

DRBA Listserv Guidelines

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The DRBA Listserv is designed as a confidential email list for plaintiff-side disability civil rights lawyers and other disability rights attorney advocates and scholars to share successes, progress, setbacks, challenges, and strategies they encounter in their practice. Examples include updates on new cases or legislation, inquiries regarding possible co-counsel, expert witnesses, or other technical or strategic questions and advice.

The Rules

- Discussions on the list are confidential. Please do not share information circulated on this list without the permission of the sender. When sharing information, please share the full text of any article, or attach the pleading/decision etc. *[Please also note that while we regard everything on this list as confidential, emails stored by participants may be subject to discovery and/or open records requests.]*
- Do not attack others. This does not mean we will not/should not disagree with each other. But the discussions on the list are meant to stimulate conversation, not to create contention. Attacking includes making derogatory comments, insults, ridicule, excessive sarcasm and innuendo. Let others have their say, just as you have yours.
- Defamatory, abusive, profane, threatening, offensive, or illegal materials or language are prohibited. Do not post anything in a listserv message that you would not want the world to see or that you would not want anyone to know came from you.
- Use caution when discussing items. Information posted on the lists is available for all to see, and comments may be subject to libel, slander, and antitrust laws.
- Do not post commercial messages on the listserv. Contact people directly with product and service information if you believe it would help them.
- Please note carefully all items listed in the disclaimer and legal rules below, particularly regarding the copyright ownership of information posted to the list.
- Do not distribute any SPAM, commercial or political solicitation, jokes, chain letters, petitions for signatures or letters relating to pyramid schemes, Nigerian princes, or once-in-a-lifetime deals.
- Do not use the listserv to invite the entire list to join your social network (Facebook, Myspace, LinkedIn, etc). You may invite individuals to join your network but may not invite the entire list.

- Do not post any information or other material protected by copyright without the permission of the copyright owner.
- Do not use the list to lobby for a candidate for elected office.

Listserv Etiquette

- Include a signature tag on all messages. Include your name, affiliation, location, and e-mail address.
- State concisely and clearly the topic of your comments in the subject line. Restrict messages to disability rights topics. If you must introduce a non-disability-rights topic, include "Off Topic" or "OT" in the subject line.
- When you change topics, please start a new thread. This allows members to respond more appropriately to your posting and makes it easier for members to search the archives by subject.
- Please consider the option of inviting members to respond to you individually rather than replying to the entire list-serv. Similarly, please consider the option of responding individually rather than replying to the entire list-serv. While the community often benefits from discussion that takes place on the list-serv, some conversations are more appropriately taken off the list-serv. In particular, send individual messages and nonsubstantive messages, such as "thanks for the information," or "congratulations/great work!" to individuals--not to the entire list.
- Do not send administrative messages, such as "remove me from the list", through the listserv. To unsubscribe from the list, follow the directions at the bottom of the listserv email message.
- When using an Auto Reply message for times you are out of the office, please be sure to "Create a Rule" (this is easily done with Microsoft Outlook's Out of Office Assistant) that would prohibit sending the message to the list.

Disclaimer and Legal Rules

DRBA accepts no responsibility for the opinions and information posted on this site by others. DRBA disclaims all warranties with regard to information posted on this site, whether posted by DRBA or any third party; this disclaimer includes all implied warranties of merchantability and fitness. In no event shall DRBA be liable for any special, indirect, or consequential damages or any damages whatsoever resulting from loss of use, data, or profits, arising out of or in connection with the use or performance of any information posted on this site.

Messages should not be posted if they encourage or facilitate members to arrive at any agreement that either expressly or impliedly leads to price fixing, a boycott of another's business, or other conduct intended to illegally restrict free trade. Messages that encourage or facilitate an agreement about the following subjects are inappropriate: prices, discounts, or terms or conditions of sale; salaries; profits, profit margins, or cost data; market shares, sales

territories, or markets; allocation of customers or territories; or selection, rejection, or termination of customers or suppliers.

DRBA does not actively monitor the site for inappropriate postings. However, in the event that any inappropriate posting is brought to DRBA's attention, DRBA reserves the right to take all appropriate action in response. DRBA reserves the right to terminate access to any user who does not abide by these guidelines. To bring inappropriate postings to DRBA's attention, please submit a comment on the DRBA's member page.