**2020 Legislative Seminar Agenda**

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# **Monday, February 24, 2020**

# **9:00 AM to 4:45 PM**

**9:00 – 9:15 AM:**

**Let’s Get Started: Welcome everyone to this year’s legislative seminar and run through the order of the day.
Dan Spoone, President
Eric Bridges, Executive Director
Clark Rachfal, Director of Advocacy and Governmental Affairs
Claire Stanley, Advocacy and Outreach Specialist**

**9:15 – 9:30 AM:**

**Around the Room: Introduce yourself to the other legislative seminar attendees.**

**9:30 – 10:15 AM:**

**What’s the Deal with W-I-O-A?: Learn how WIOA has altered the focus of RSA concerning Pre-ETS, employment, non-vocational outcomes and OIB.
Mark Schultz, Acting Administrator, Rehabilitation Services Administration**

**10:15 – 11:00 AM:**

**Ten Years of the CVAA: Learn what’s new at the Federal Communications Commission.
Diane Burstein, Director, Consumer and Governmental Affairs Bureau, Disability Rights Office, Federal Communications Commission**

**11:00 – 11:15 AM: Break**

**11:15 – 11:45 AM:**

**Accessible Air Travel and Flying Dogs!: Learn what’s happening at the Department of Transportation.
Livaughn Chapman, Chief, Aviation Civil Rights Compliance Branch, U.S. Department of Transportation
Alex Taday, Supervisory Analyst, U.S. Department of Transportation**

**11:45 AM –12:00 PM:**

**Yes, I’m Only a Bill…: Learn about ACB’s work to create legislation in West Virginia to allow blind and visually impaired residents to independently and privately vote absentee.
Maggie Hart, Counsel, Washington Lawyer’s Committee**

**12:00 – 1:00 PM: Lunch**

**Keynote: Listen to 2020 election insights from a political insider who is neck deep in the swamp.
Charles Cooper, Managing Director, Chair of Advocacy, Signal Group**

**12:50 – 1:00 PM: Break**

**1:00 – 1:15 PM:**

**Back to School: Learn about the Cogswell-Macy Act that will ensure blind and visually impaired students will receive a fair and appropriate education.
Barbara Raimondo, Executive Director, Conference of Educational Administrators of Schools and Programs for the Deaf**

**1:15 – 1:30 PM:**

**Learn what the Medicare Demonstration of Coverage for Low Vision Devices Act is and the profound impact it will have on Medicare recipients who need access to low vision devices.
Clark Rachfal, Director of Advocacy and Governmental Affairs**

**1:30 – 2:00 PM:**

**Inaccessible Medical Equipment is a Chronic Condition: Learn about ACB’s continuing work to promote the development of and requirement for accessible durable medical equipment for blind and visually impaired users.
Stephanie Willis, Counsel, Crowell & Moring LLP
Matthew Handley, Partner, Handley Farah & Anderson PLLC
Clark Rachfal, Director of Advocacy and Governmental Affairs
Claire Stanley, Advocacy and Outreach Specialist**

**2:00 – 2:10 PM: Break**

**2:10 – 2:55 PM:**

**Accessible Transportation, Now and in the Future: Learn about the work going on in the transportation realm, from those who travel by foot to driving in an autonomous vehicle.
Pat Sheehan, ACB Board (Moderator)
Claire Stanley, Advocacy and Outreach Specialist
Heidi Simon, Deputy Director, America Walks
Malcom Glenn, Head of Global Policy for Accessibility and Underserved Communities, Uber
Eric Danko, Director, Federal Affairs, Cruise Automation**

**2:55 – 3:25 PM:**

**The Fast and the Furious: Learn about the two legislative imperatives ACB is addressing this year that touch upon transportation for persons who are blind and visually impaired: the FAST Act and autonomous vehicles.
Clark Rachfal, Director of Advocacy and Governmental Affairs
Claire Stanley, Advocacy and Outreach Specialist**

**3:25 – 3:35 PM: Break**

**3:35 – 3:50 PM: Sponsor Presentations**

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**3:50 – 4:10 PM:**

**Tell Claire Everything!: Educate Claire Stanley, ACB’s Advocacy and Outreach Specialist, on other issues the blindness community currently faces. Come prepared to discuss issues and potential solutions.
Claire Stanley, Advocacy and Outreach Specialist**

**4:10 – 4:30 PM:**

**What to Expect on Capitol Hill: Claire Stanley and Clark Rachfal will run through scenarios to prepare participants for their Hill meetings on Tuesday, and pose the question that if a meeting occurred and a feedback survey was not completed, did it really happen?
Clark Rachfal, Director of Advocacy and Governmental Affairs
Claire Stanley, Advocacy and Outreach Specialist**

**4:30 – 4:45 PM:**

**In Closing: Did we remind you about completing your Hill meeting feedback forms?
Clark Rachfal, Director of Advocacy and Governmental Affairs
Claire Stanley, Advocacy and Outreach Specialist**