

Wendy F. Hensel

Following her graduation with honors from the Harvard Law School in 1995, Professor Wendy Hensel served as a judicial clerk to Judge Orinda Evans of the United States District Court for the Northern District of Georgia. Professor Hensel went on to practice labor and employment law for several years with the law firm of Alston & Bird, where she litigated disability discrimination cases and counseled Fortune 500 companies on ADA compliance. During that time, Professor Hensel spent six months on-site at one of the nation's largest employers developing a comprehensive interactive process for responding to requests for accommodation made pursuant to the ADA.

Currently an Associate Professor at Georgia State University College of Law, Professor Hensel teaches and writes about disability discrimination in American society. She has authored numerous articles on the legal treatment of disability under the ADA and IDEA, and is a frequent invited speaker around the country on related topics. In 2008, she participated in a symposium held by the Emory University School of Law addressing the legal profession's treatment of attorneys with disabilities. Her article arising out of that symposium, "The Disability Dilemma: A Skeptical Bench & Bar," identifies systemic flaws in the delivery of legal education and the practice of law which encourage a restrictive and skeptical view towards individuals with impairments. The article was recently published in Volume 69 of the Pittsburgh Law Review.