

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

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“I volunteer with HAP because HAP provides life-changing support to those who need it. HAP makes a HUGE difference in the lives of so many individuals and families and I am honored to contribute to its efforts.”

ABOUT SEB

Sebnem (Seb) Dugmeoglu is a third-year associate in the Life Sciences Health Care Industry Group at Reed Smith. Her practice primarily focuses on transactional and regulatory work in the life sciences space.

PARTNERING WITH HAP

Seb has volunteered with HAP since her first year in law school back in 2018! Seb knew immediately that she wanted to continue working with HAP for a long time. Upon graduating from law school, Seb was delighted to learn that Reed Smith has an established pro bono relationship with HAP.

Seb says: “I’ve learned so much and I’ve worked with fantastic staff and volunteers. One memory that sticks out was working with HAP attorney Joel Sobel at birth certificate clinics through the height of the pandemic. I was in my last year of law school at the time. When restrictions made it impossible to run the clinics in-person, HAP sprung into action to provide a virtual option at shelters across the city. Joel and I would log into the

video sessions every week to provide support virtually. It was great to be able to help at a time when so many other things in society seemed to be going wrong. I am still thankful for the positivity and hope that the sessions provided me during an otherwise bleak time.”

HAP Director of Intake and Outreach Joel Sobel says: “Seb was one of the most dynamic and productive law students HAP has had through our pro bono partnership with Drexel Law School. Seb was patient and listened to individual clients, and also added her voice and medical knowledge to broader public health advocacy affecting our clients during a dangerous time. HAP is lucky for Seb’s dedication to pro bono service, and I cannot express how happy I am to continually see her name on HAP cases now that she is at Reed Smith.”

