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Catherine Bendor serves as the Director of Litigation at Equal Rights Advocates, a 50 year-old national nonprofit organization that works to protect and advance the rights of women, girls, and people of marginalized gender identities in employment and education. Catherine has over 25 years of experience litigating impact and individual cases to protect and advance civil rights and economic justice, including numerous sex discrimination cases in various contexts.

Catherine previously served as Deputy Chief and Special Litigation Counsel in the Civil Rights Division of the U.S. Department of Justice, where she led numerous federal court anti-discrimination cases and engaged in large-scale civil rights investigations, including an investigation concerning the sexual abuse of incarcerated women by correctional staff in a state prison. Prior to DOJ, she engaged in civil rights-related litigation and advocacy at two other nonprofits and two private firms. Catherine is a graduate of Cornell University and Harvard Law School.

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After spending 20 years working at nonprofits on behalf of incarcerated individuals and their rights, Deborah decided to form her own firm in 2019. Previously, she worked as the Director of the DC Prisoners Project of the Washington Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights and Urban Affairs, and as the national FOIA attorney at the Human Rights Defense Center.

In addition to her law practice, Deborah currently serves on the board of The Second Look Project. She has also served as an adjunct professor at Georgetown University Law Center and the University of Virginia. She is a graduate of the University of Michigan Law School and Penn State University.

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Kevin is Legal Director at Raise the Floor Alliance, where he works in collaboration with organizers at seven worker centers to defend and advance the rights of communities working in low wage industries through litigation, policy advocacy, and popular education. His work focuses on ending the exploitation of workers and full access to civic life for immigrants while fighting surveillance, the carceral state, and deportation. Kevin previously worked at the Shriver Center on Poverty Law, the National Immigration Law Center, and Just Futures Law.

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Eric combines over 30 years of legal knowledge and courtroom experience with over a decade in business and real estate. He is a former trial attorney with the Justice Department's Civil Rights Division and a non-profit veteran services organization lawyer representing veterans seeking previously denied service-connected disability benefits.

Eric represent clients with a broad range of work-related and business issues, and his practice is dedicated to civil rights, employment, discrimination and retaliation claims; disability rights claims; real estate, construction and commercial litigation; securities and financial institution claims; and whistleblower and False Claims Act litigation.

Eric has successfully conducted jury and bench trials in both federal and state courts throughout the United States. He also represents clients before various administrative federal and state agencies, including but not limited to the Merit Systems Protection Board, the U.S. Department of Labor and the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission.