

Laura Faer

Laura Faer is the Directing Attorney of the Public Counsel Law Center's Children's Rights Project. The Children's Rights Project is Public Counsel's largest program, which involves more than 700 volunteers assisting over 6,000 children and youth annually. The project facilitates adoptions of foster children, helps secure hundreds of legal guardianships, provides Guardian ad Litem for foster children who have been harmed while in out of home placement, and education and transition advocacy for low-income, foster, and homeless youth, among other work.

Ms. Faer has focused her practice on education, children's rights, and civil rights law and litigation. She has served as counsel on a number of education rights cases. She successfully represented four foster siblings who were unlawfully segregated from the public school setting, helped defend against a constitutional challenge to Los Unified School District's voluntary integration program, and challenged the practice of involuntarily removing and transferring students in state court.

As a Skadden Law Fellow, Ms. Faer worked to improve education outcomes and educational quality for low-income children in some of South Los Angeles' lowest performing schools. She ran a community-based education law clinic and successfully advocated for state legislative and regulatory changes related to California's implementing statutes for the Individuals with Disabilities in Education Improvement Act of 2004. Ms. Faer clerked for Judge Stephen Reinhardt on the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals and also worked on the statewide education reform case, *Williams v. State of California*.