

Experience

Jon Ossoff for U.S. Senate

CAMPAIGN VOLUNTEER

WASHINGTON, D.C.

DEC 2020-PRESENT

- Phoning Georgia residents to persuade them to vote for the candidate and assisting with voter participation.

U.S. Senator Elizabeth Warren (D-MA)

ASSISTANT COUNSEL

WASHINGTON, D.C.

MAR 2017-NOV 2020

- Advised and spoke for the Senator on national security and veterans' issues; staffed or represented the Senator at hearings and meetings; and drafted bills, oversight letters, and remarks.
- Drafted legislation:
 - The first mandatory annual Department of Defense (DoD) report to Congress on civilian casualties resulting from U.S. military operations worldwide (Sec. 1057, FY 2018 NDAA enacted).
 - Introduction of the *Countering Foreign Interference with Our Armed Forces Act* to require an annual DoD report on Russian efforts to use social media to target U.S. servicemembers with disinformation.
 - Requiring a senior DoD civilian official to develop and oversee a DoD-wide policy for preventing civilian casualties resulting from U.S. military operations (Sec. 936, FY 2019 NDAA enacted).
 - Introduction of two bills to strengthen investigations, reporting, and resources related to the prevention of civilian casualties in U.S. military operations conducted overseas.
 - Allowing a Gold Star spouse to terminate a residential lease, without penalty, within one year of the servicemember's death (Sec. 301, *Veterans Benefits and Transition Act of 2018* enacted).
 - Prohibiting a college, university, or training program participating in the G.I. Bill from imposing a late fee on eligible student veterans, denying them access to school facilities, or requiring them to take out additional loans due to delayed processing by the VA of a G.I. Bill benefit payment directly to the school (Sec. 103, *Veterans Benefits and Transition Act of 2018* enacted).
 - Urging the U.S. Postal Service to issue a commemorative postage stamp series honoring women veterans of the U.S. Armed Forces (Resolution passed unanimously by the Senate, Nov. 14, 2019).
 - Requiring the POW/MIA Flag to be displayed whenever the U.S. Flag is displayed on various federal properties (*National POW/MIA Flag Act of 2019* enacted).
 - Requiring DoD to create a science-based tool to assess military bases' vulnerability to climate change (Sec. 326, FY 2020 NDAA enacted).
 - Requiring DoD to incorporate in its annual budget proposal a line item dedicated to adapting military assets to climate change (Sec. 328, FY 2020 NDAA enacted).
 - Introduction of the *DoD Climate Resiliency and Readiness Act*, which would require DoD to achieve net-zero emissions from non-combat bases and other infrastructure by 2030.
 - Requiring removal of Confederate names from bases and other military assets within 3 years (Sec. 370, FY 2021 NDAA conference report).
 - Introduction of the *Removing Confederate Names and Symbols from Our Military Act*, which would require DoD to remove Confederate names from bases and other military assets within 1 year.
- Drafted hearing questions in the Senate Armed Services Committee and the Senate Banking Committee.
- Drafted articles: CNN Op-Ed entitled "End US complicity in Yemen's humanitarian disaster" (Oct. 8, 2018).
- Drafted oversight letters:
 - Requesting that Congressional leaders urge the President to keep Congress regularly informed about the status of negotiations with North Korea over its nuclear weapons and missile programs (Apr. 30, 2018).
 - Requesting information from DoD and VA on their efforts to educate servicemembers and veterans about online disinformation and other malign influence operations by foreign entities (Nov. 12, 2019).
 - Requesting clarification from State and Treasury that existing licenses and other mechanisms are sufficient to ensure the flow of humanitarian aid to the Iranian people during COVID-19 (Feb. 28, 2020).
 - Requesting that GAO review the adequacy of the VA's oversight of the quality of care at State Veterans' Homes (Request accepted by GAO on May 14, 2020).
 - Requesting information from senior national security officials and military commanders on their knowledge of and actions taken to address reports of a Russian-funded bounty program to offer and make payments to Taliban-linked militants to kill U.S. servicemembers in Afghanistan (July 2, 2020).
 - Opposing the nomination of Brigadier General (ret.) Anthony Tata to serve as the third highest-ranking DoD official due to his Islamophobic and other offensive and inflammatory comments (July 24, 2020).
 - Requesting a public hearing to probe the findings and recommendations of the independent review panel on the command climate and culture at U.S. Army Base Fort Hood, Texas (September 4, 2020).

