

Frederick J. Sadler (Fred)

Fred retired from federal service in November 2014, after serving for more than 40 years in the Food and Drug Administration's Freedom of Information program.

During his tenure in that agency, he served as the director of two Agency component Centers (the Center for Devices and Radiological Health; and the Center for Biologics Evaluation and Research); then served as the FDA's FOI Denials and Appeals Officer, before being selected to serve as the Agency's Freedom of Information Officer, and Senior Official for Privacy, in the Office of the Commissioner.

Fred oversaw and directed the work efforts of approximately 132 staff agency-wide, and was instrumental in reducing the overall backlog of pending agency FOI requests by 91%, over a 5 year period. As part of those efforts, Fred created the first agency-wide FOIA tracking system, and established the first agency-wide FOI Council, which was responsible for ensuring consistent application of the statute and the Agency's implementing regulations.

Fred assisted with FOI related litigation (declarations, Vaughn indices, etc.), and served on various agency working groups dealing with disclosure issues to include "Re-engineering" the FOIA process within the agency, which resulted in his receiving the FDA Commendable Service Award. In addition to more than 40 other awards, Fred also received the HHS Secretary's Award for Distinguished Service.

As part of his continuing program improvement efforts, Fred worked directly with the Public Health Service (PHS) and the Dept. of Health and Human Services (HHS), on pending issues, litigation, equities in non-agency offices or departments, with the media, and other members of the requester community.

Throughout his service in FDA, Fred provided extensive training in the theory, process and application of the FOI within his agency, the Department, in more than a dozen other federal agencies (by invitation), and has been a frequent speaker for the Department of Justice's Office of Information Policy, and the American Society of Access Professionals (ASAP). Fred was also elected, twice, to serve as the national president of ASAP.

Fred is also accredited by the International Association of Privacy Professionals (IAPP) as both a Certified Information Privacy Professional for Federal Government privacy programs (CIPP/G) and a Certified Information Privacy Manager (CIPM).