chief of the Department of Justice's Disability Rights Section upon the retirement of John Wodatch. The Task Force created a list of priority issues that we would like to see the Disability Rights Section address, and discussed these priorities with Ms. Nichol.
- The Task Force sent a letter to the Senate Judiciary Committee outlining the reasons for our strong opposition to H.R. 2032 ("the Barney Frank bill"), which would make it more difficult for individuals with intellectual disabilities to bring class action lawsuits involving institutions, and urging the Committee to prevent the bill's passage.
- The Task Force sent a letter to the White House urging them to renominate EEOC Commissioner Stuart Ishimaru for another term following the expiration of his current term. Having a full complement of EEOC commissioners is critical to the Commission's ability to address a variety of disability rights employment issues.
- The Task Force submitted comments jointly with the Transportation Task Force to the Access Board following its hearing regarding proposed accessibility guidelines for public rights of way.
- The Task Force submitted comments for the record following the Senate HELP Committee's roundtable on "The Future of Employment for People with the Most Significant Disabilities."
- The Task Force is currently working on comments to proposed regulations issued by the Department of Labor's Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs to implement Section 503 of the Rehabilitation Act (requiring federal contractors to comply with affirmative action and non-discrimination provisions with respect to people with disabilities).