- Requesting that GAO review the culture, policies, and practices of the VA to determine whether systemic racism impacts veterans and VA employees (Request accepted by GAO on September 22, 2020).
- Drafted remarks:
 - Senate floor speech opposing President Trump’s Muslim ban (Jan. 30, 2017).
 - Senate floor speech opposing Rex Tillerson’s nomination for Secretary of State (Jan. 31, 2017).
 - Speech to commemorate the official unveiling of the POW/MIA Chair of Honor in the U.S. Capitol’s Emancipation Hall, based on the *National POW/MIA Remembrance Act* of 2015 (House version enacted, Senate companion introduced by Senator Warren; Chair unveiling on Nov. 8, 2017).
 - Senate floor speech opposing Mike Pompeo’s nomination for Secretary of State (Apr. 26, 2018).
 - Senate floor speech opposing Gina Haspel’s nomination for CIA Director (May 17, 2018).

LEGISLATIVE AIDE JUL 2014-FEB 2017

- Drafted legislation and recommendations for votes and bill co-sponsorships, responded to constituent mail, and met with constituents regarding financial services, national security, veterans, sanctions, and export controls.

LEGISLATIVE CORRESPONDENT MAY 2013-JUN 2014

- Responded to constituent mail, drafted legislative recommendations, and held meetings with constituents.

U.S. Senate Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations (Chairman Carl Levin, D-MI) WASHINGTON, D.C.

LAW CLERK (MAJORITY STAFF) AUGUST 2012- MAY 2013

- Performed legal and fact research, drafted memoranda, and reviewed documents for a bipartisan investigation, report, and hearing into the JPMorgan Chase “London Whale” losses from high-risk trading in derivatives.

Professor Fionnuala Ní Aoláin, University of Minnesota Law School MINNEAPOLIS, MN

RESEARCH ASSISTANT DECEMBER 2011-MAY 2012

- Conducted legal and fact research on gender-based violence in armed conflict and edited content and checked accuracy of citations for legal articles.

Cohen, Milstein, Sellers & Toll PLLC WASHINGTON, D.C.

SUMMER ASSOCIATE, HUMAN RIGHTS PRACTICE GROUP JUNE-AUGUST 2011

- Performed legal research for appellate and amicus briefs for Alien Tort Statute cases involving human trafficking, torture, and forced labor and authored memoranda on diplomatic immunity and personal jurisdiction case law.

Jobard, Chemla & Associates PARIS, FRANCE

SUMMER ASSOCIATE JUNE-AUGUST 2010

- Prepared memoranda, declarations, and other legal documents in French and English for international arbitration proceedings before the International Chamber of Commerce and for employment disputes, intellectual property litigation, and mergers and acquisitions of international corporations under various legal regimes.

Executive Office of Adrian M. Fenty, Mayor of the District of Columbia WASHINGTON, D.C.

COMMUNICATIONS SPECIALIST AND PROJECT MANAGER OCTOBER 2008-AUGUST 2009

- Edited and fact-checked press releases and news advisories, responded to press inquiries from news outlets on the Mayor’s policies, and drafted the Mayor’s talking points for press conferences and other public appearances.

Edouard Branly High School BOULOGNE-SUR-MER, FRANCE

ENGLISH LANGUAGE TEACHING ASSISTANT SEPTEMBER 2007-APRIL 2008

- Prepared and delivered daily English lessons to French high school students, practiced oral and written English skills in class with students, and tutored aspiring teachers for their English proficiency evaluations.

Honors, Skills and Affiliations

- Top Secret Security Clearance. 2020 Middle Eastern National Security Expert, New America’s Diversity in National Security Network. French (Advanced Proficiency) & Modern Standard Arabic (Moderate Proficiency).

Education

University of Minnesota Law School, MINNEAPOLIS, MN, JURIS DOCTOR, MAGNA CUM LAUDE, MAY 2012

University of Michigan, ANN ARBOR, MI, B.A. IN POLITICAL SCIENCE, DECEMBER 2006, GPA: 3.7