

PAUL F. FIGLEY

PROFESSIONAL HISTORY

Washington College of Law, American University, Washington, D.C. (2006 to present)

Associate Director – Department of Legal Rhetoric
Manages Legal Rhetoric Adjunct professors;

Courses taught

Legal Rhetoric: Writing & Research
Advanced Lawyering Skills: Tort Litigation

U.S. Department of Justice, Washington, D.C. (1974 to 2006)

Torts Branch – FTCA Staff, Civil Division

Deputy Director (1991 - 2006).

Second in command in the office that manages the tort litigation of the federal government. Supervised attorneys directly involved in handling complex legal, factual, and procedural issues. Responsibilities included: training DOJ and agency attorneys; litigating; setting policy; negotiating settlements; reviewing and drafting legislation; dealing with agency and Congressional staff.

Assistant Director (1985 - 1991); Senior Trial Attorney (1983 - 1985); Trial Attorney (1978 - 1983).

Information & Privacy Section, Civil Division

Trial Attorney (1975 - 1978) – Freedom of Information and Privacy Act litigation

Torts Section, Civil Division

Trial Attorney (1974 - 1975) – Federal Tort Claims Act litigation

Honors & Awards

Civil Division Award for Dedicated Service: 2005

(One of six to receive this award from among 700 Civil Division Attorneys)

Civil Division Special Commendation Award: 1998 and 1976

Numerous Special Achievement Awards

EDUCATIONAL HISTORY

Southern Methodist University School of Law, Dallas, Texas
Juris Doctor, 1974
Leading Articles Editor, *Journal of Air Law & Commerce*
Hatton W. Sumners Scholar (one of five in class to receive three
year grant for full tuition and living expenses)
Admissions Committee, 1973-74

Franklin & Marshall College, Lancaster, Pennsylvania
B.A. *Cum Laude*, 1971
History major
Office of Public Relations
Varsity Soccer (MVP); Varsity Baseball

PRIOR TEACHING EXPERIENCE

The George Washington University Law School, Washington, D.C.
Adjunct Professor of Legal Research and Writing, 2005-06.

Department of Justice Office of Legal Education
Instructor at training conferences for government attorneys, 1990- 2006.

Campus Lecturer
Lectured at Harvard Law School, Yale Law School, George Washington
University Law School, American University, Mount Holyoke College, &
George Mason University.

PUBLICATIONS

“Teaching Novice Legal Writers to Complete Their Arguments; A Useful
Metaphor,” *The Second Draft: Bulletin of the Legal Writing Institute* (Fall, 2007)

“The *Feres* Doctrine,” Department of Justice Torts Branch Monograph (August,
2004).

“The Appropriations Clause and Federal Sovereign Immunity,” article in
progress, co-authored with Prof. Jay Tidmarsh, Notre Dame Law School.