This year we celebrate 30 years of the ADA!

This year marks the 30th anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). The ADA has transformed American society in many ways and has enabled a generation of Americans with disabilities to advance further in their personal and professional lives. At the same time, there continue to be barriers and we must continue to promote equal opportunity for people with disabilities. Join this panel for a conversation with advocates and attorneys who will discuss this landmark Act and its impact on their lives and practices.

PANELISTS

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