

FRANKLIN SIEGEL

EXPERIENCE

City University of New York School of Law

Assistant to the Dean and Adjunct Professor of Law January 1996 – present
Assistant to Dean Michelle Anderson. School Legal Designee to the central university, including directing response to series of “reverse discrimination” lawsuits. Courses: “Constitution and Foreign Affairs”, “Public Interest/Public Service” and co-taught “Government Misconduct” seminar. Special projects including visits to school by Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg and New York Times Supreme Court correspondent Linda Greenhouse. Served as school Affirmative Action Officer. Faculty committee service has included AALS Accreditation/Site-Visit, ABA Site-Visit, Affirmative Action, Building and Curriculum.

Private Law Practice

May 1982 - Sept 1990
and Sept - Dec 1995

General civil litigation practice concentrating on complex litigation, civil rights, representation of non-profit organizations, tenant’s rights and real estate. Counsel to the Presidential Commission on Good Government of the Republic of the Philippines (1986 - 1988), General Counsel to the Vietnam Mission to the United Nations (1980 - 1990).

Columbia University School of Law

Lecturer in Law Fall 1994 and Fall 1995

Taught "Children with AIDS and Their Families", an interdisciplinary seminar on medical and legal issues pertaining to pediatric AIDS, co-taught with a physician and a registered nurse as a joint offering of Columbia's Law School, the College of Physicians and Surgeons and the School of Nursing.

Teaching Fellow - Fair Housing Clinic Fall 1993 and Spring 1994

Center for Constitutional Rights

Volunteer Staff Attorney/Cooperating Attorney 1982 – present
Board of Trustees 1993 – present
Staff Attorney October 1990 – September 1992

Lead counsel or co-counsel in lawsuits including a challenge to military press restrictions during Gulf War, the Philippine government's claims against Ferdinand and Imelda Marcos, a challenge to racial discrimination in public higher education funding, cases involving right to travel, economic embargoes, freedom of information, humanitarian aid, voter referenda, police misconduct, War Powers, blockades of abortion clinics, the Americans with Disabilities Act. Provided practice support to staff attorneys. Represented the Center in various administrative and business matters. Treasurer of Board of Trustees (1993-96), Executive Committee of Board of Trustees (1994-2002), Board Finance Committee (1993-present), Chair of Board Nominations Committee (1996-2002) and Co-Chair of Board Nominations Committee (2005-2007).

SEIU Building Service Local 32B-J

Sept 1992 - Sept 1993

Supervising Attorney - Civil Litigation Department
Supervised five attorneys in union-based legal services plan. Trained attorneys in trial advocacy and legal writing.

O'Dwyer & Bernstein

Oct 1980 - May 1982

Managing Attorney - Iranian Litigation Department

Litigated to recover assets of former Shah of Iran and his family during the hostage crisis.
 Defended approximately eighty commercial lawsuits arising from Presidential blocking order.
 Criminal defense, extradition and grand jury representation.

Paralegal

1971 - 1973

Litigation support, including appeal in the cases of Fr. Daniel Berrigan and Sr. Elizabeth McAllister.

District Council 37

Apr 1978 - Oct 1980

Staff Attorney

Represented municipal employees in civil legal matters, particularly landlord-tenant, matrimonial and bankruptcy.

Puerto Rico Legal Project (National Lawyers Guild)*Mainland Director*

1977 - 1978

Board of Directors

1975 - 1982

Bar Association Civil Rights and legal education project opened in San Juan, PR in 1977 focusing on federal court litigation and training of civil rights attorneys in Puerto Rico. Fundraising, program planning, recruitment of attorneys for Puerto Rico, jointly responsible with staff in Puerto Rico for case work, training seminars and public education through 1978. In 1982 became Puerto Rico's first public interest law firm, the "Instituto Puertorriqueno de Derechos Civiles" [Puerto Rican Civil Rights Institute].

National Lawyers Guild - National Office

Aug 1976 - Aug 1977

Launched Puerto Rico Legal Project, organized national conference on local police department surveillance abuses, edited national membership newspaper, media, publications, planned convention and national meetings.

Stolar, Alterman & Gulielmetti

Dec 1974 - Jun 1976

Original staff member of a collective law office.

Paul O'Dwyer - NY City Council President

1974 - 1975

Wrote legislation and conducted public hearings on Police Department surveillance and dossier collection activities. Organized official City Hall welcomes for Hortensia and Beatriz Allende, widow and daughter, respectively, of Chilean president Salvador Allende.

Brooklyn Legal Services - Corporation B

Sept - Dec 1974

Legal Intern

Student intern in a community based Legal Services office.

EDUCATION

Columbia University School of Law

LL.M., May 1994

Honors: Harlan Fiske Stone Scholar, 1993-94

Brooklyn Law School

J.D., June 1976

Honors: Moot Court Finals (invitation declined)

Activities: First student member of the Faculty
Curriculum Committee

New School for Social Research - Graduate Faculty

M.A. (Economics), January 1976

New York University - Washington Square College

B.A., June 1971

Activities: President of the All-Square Congress, the umbrella student government of the four undergraduate schools at the Washington Square campus.

BAR

New York State Bar, 1977. Admitted in United States District Courts in the Southern, Eastern, Northern and Western Districts of New York and the District of Columbia; United States Courts of Appeals for the First, Second and District of Columbia Circuits; United States Supreme Court.

SELECTED ASSOCIATIONS

Association of the Bar of the City of New York; Committee on Recruitment & Retention of Lawyers (1998-2000).

New York County Lawyers Association.

National Lawyers Guild; President of the New York City Chapter (1992-94); National Executive Committee of National Lawyers Guild (1976-79); Co-Chair, International Law Committee (1982-84); Visa Denial Project Board (1982-83); multiple terms on NYC Chapter Executive Committee and Dinner Committee (major event fundraiser); NYC Chapter Mass Defense Committee.

