

### **Biography of Jessica Schneider, Managing Attorney, Public Interest Law Initiative (PILI)**

Jessica joined in PILI in June 2020. PILI engages, inspires and empowers those advancing equal access to justice. She is responsible for helping to expand and enhance pro bono legal assistance across Illinois by overseeing the work of PILI's Judicial Circuit Pro Bono Committees, Illinois Free Legal Answers, and PILI's participation in the Illinois Armed Forces Legal Aid Network (IL-AFLAN). For the last two years, Jessica worked as a Staff Attorney in the Special Education Clinic at Equip for Equality. Before that, Jessica worked as a Staff Attorney at Chicago Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights for seven years, practicing in both their Fair Housing and Education Equity Projects. In law school, Jessica was a PILI Law Student Intern at MALDEF.

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