

DOJ Disability Rights Atty Joins Saul Ewing In DC

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Law360 (September 25, 2025, 1:59 PM EDT) -- A longtime attorney in the U.S. Department of Justice Civil Rights Division's Disability Rights Section, has joined Saul Ewing as a counsel in Washington, D.C., after spending eight years at the agency working on related matters as a trial attorney, the firm announced Wednesday.

Jennifer Robins has joined Saul Ewing's practices focused on the Americans with Disabilities Act and the Fair Housing Act. She'll also work with the firm's disciplines focused on disability law, and labor and employment matters.

She's spent the majority of her career working as a trial attorney, leading litigation teams, conducting mediations and handling matters throughout their lifespans.

At the firm, she'll work to represent public and private entities, higher education institutions and healthcare industry clients. The firm noted she'll handle FHA cases related to the use of service animals and to represent clients in ADA investigations.



Jennifer Robins

In an interview with Law360 Pulse on Thursday, Robins said it had been an honor to work as a DOJ attorney, and that after her time with the agency, she was "just ready to take everything I'd learned and take on a new challenge," she said.

Saul Ewing is one of the few firms in D.C. that has deep ABA expertise, Robins said. That made the firm one of her top picks for where she'd move her practice after leaving the DOJ.

"Plus it also has other areas like labor and employment more broadly, and higher education, which happen to be excellent at Saul Ewing and where I think I'll be able to make meaningful contributions," Robins said.

A University of Michigan Law School graduate, Robins started her career in communications and earned her undergraduate degree from Northwestern University's Medill School of Journalism.

Robins was press secretary for Sen. Byron Dorgan, D-N.D., and spent time as a press intern for Sen. Dick Durbin, D-Ill., according to her LinkedIn profile.

"I think there's such an overlap in the skill set of reporting and being a lawyer, right? It is writing, and research and interviewing, so there was that natural correlation," Robins said. "And when I was on the Hill, I got to see the very interesting things that lawyers could do, especially in public service, and so I went to law school with that in mind."

She later interned at the DOJ Civil Rights Division's Policy and Strategy Section, then clerked for Judge Christopher F. Droney on the U.S. Court of Appeals, according to her LinkedIn profile.

After that role, Robins joined Skadden Arps Slate Meagher & Flom LLP, where she was an associate in the litigation department's mass torts group, according to her LinkedIn profile.

She joined the Justice Department in 2017, and before that role was an election protection fellow for the Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law.

For Robins, the complexity of working with disabilities and civil rights laws was part of what drew her to the field.

"And of course I was drawn to helping people and I think that in the part of this job where I'll be counseling clients and helping them understand their obligation, I still see that opportunity to make sure that people with disabilities have access," she said.

Jason McElroy, Saul Ewing's office managing partner, said in a statement the team was thrilled to add Robins' practice to the team.

"Drawing on her deep knowledge of the Americans with Disabilities Act, Jennifer helps clients understand the factors that drive the government to pursue investigations and litigation of matters under this and related laws, and she works with them to design strategies to minimize their legal risks," McElroy said.

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