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**BAZELON CENTER FOR MENTAL HEALTH LAW ANNOUNCES
DAVID AND MICKEY BAZELON FELLOW**

*Julia Garrison, Georgetown University Law Center Alum, Awarded 2-Year Fellowship with
National Legal Advocacy Organization For People with Mental Disabilities*

WASHINGTON, D.C. (Nov. 27, 2018) -- The Judge David L. Bazelon Center for Mental Health Law, a national legal advocacy organization advancing the rights of people with mental disabilities, today announced Julia Garrison, Georgetown University Law Center graduate, as the new David and Mickey Bazelon Fellow, effective immediately through August 2020.

The David and Mickey Bazelon Fellowship provides an opportunity for a recent graduate of the Georgetown University Law Center to work in the Bazelon Center's offices in Washington, D.C., helping to develop and litigate groundbreaking civil rights cases to advance the rights of adults and children with mental disabilities and to reform public systems.

"Julia came highly recommended by Eloise Pasachoff, a Professor of Law at Georgetown, and we're thrilled to have her as part of the Bazelon team," said Holly O'Donnell, CEO, Bazelon Center for Mental Health Law. "Many of the issues Julia has advocated for through internships and as a law clerk are on par with the work that we do at the Bazelon Center, including education, housing, civil rights, and much more."

Current litigation priorities for the fellow include enforcing the Americans with Disabilities Act's integration mandate, preventing the incarceration of individuals with mental disabilities, securing a quality education for children with challenging behavior, and enforcing entitlements under the Medicaid Act. In addition to working in trial courts, the Bazelon Fellow may have opportunities to work on Supreme Court and other appellate cases, to lobby federal agencies, and to support state-based advocacy organizations.

"I'm honored to have been awarded this opportunity to work with Bazelon's passionate team of attorneys and policy advocates, who have been on the forefront of disability rights advocacy for people with mental disabilities for decades," said Julia Garrison, David and Mickey Bazelon Fellow. "What attracted me to Bazelon was the opportunity to do both litigation and policy work and the fact that the organization attacks advocacy from all levels—federal, state, and local government where applicable."

Julia joins the Bazelon Center as a former Legislative Assistant for Rep. Jim Cooper, where she reviewed draft legislation and developed recommendations and action items for the congressman, including memos regarding bills and other advocacy issues, such as immigration, education, housing, civil rights, voting

rights, reproductive rights, family leave, sexual harassment, guns, labor and more. Prior to her role with Rep. Cooper, Julia worked as a law clerk at a plaintiff-side employment law firm, where she worked on cases involving federal and private sector employment discrimination issues as well as Merit Systems Protection Board proceedings.

Julia has held internships with The Department of Justice, Civil Rights Division; DC Superior Court under the Honorable Judge Heidi Pasichow; The U.S. Department of Education; Washington Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights and Urban Affairs; The American Civil Liberties Union of Maryland and The Esperanza Center-Immigration Legal Services. She also worked as research assistant for Dr. Jamillah Bowman Williams at the Georgetown University Law Center, and as a paralegal for Richards, Kibbe, & Orbe, LLP.

Julia earned her Juris Doctor from the Georgetown University Law Center in May 2017 and was sworn in to the Maryland Bar in December 2017. She received her Bachelor of the Art in Sociology and Anthropology from John Hopkins University. As a double minor in Spanish for the Professions and Psychology, Julia has a working proficiency in the Spanish language.

For more information about the Bazelon Center for Mental Health Law and the David and Mickey Bazelon Fellowship, please visit www.bazelon.org.

About the Bazelon Center for Mental Health Law

Since 1972, the Judge David L. Bazelon Center for Mental Health Law has advocated for the civil rights, full inclusion and equality of adults and children with mental disabilities. The Bazelon Center was pivotal in expanding the civil rights movement to include fighting discrimination against, and segregation of, people with mental disabilities. Today, the Bazelon Center accomplishes its goals through a combination of litigation, public policy advocacy, public education, and technical assistance.

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