



**SENIOR ASSOCIATE
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ADVOCACY**

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EXPERTISE

Social Security • Fair Housing • Housing Accessibility • State Workforce Development • State Vocational Rehabilitation • Disability Work Incentives

LEGISLATION

Ticket to Work & Work Incentives Improvement Act • Rehabilitation Act • Workforce Innovation Opportunity Act

BACKGROUND

Susan Prokop, Senior Associate Director of Advocacy, has more than 30 years' experience in domestic policy issues affecting seniors, veterans, and people with disabilities. After six years on Capitol Hill staffing a member of the House Veterans' Affairs Committee, she managed regulatory affairs for a trade association representing doctors of internal medicine.

With Paralyzed Veterans of America since 1997, Prokop has managed and coordinated advocacy efforts on employment, Social Security, and fair housing issues affecting veterans and people with disabilities. She has served as liaison to the Consortium for Citizens with Disabilities (CCD) and its task forces on Social Security, employment and training, and housing. She created and currently serves as co-chair for the CCD Veterans and Military Families Task Force, which focuses on issues affecting veterans and military family members with disabilities. Through this coalition work, she was involved with the development and passage of the Social Security Ticket to Work and Work Incentives Improvement Act, reauthorization of the Rehabilitation Act and efforts to protect Social Security from benefit reductions.

Prokop has written and spoken extensively on the importance of Social Security to veterans with disabilities, recruitment and hiring of people with disabilities by federal contractors and agencies, and promotion of affordable, accessible housing

for people with mobility impairments. From 2003 to 2009, she was a gubernatorial appointee to the Virginia Statewide Independent Living Council and served as chair of that body from 2004 to 2006.

EDUCATION

BA, Georgetown University
MPA, University of Virginia