

MEMORANDUM

To: Social Security Advisory Board
Subject: Biography of Daniel L. Hatcher, Professor of Law, University of Baltimore,
Civil Advocacy Clinic
Date: January 8, 2015



Daniel L. Hatcher is a professor of law in the University of Baltimore's Civil Advocacy Clinic. Before joining the faculty in 2004, Hatcher was in a statewide position with the Maryland Legal Aid Bureau, serving as the assistant director of advocacy for public benefits and economic stability. He previously worked as a staff attorney for Legal Aid in the Baltimore Child Advocacy Unit representing abused and neglected children, and in the Metropolitan Maryland office representing clients in public benefits, housing, consumer and family law issues. He was also a senior staff attorney with the Children's Defense Fund in Washington, D.C., where he worked on policy development and legislative advocacy in areas affecting child and family poverty. Hatcher has testified before Congress, the Maryland General Assembly and in other governmental proceedings regarding several issues affecting children and low-income individuals and families.

Hatcher's recent scholarship has addressed the conflicts between state agencies' revenue maximization strategies and the agencies' core missions to serve low-income children and families – including the practice of state foster care agencies converting foster children's Social Security benefits into state revenue, welfare cost recovery policies in the TANF program, and foster care cost recovery through child support enforcement. His scholarship has attracted national attention, including significant press coverage, congressional testimony, citation in multiple Congressional Research Service reports, requests to draft legislation, and continued participation in national policy reform efforts.