

Joshua T Mandelbaum

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EDUCATION

University of Iowa College of Law – J.D. 2009 with honors

- Iowa Law Review – Articles Editor (2008-09); student writer (2007-08)
- Best Advocate, Best Brief – Van Oosterhout-Baskerville Moot Court Competition (2008)

Brown University – B.A. Public Policy and Sociology 2001;

- magna cum laude and departmental honors
- Phi Beta Kappa Society

WORK EXPERIENCE

Environmental Law & Policy Center

Staff Attorney (January 2012 - present)

- lead attorney in the Iowa office with a focus on clean energy and clean water
- litigated multiple cases in front of the Iowa Utilities Board addressing energy efficiency, wind energy development, renewable energy financing, coal plant emissions, and utility rates
- advocated for effective implementation of the Clean Water Act through petition for rulemaking on lake water quality standards, defense of anti-degradation standards, and effective enforcement of existing rules

Lane & Waterman LLP – Davenport, IA

Associate Attorney (August 2009 – December 2011)

- litigation associate with a focus on medical malpractice defense, employment, and commercial disputes
- second chaired four trials and extensive motion practice experience

Dorsey & Whitney LLP

Summer Associate (June 2008 – August 2008)

- Worked in the corporate, trial, and public-finance practice areas
- Researched and wrote memoranda on issues including Section 1983, warranties and comparative fault

Office of Attorney General Tom Miller Consumer Protection Division

Legal Clerk, (June 2007 – August 2007)

- Investigated and researched motor vehicle rent to own practices in Iowa
- assisted ongoing consumer protection investigations by drafting subpoenas, motions and letters

Office of Governor Thomas J. Vilsack and Lt. Governor Sally J. Pederson

Policy Advisor (January 2003 – December 2004)

Senior Policy Advisor (January 2005 – August 2006)

- Policy advisor on health and human services issues
- Developed, lobbied for and implemented legislative and budget proposals
- Represented the Governor and Lt. Governor with state departments, legislators and constituents
- Briefed and staffed the Governor and Lt. Governor at public events and constituent meetings

Iowa Democratic Party

Field Organizer (June 2002 – November 2002)

- organized volunteer and get out the vote efforts in Story and Boone counties

U.S. Department of Transportation, Office of the Secretary for Policy Development

Analyst (June 2001 – June 2002)

- Analyst on rural development and environmental policy issues
- Wrote speeches and congressional testimony for the Secretary and Assistant Secretary
- Coordinated the department wide Rural Working Group
- Developed department positions for major federal reauthorization legislation

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HONORS AND AWARDS

- Midwest Energy News 40 under 40 (2016) – recognition as a regional emerging leader on the transition to a clean energy economy
- Iowa Democratic Party Rising Star Award (2011) – recognition for engagement and leadership capability in the Iowa Democratic Party
- Future Leader of the Iowa Bar (2009) – awarded annually to one University of Iowa College of Law graduate for leadership achievement and community engagement
- Donald O'Brien Scholarship (2007) – honored for commitment to public service
- Harry S. Truman Scholar (2000) – national scholarship for commitment to public service

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- REACH Program Advisory Board (2007 – present)
- Jewish Federation of Greater Des Moines – Executive Committee (2016-present)
- Polk County Early Childhood Iowa Board of Directors (2015-present)
- Greater Des Moines Leadership Institute (Class of 2016)
- Iowa Jewish Senior Life Center Board of Directors (2012-2015)
- Iowa State Bar Association, Member (2009-present)
- Iowa Tobacco Prevention Alliance Board of Directors (2007 – 2009, 2012-present)
- Downtown Davenport Partnership Board of Directors (2009-2011)
- United Way of the Quad Cities Young Leaders Co-chair (2010-2011)
- Scott County Democrats, Elections Vice-Chair (2009-2011)
- University of Iowa Hillel Board of Directors (2009-2012)

PUBLICATIONS

- *Stuck in a Bind: Can the Arbitration Fairness Act of 2007 Solve the Problems of Binding Mandatory Arbitration in the Consumer Context?* 94 IOWA L. REV. 1075 (2009)
- Co-author, *Print Media Coverage of Environmental Causation of Breast Cancer*, 23 SOC. OF HEALTH & ILLNESS 747 (2001).
- Co-author, *A Gulf of Difference: Disputes Over Gulf War-Related Illnesses*, 42 JOURNAL OF HEALTH & SOCIAL BEHAVIOR 235 (2001).
- Primary Author, *Race, Class and Contested Illnesses: A Comparison of the Environmental Breast Cancer and Environmental Asthma Movements*, American Sociological Association Conference Paper (2001).
- Co-author, *The Politics of Asthma Suffering: Environmental Justice and the Social Movement Transformation of Illness Experience*, American Sociological Association Conference Paper (2001).

INTERESTS

- Liam Q and Ayla (my kids), family walks, biking, cooking, reading, politics