Society of American Law Teachers; Member of planning group for 2009 Cover Workshop.

The Grand Jury Project, Inc., Board of Directors (1977-83), a project of the New York Women's Union and the National Lawyers Guild.

SELECTED LITIGATION

Nation Magazine v. United States Department of Defense, 762 F.Supp. 1558 (S.D.N.Y. 1991). Represented journalists and media organizations in challenge to military press restrictions during Gulf War. Lead counsel.

New York Land Co. v. Republic of the Philippines, 634 F.Supp. 279, further decision sub nom. **Republic of the Philippines v. Ferdinand Marcos**, 640 F.Supp. 737 (S.D.N.Y. 1986), *aff'd* 806 F.2d 344 (2d Cir. 1986). Litigation froze New York area properties of former Philippine President Ferdinand Marcos and Imelda Marcos. Secured transfer of marquee Manhattan office buildings, a beachfront estate and a luxury residential condominium apartment. Co-lead counsel.

Barbara Handschu v. Special Services Division, 605 F.Supp. 1384 (S.D.N.Y. 1985), *aff'd* 787 F.2d 828 (2d Cir. 1986), further reported decisions 737 F.Supp. 1289 (S.D.N.Y. 1989). Class action on behalf of all people and organizations engaged in First Amendment associational activity in the City of New York. One of four co-counsel who secured decree which governed Police Department political surveillance and intelligence collection practices in New York City from 1986-2003. Decree modified in light of post-September 11th terrorism developments, 273 F.Supp.2d 327 (S.D.N.Y. 2003); modified rules re-incorporated in court order, 288 F.Supp.2d 411 (S.D.N.Y. 2003); court clarifies “new” guidelines are part of “modified” guidelines, 2006 WL 1716919 (S.D.N.Y. 2006); police photo and video recording of political activity subject to “modified” guidelines 475 F.Supp.2d 331 (S.D.N.Y. 2007), court has power to enforce “modified” guidelines 2007 WL 1711775 (S.D.N.Y. 2007) and Class granted discovery of police photo/video political surveillance under “modified” decree 2008 WL 515695 (S.D.N.Y. 2008). One of four counsel to the Class.

New York Civic Association of the Deaf v. Rudolph Giuliani, 915 F.Supp. 622 (S.D.N.Y. 1996) and 970 F.Supp. 352 (S.D.N.Y. 1997). Class action by deaf and hearing impaired people in the City of New York preventing removal of emergency notification system from streets of New York under Section 2 the Americans with Disabilities Act. Lead counsel.

Dellums v. Bush, 752 F.Supp. 1141 (D.D.C. 1990). Members of Congress sued to enjoin President from use of military force in Persian Gulf unless Congress first grants approval under the War Power. Co-counsel but not a lead counsel.

Tom Campbell, et al. v. William Jefferson Clinton, 52 F.Supp.2d 34 (D.D.C. 1999), *aff'd*, 203 F.3d 19 (D.C. Cir. 2000), *cert. denied* 531 U.S. 815 (2000). 31 members of the House of Representatives sought a declaratory judgment that the President violated the Constitution and War Powers Resolution by committing U.S. military forces to NATO actions in Kosovo without the authorization of Congress. Dismissed under U.S. Supreme Court’s ruling limiting legislative standing. Co-counsel but not a lead counsel.

United States v. Falvey, 540 F.Supp. 1306 (E.D.N.Y. 1982). Challenge to use of evidence obtained through Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act (FISA) warrants in criminal prosecution of supporters of Irish Republican movement. Co-counsel.

Sheldon Weinbaum v. Mario Cuomo, N.Y.L.J. 10/19/93, p.26 (Sup. Ct. N.Y. County); reversed 219 A.D.2d 554 (1st Dept. 1995); appeal dismissed 87 N.Y.2d 917 (1996). Represented students, faculty and staff of City University of New York (CUNY) senior colleges in class action

challenge to racial discrimination in funding for state funding City University of New York (CUNY) senior colleges at lower level than State University of New York (SUNY) senior colleges. Lead counsel in trial court, co-counsel in appellate courts.

Frank Fosella v. David Dinkins, 128 Misc. 2d 822 (Sup. Richmond, 1985), 130 Misc. 2d 52 (Sup. Richmond, 1985), aff'd on other grounds 110 A.D. 2d 227 (2D Dept., 1985), aff'd 66 N.Y. 2d 162 (1985). Represented proponents of voter initiated referendum to amend New York City Charter to prohibit use of City facilities or services for the maintenance or storage of nuclear weapons. Co-counsel.

U.S. v. 36.46 Acres of Upland, etc., 113 F.R.D. 124 (E.D.N.Y. 1986). Represented parties seeking to intervene in federal suit for condemnation of land for naval facility in Staten Island, New York. Co-counsel.

In Re: Revere Copper & Brass, 652 F.Supp. 80 (N.D. Ala., 1988). Represented Title VII plaintiffs seeking to preserve sex discrimination claims pending in Alabama following defendant's petition in bankruptcy in New York. Lead counsel in Bankruptcy Court in the Southern District of New York.

Africa Fund v. Mosbacher, 1993 WL 183736 (S.D.N.Y. 1993). Represented research organization in Freedom of Information Act suit to obtain copies of licenses issued by U.S. Commerce Department for export of shotguns and ammunition to South Africa in violation of U.N. embargo and U.S. law. Lead counsel.

Beacon Products Corp. v. Ronald Reagan, 814 F.2d 1 (1st Cir. 1987). Challenge to embargo measures under International Emergency Economic Powers Act. Co-counsel but not a lead counsel.