

Eleanor Blume

Executive attorney with expertise in consumer protection, antitrust, labor, and economic policy. Track record of driving successful agency action, enforcement, and program implementation.

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. San Francisco, CA April 2017 – Current
Special Assistant Attorney General.

Senior economic advisor to California Attorney General Rob Bonta. Lead consumer protection, technology, and competition work for the California Department of Justice. Set strategic priorities, advise the Attorney General, and lead implementation of agency agenda, including investigation, enforcement, and legislation related to consumer protection, economic opportunity, antitrust, housing, corporate securities, financial crimes and technology policy. Develop interagency affiliations to drive legislation and leverage client relationships, expertise, and shared objectives. Represent the Attorney General in multistate coalitions and at national events.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE. The Pentagon, Washington, DC November 2016 – March 2017
Director for Military Lending Act Implementation.

Seconded to Department of Defense (DOD) to oversee implementation of new regulations protecting military families from abusive lending. Built a team to provide ongoing information to regulated entities and military families; successfully deliver electronic system for regulated entities to confirm consumers' eligibility for protection; coordinate enforcement, supervisory standards, and guidance from DOD and federal financial regulators.

CONSUMER FINANCIAL PROTECTION BUREAU. Washington, DC March 2012 – March 2017
Counsel, Office of Regulations; Counsel (Markets) and Associate (Intergovernmental Affairs).

Provided legal and policy guidance to implement regulatory and enforcement mandate of new federal agency to protect consumers and ensure stability and transparency in financial markets. Worked with leadership and participated in Bureau-wide policy development.

THE PEW CHARITABLE TRUSTS. Washington, DC February 2011 – March 2012
Senior Associate, Financial Security Portfolio.

Provided legal and policy analysis on small dollar credit. Co-authored Slipping Behind (2011) report on financial behaviors of low-income households in Los Angeles, California.

THE WHITE HOUSE. Washington, DC September 2010 – January 2011
Intern, Domestic Policy Council.

Prepared analyses and briefed staff on family economic security, poverty alleviation programs, and children's health.

NIXON PEABODY, LLP. San Francisco, CA June 2009 – July 2009
Summer Associate.

Wrote memoranda and briefs on state and federal law related to housing, utilities, and municipal authority.

U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CMTE ON FINANCIAL SERVICES. Washington, DC January 2009 – May 2009
Legal Intern.

Drafted legislation to preserve affordable housing stock; prepared briefings for the Chairman and senior staff.

HONORS & AWARDS

- Attorney General Award for Excellence as a Team, Census Litigation (2020).
- Office of the Secretary of Defense Award for Excellence (2015).
- Consumer Fellow, American Bar Association, Business Law Section (2013 – 2017).

EDUCATION

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, BERKELEY SCHOOL OF LAW. Berkeley, CA, J.D. (2010)

WELLESLEY COLLEGE. Wellesley, MA, *cum laude* with Departmental Honors in Sociology, B.A. (2006)