

EARN Webinar:

ADA@31: A Conversation with Bobby Silverstein and Susan Mazrui

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Featured Panelists



Bobby Silverstein, J.D.
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Robert “Bobby” Silverstein is a nationally-recognized attorney with over 45 years of public policy experience in the disability arena. For more than a decade, he served as staff director and chief counsel for the Senate Subcommittee on Disability Policy, chaired by Senator Tom Harkin. During his tenure on Capitol Hill, Bobby was a behind-the-scenes architect of more than 20 disability-related bills enacted into law, including the landmark Americans with Disabilities Act. Currently, Bobby is a principal in the law firm of Powers Pyles Sutter & Verville, PC. He is also a member of the Employer Assistance and Resource Network on Disability Inclusion (EARN) team. In this capacity, he drafts policy briefs and guides for federal agencies regarding Section 501 of the Rehabilitation Act (nondiscrimination and affirmative action) and model practices for recruiting, hiring, advancing and retaining individuals with disabilities. In 1971, Bobby earned his B.S. in Economics, cum laude, from the Wharton School, University of Pennsylvania. In 1974, he received his J.D. from Georgetown University Law Center.



Susan Mazrui
Director, Global Public Policy
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Susan Mazrui began work in Communications in 1994 at Pacific Bell in Disability Marketing. In 1998, she moved to the wireless field, where she developed corporate strategies for state and federal legal and regulatory compliance. Under her leadership, Cingular Wireless became the first national carrier to offer “talking” cellphones and establish a task force on accessibility. Mazrui worked closely with TDI and the Hearing Loss Association of America and other industry members to address hearing aid and TTY compatibility with digital wireless handsets. At AT&T, Mazrui was instrumental in establishing the Corporate Accessibility Technology Office which has assessed over 50,000 AT&T products and services. She was the architect of AT&T’s Accessibility and Inclusion Program with cross company teams addressing the needs of deaf and disabled employees and their family members. AT&T has consistently received scores of 100 in the Disability Equality Index and the National Organization on Disability’s Leading Disability Employer. Mazrui was named a Corporate Fellow by the Summit on Leading Diversity and inducted into the Spinal Cord Injury Hall of Fame in 2008. In 2013, she was recognized as Employee of the Year by Careers and the disABLED, and in 2014 by AT&T as a Champion of Diversity. In 2016, she received the Digital Accessibility Leadership Award from G3ict and the Stephen Garff Marriott Award for mentoring from American Foundation for the Blind. In 2019, Mazrui was honored by The Community of Connection and TDI for her work in the disability field. She has served several terms on Federal Advisory Committees, is on the boards of the World Institute on Disability and G3ict. Mazrui lives with her husband, Jamal, and daughter, Nicole, in Seattle. When not working, Mazrui enjoys Dragon Boating, visiting Disneyland and performing stand-up comedy.