

Robert J. Mather

Class of 1970

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Robert J. Mather is a trial attorney with the U.S Department of Justice who happens to be deaf.

1982 – Present

U.S. Department of Justice, Civil Rights Division, Disability Rights Section, Senior Trial Attorney. This section is responsible for the enforcement of Titles I, II, and III of the Americans with Disabilities Act. Among major accomplishments, I served as a member of the legal team that developed the regulations for Titles II and III of the ADA.

1988 U.S. Commission on Education for the Deaf, Counsel

1982 Architectural and Transportation Barriers Compliance Board Deputy Chief Counsel, Attorney Advisor.

1977 Attended law school at DePaul University, graduated with a Juris Doctorate.

1974 Graduated from Rochester Institute of Technology with a degree in social work.

1970 Graduated from Hinsdale South High School Deaf Department

Quote

“There are always people around you who want you to feel badly about yourself and help to diminish your self-worth. Learn from those situations because there will be adults like them and you will have to work with them in the future. Prove them wrong. It worked for me. You are not defined by who you used to be, but who you want to be.”