

EXPERIENCE

Executive Director, May 2015 to present

Campaign for Accountability, Washington, D.C.

Head new non-profit organization that uses research, litigation, and communication to expose misconduct and malfeasance in public life. Work includes initiating litigation and using federal and state information laws to access information about public officials.

Chief Counsel, 2005 to April 2015; Interim Executive Director, 2015

Citizens for Responsibility and Ethics in Washington (CREW), Washington, D.C.

Develop and implement litigation and policy-related agenda for non-profit public interest organization dedicated to identifying, analyzing, and deterring unethical government conduct.

- Manage all litigation and litigation-related matters in federal district courts, U.S. Courts of Appeal, and the Supreme Court.
- Initiate high-profile litigation on range of issues, including lawsuits seeking preservation of Vice President Cheney's records, recovery and restoration of missing White House emails, public access to White House visitor records, and meaning of key provision of Freedom of Information Act (FOIA).
- Participate as amicus in cases raising important constitutional issues, including Speech or Debate Clause, separation of powers, honest services fraud, and constitutionality of lobbying regulations.
- Research and author reports for public dissemination on wide range of topics, including abuses of executive power, missing White House emails, and status of electronic record keeping in the federal government.
- Present live and written testimony before Congress.
- Prepare congressional complaints and requests for investigation to inspectors general, the Department of Justice, and the Internal Revenue Service.
- File hundreds of FOIA requests on important issues of public interest ranging from global warming to the under-diagnosis in veterans of post traumatic stress disorder.
- Coordinate with other non-profit and non-governmental groups on legislation and policy issues.
- As Interim Executive Director responsible for managing office, including budget and personnel issues, acting as spokesperson for CREW, developing and implementing substantive agenda.

Deputy Chief, Enforcement Bureau, September 2002 – January 2004

Federal Communications Commission, Washington, D.C.

- Supervised all common carrier and consumer-related enforcement efforts for the Bureau, including supervision of three separate divisions within the Bureau.
- Conducted front-office review of all major enforcement actions, developed major enforcement goals and Bureau-wide initiatives, and set priorities for individual divisions.
- Monitored and addressed legislative proposals as they applied to enforcement needs and goals.

Assistant Branch Director, August 1991 – September 2002

U.S. Department of Justice, Civil Division, Federal Programs Branch

- Supervised government information litigation, including the Freedom of Information Act, Privacy Act, Federal Advisory Committee Act, third-party subpoena matters, the Federal Records Act, and the Presidential Records Act.
- Responsible for supervising all aspects of litigation, including development of litigation strategy, preparation of all pleadings, discovery, oral arguments, trial preparation, and settlement negotiations.
- Supervised and participated directly in wide variety of complex and precedent-setting civil litigation before the U.S. District Courts, including drafting briefs, presenting oral argument, and negotiating settlements in significant and sensitive cases.
- Provided advice Department-wide and throughout the Executive Branch on areas of subject-matter expertise, including ethics in litigation and FOIA.
- Involved directly in close coordination with other Department components as well as senior leadership offices of the Department.
- Established an intra-governmental task force on FOIA issues.
- Consistently received outstanding evaluations and commendations.
- Frequently lectured at the Department's Legal Education Institute on a wide variety of subject areas, as well as at other Executive Branch agencies and before the D.C. Bar.

Prior areas of subject-matter supervisory responsibility include banking litigation (1991-1994) and housing litigation (1994-1995).

Senior Trial Counsel, 1990-1991; Trial Attorney, June 1982-1990

Attorney, Solicitor's Office, October 1979 – June 1982

U.S. Department of Labor, Washington, D.C.

- Represented Department of Labor in administrative hearings for claimants seeking Black Lung benefits as well as appeals before the U.S. Courts of Appeals.

EDUCATION

The National Law Center, George Washington University

Received J.D. 1979

Brown University

Received A.B. 1975, Magna Cum Laude

PUBLICATIONS AND SPEAKING

The Elusive Vice-Presidential Records of Richard B. Cheney, Passport, Vol. 40, No. 2, September 2009

Record Chaos: The Deplorable State Of Electronic Record Keeping In The Federal Government, April 2008

Crossing The Line: The Bush Administration's Efforts To Expand Its Powerful Reach, July 2007

Without A Trace: The Missing White House Emails And The Violations Of The Presidential Records Act, April 2007

Nationally recognized expert on FOIA and record keeping issues.

Frequent lecturer for American Society of Access Professionals training programs and intra-agency training programs on FOIA and FOIA-related issues.

Under the auspices of the State Department and other international organizations meet with and speak to visiting scholars, journalists, and politicians from abroad.

Participate in panels sponsored by the American Bar Association and local bar associations

HONORS

Inducted into the National Freedom of Information Act Hall of Fame, 2011

Recipient of the American Association of Law Libraries Public Access to Government Information Award, 2011

Recipient of the James Madison Award, 2010

Past president, American Society of Access Professionals, 2011-2012

Current member, National Archives and Records Administration, Freedom of Information Act Advisory Committee

Member of the D.C. Bar, American Society of Access Professionals