

# CLAUDIA CENTER

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## The Libra Project

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1997 Global Fellow



## ORGANIZATION OVERVIEW

An initiative to advance the workplace rights of persons with psychiatric disabilities through direct services, public education, litigation, and other advocacy, the Libra (Lifting Invisible Barriers Through Reasonable Accommodation) Project remains a core part of the disability rights program at The Legal Aid Society — Employment Law Center.

## PERSONAL BIO

Formerly the Senior Staff Attorney in the Disability Rights Program of the national ACLU Foundation, DREDF Legal Director Claudia Center litigates cases that increase civil rights and civil liberties for persons with disabilities, and represents the disability community in legislative, amicus, and appellate work.

As director of the disability rights program at the Legal Aid Society – Employment Law Center (now Legal Aid At Work), Ms. Center founded the Workers' Rights Disability Law Clinic at the Ed Roberts Campus, and played a key role in the passage of comprehensive amendments to the Fair Employment and Housing Act that successfully expanded protections for persons with disabilities in employment and housing. In addition, she argued before the U.S. Supreme Court in *US Airways, Inc. v. Barnett*, a case that confirmed a broad scope of "reasonable accommodations" for disabled employees.

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### Organization/Fellow Location

San Francisco, United States

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### Impact Location

North America

United States

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### Organization Structure

Nonprofit

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