

## **Biographical Statement – David McCraw**

David McCraw has been a lawyer for The New York Times Company since 2002. He currently serves as a Vice President and Assistant General Counsel. He is responsible for the company's litigation matters and for providing legal counsel to the Times newsroom on such issues as libel, freedom of information, access to the courts, and newsgathering. Mr. McCraw previously served as Deputy General Counsel of The New York Daily News and a litigation associate at Clifford Chance and Rogers & Wells. From 1992 to 1994 he was a law clerk for Judge Richard Simons at the New York Court of Appeals.

Mr. McCraw is the lead litigation attorney for FOIA lawsuits brought by The Times and its journalists. The suits have sought access to various types of government documents, ranging from data on unsafe workplaces and the names of companies permitted to trade with sanctioned nations to the DOJ legal memos justifying drone strikes and statistical reports about convicted criminals who were supposed to be deported but were instead released into the community.

Mr. McCraw has been actively involved in pro bono work around the world on issues touching upon press freedom and freedom of information. He has worked on pro bono projects in Yemen, Kuwait, Russia, Montenegro, and Cameroon and conducted workshops on freedom of information in South America, the Middle East, and Central and Eastern Europe as well in China.

He is a graduate of the University of Illinois, Cornell University, and Albany Law School. Mr. McCraw is an adjunct professor at the NYU School of Law.