

BETH S. SUFIAN

EDUCATION:

University of Texas School of Law, Austin, Texas.

Doctor of Jurisprudence, May 1990.

Honors: Victor & Myra Ravel Scholarship in Children's Rights 1989-1990

Emory University, Atlanta, Georgia

Bachelor of Arts, Political Science, May 1987.

Honors and Activities:

Dean's List 1983-1987,

Pi Sigma Alpha National Political Honor Society, and

Alpha Psi Omega National Theater Honor Society.

LEGAL EXPERIENCE:

Sufian & Passamano, Houston, Texas.

Partner, April 1997 to Present.

Engaged in a civil litigation practice focusing on cases arising under the Social Security Act, long term disability appeals, health insurance appeals, Medicaid and Medicare appeals. Consulting work with health care related companies regarding insurance reimbursement.

Cystic Fibrosis Legal Information Hotline, Houston, Texas.

Director, October 1998 to present.

The Hotline provides free confidential information on the laws that protect people with Cystic Fibrosis. Callers are adults with Cystic Fibrosis, family members or are physicians or healthcare providers who treat children and adults with the disease. Presented 76 educational seminars at CF care centers around the country to educate individuals with Cystic Fibrosis, their families and healthcare teams of their legal rights. The Hotline has received over 27,000 calls.

Beth Sufian - Attorney and Counselor at Law, Houston, Texas.

Solo Practitioner, December 1993 to April 1997.

Litigation practice serving individuals with disabilities.

University of Houston Law School, Houston, Texas.

Adjunct Professor of Legal Writing, October 1991 to May 1998.

Responsible for instructing first year law students on the fundamentals of legal writing. Formulate class lectures, draft class syllabus, prepare class assignments and evaluate students' work.

ADA Implementation Network, Houston, Texas.

Member, *July 1992 to 1998.*

Served on a citizen's task force to assist in implementing the Americans with Disabilities Act organized by the United States Department of Justice and the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission.

PUBLICATIONS:

Beth Sufian, *A Guide to Health Insurance and Social Security Benefits for People with CF* (Gilead Sciences, San Francisco, California, May 2012).

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Beth Sufian, *Guide to Health Insurance Coverage for People Living With Cystic Fibrosis* (Gilead Sciences, San Francisco, California, May 2008).

Beth Sufian and James Passamano, *Improving Access to Cystic Fibrosis Care with Technical Assistance on Health Insurance Options*, PEDIATRIC PULMONOLOGY, Vol. 43, Supp. 31, p. 407-08 (October 2008).

Beth Sufian, James Passamano, *Young Adults without Family Support- How Can We Help Them*, PEDIATRIC PULMONOLOGY, Vol. 42, Supp. 30, p. 401 (October 2007).

Isaiah D. Wexler, M.D., Marie Johannesson M.D., Frank P. Edenborough, M.D., Beth Sufian, J.D.,

Eitan Kerem, M.D., *Pregnancy and Chronic Progressive Pulmonary Disease*, AMERICAN JOURNAL OF RESPIRATORY AND CRITICAL CARE MEDICINE , Vol. 175, No. 4., p. 300 (February 2007).

Beth Sufian, James Passamano, *Transitioning Young Adults Face Complex Legal Issues*, PEDIATRIC PULMONOLOGY, Vol. 41, Supp. 29, p. 561 (September 2006).

Beth Sufian, James Passamano, *Issues for the Transitioning Young Adults Related to Access To Care*, PEDIATRIC PULMONOLOGY, Vol. 40, Supp. 28, p. 367 (September 2005).

Beth Sufian, James Passamano, *The Legal Rights of People with Cystic Fibrosis and the Impact on Access to Care*, PEDIATRIC PULMONOLOGY, Vol. 27, Supp. 27, p. 354 (September 2004).

James R. Yankaskas, M.D., Bruce Marshall, M.D., Beth Sufian, JD, Richard Simon, MD, David Rodman, MD, *Cystic Fibrosis Adult Care*, CHEST, Vol. 125, Supp. 1 (January 2004).

Beth S. Sufian and James A. Passamano, *Representing ADA Plaintiffs*, January 2003 by James Publishing.

Beth S. Sufian, James Passamano and Suzanne Pattee, *Advocacy Manual, A Clinician's Guide to the Legal Rights of People with Cystic Fibrosis*, September 2002.

ORGANIZATIONS:

American Thoracic Society, New York City, New York.

Member, Public Advisory Roundtable Committee, September 2008 to present.

Serve on the ATS Public Advisory Roundtable Committee as the CF Foundation representative. The committee is composed of 15 patient oriented organizations that collaborate and advocate for individuals with respiratory diseases.

Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, Bethesda, Maryland.

Past Member of the National Board of Trustees.

Member, CFF Advisory Task Force on Adult Issues, 1999 to Present.

Member, CFF Adult Care Issues Committee, 1999 to Present.

Member, CFF Adult Care Consensus Conference Committee, 1998 to 2000.

Member, Infection Control Consensus Conference Committee, 1999 to 2002.

Cystic Fibrosis Foundation - Gulf Coast Chapter, Houston, Texas.

President, Board of Directors, 2005 to 2007.

Member, Board of Directors, 2003 to present.

United States Adult Cystic Fibrosis Association, Inc., Gresham, Oregon.

Member, Board of Directors, June 1995 to Present.

Direct the activities of USACFA, including publishing a quarterly newsletter, produce

educational seminars, and provide support to adults with cystic fibrosis, their families and healthcare teams. Write a column on legal issues for the *CF Roundtable*, USACFA's quarterly publication.

Houston Bar Association, Houston, Texas.

Chairwoman, Social Security Section, September 2007 to September 2008.

Arranged for speakers and organized seminars for Houston attorneys representing people in Social Security cases.

Advocacy, Inc., Austin, Texas.

Vice-Chair of the Board of Directors, August 2001 to June 2007.

Directed the non-profit agency's activities providing legal services to individuals with disabilities in Texas.

State Bar of Texas.

Chairwoman, Committee on Disability Issues, June 1999 to October 2001.

AWARDS AND HONORS:

First Annual Transition Service Award, Baylor College of Medicine LEAH Program.

Recognized by Baylor College of Medicine for a career dedicated to young adults with chronic illness, November 2009.

Mother's Day Tea Honoree.

Recognized by the CF Foundation Gulf Coast Chapter for contributions to the CF community and the community at large, May 2007.

Alex Award.

Recognized by the National Cystic Fibrosis Foundation for efforts to educate physicians, healthcare workers and the Cystic Fibrosis community on legal issues such as insurance coverage, Medicare and Medicaid and Social Security benefits, March 2007.

Heroes of Hope Award.

Honored by the Heros of Hope Living with Cystic Fibrosis™ program of Genentech, Inc. for contributions to the CF community, May 2006.

Cystic Fibrosis Foundation Chairman's Award.

Honored for outstanding contribution to the CF Foundation and the United States Cystic Fibrosis community by the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, April 2002.

Texas Lawyer Top 40 Lawyers Under 40.

Honored as one of the top 40 lawyers under age 40 by the Texas Lawyer in 2001, October 2001.

Emory University Unsung Heroines Award.

Awarded by Emory University for assistance and advocacy on behalf of women and children with disabilities, February 2001.

Cystic Fibrosis Research, Inc. Award.

Awarded for providing legal assistance and education on the rights of people with cystic fibrosis by the Cystic Fibrosis Research, Inc organization in Palo Alto, California, August 1998.

TIME Magazine Local Hero.

Awarded for contribution to community by providing legal assistance and education on the rights of people with disabilities, December 1996.