

FRANKLIN SIEGEL

EXPERIENCE

City University of New York School of Law

Distinguished Lecturer of Law

January 1996 – present

Courses: Constitution and Foreign Affairs, Professional Responsibility, co-teach “Government Misconduct” (Section 1983 litigation) seminar and Federal Courts. Director, Part-Time Evening Program (2017-2023), and taught Skills to inaugural two evening classes (2015-2017). Advise and assist Law Review academic conferences (2007 Guantanamo; 2013 Universal Jurisdiction commemoration of Coup D’Etat in Chile). Moot Court Team Coach multiple years, fundraising advisor to student Public Interest Law Association (PILA) and Black Students Law Association (BLSA) multiple years. Assistant to Dean Kristin Booth Glen, Acting Dean Mary Lu Bilek and Dean Michelle Anderson (January 1996-July 2015). Legal Affairs Designee to the central university (1998-July 2015) including directing school’s response to a series of “reverse discrimination” lawsuits. Arranged visits to the school by U.S. Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg and New York Times Supreme Court correspondent Linda Greenhouse. Served as Affirmative Action Officer. Faculty committee service includes AALS Accreditation/Site-Visit, two ABA Site-Visits, Affirmative Action, Building, Part-Time Program, Faculty Appointments, Admissions Recruitment and Curriculum. Overhauled Career Office (1996-99), increasing student placement by almost 40% in two years, and hired Director of Career Planning.

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 the Law School, the College of Physicians and Surgeons and School of Nursing. *Teaching Fellow - Fair Housing Clinic*

Fall 1993 and Spring 1994

Center for Constitutional Rights

Volunteer Staff Attorney/Cooperating Attorney

1982 – 2012

Board of Trustees

1993 – 2011

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 (1993-2009); Board Legal Committee (2010-2011); Board Nominations Committee (1996-2011), including serving as Nominations Chair (1996-2002) and Co-Chair (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. Project represented Vieques Fisherman's Assoc. in the first case concerning U.S. Navy activities on their island. 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 the project 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, completed work for filing of federal civil rights lawsuit arising from Federal Bureau of Investigation's several decades of surveillance and disruption of the national NLG, edited national membership newspaper, media, publications, planned convention and national meetings, secured and organized first visit by Cuban officials permitted to address a U.S. audience since break in diplomatic relations.

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 ADMISSIONS

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; organized and ran two national conventions in New York City, including August 2016.

Society of American Law Teachers. Member of planning group for 2009 Cover Workshop; co-directed annual fundraising banquets held January 2014 and January 2016.

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

The NLG-NYC Chapter Foundation Inc., Board of Directors (2016-present) of a new nonprofit stewarding two-million dollar bequest to promote civil and human rights and combat discrimination

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 to Philippine Presidential Commission on Good Government. 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 737 F.Supp. 1289 (S.D.N.Y. 1989). Class action on behalf of all people and organizations engaged in First Amendment political expression in the City of New York. One of four co-counsel who secured decree governing Police Department political surveillance and intelligence collection practices in New York City. Decree modified in light of post-September 11th terrorism developments, 273 F.Supp.2d 327 (S.D.N.Y. 2003) and 288 F.Supp.2d 411 (S.D.N.Y. 2003). Court summarizes its power to enforce political surveillance guidelines, requires police to notify Class counsel when police change applicable regulations 679 F.Supp.2d 488 (S.D.N.Y. 2010). Sanction imposed on police department's attorneys 727 F.Supp.2d 239 (S.D.N.Y. 2010), vacated on consent in conjunction with police withdrawing appeal of relief granted to Class in district court rulings. Ruling finding the injunction specifically requires NYPD to give notice of change in NYPD policy concerning videoing or photographing political demonstrations in New York City 905 F.Supp.2d 555 (S.D.N.Y. 2012). Court asks parties to strengthen proposed revisions to Modified Guidelines proposed in settlement of enforcement motion challenging surveillance of Muslim communities in New York area 219 F.Supp.3d 388 (S.D.N.Y. 2016), court approves Revised *Handschu* Guidelines 241 F.Supp.3d 433 (S.D.N.Y. 2017). Co-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 resulting in permanent injunction preventing removal of fire alarm box emergency notification system from streets of New York under Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act. City's motion to vacate the injunction denied 2011 WL 5995182 (S.D.N.Y. 2011). Co-counsel to the Class.

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 Constitution's 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 domestic 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.

TYPE B NOT-FOR-PROFIT CORPORATIONS WHERE REPRESENTATION IS PUBLIC RECORD

American Labor Committee for Human Rights in Northern Ireland, Inc. (1988)
Black & Latino Alumni Association of Baruch College, Inc. (1990)
Casa Nicaragua, Inc. (1980)
Center for Immigrants Rights, Inc. (1983)
Center for Media Initiatives, Inc. (1993)
Community Elders Legal Advocacy, Inc. (2006)

Cuba Resource Center, Inc. (1978)
CUNY School of Law Justice & Auxiliary Services Corporation (2013)¹
Friends of the Westchester Exceptional Children's School, Inc. (1981)²
Health Care: We Gotta Have It, Inc. (1992)
Implementing Materials and Programs Affecting Classroom Teaching II, Inc. (1986)³
International Media Resource Exchange, Inc. (1993)
International Oil Working Group, Inc. (1982)
Julio Cortezar Hospital Fund, Inc. (1987)
Mobilization for Survival of New York, Inc. (1984)
Muriel Rukeyser Center for Media and the Arts, Inc. (1988)
National Central America Health Rights Network, Inc. (1986)
National Police Accountability Project, Inc. (1999)
New York Committee for Occupational Safety and Health, Inc. (1979)
New York Education for Survival Fund, Inc. (1984)
New York City Labor Chorus, Inc. (2000)
New York Loft Tenants, Inc. (amend purposes, 1985)⁴
Nicaragua Exchange, Inc. (1985)
Nicaragua Medical and Material Aid Campaign, Inc. (1987)
Oficina de Informacion Internacional para la Independencia de Puerto Rico, Inc. (1981)
Palestine Solidarity Committee, Inc. (1990)
Rehabilitation Fund for Torture Victims, Inc. (1987)
Software Freedom Law Center, Inc. (2005)
The Akinwale Foundation, Inc. (1993)
The Catholic Adoptive Parents Association, Inc. (1984)⁵
The Coalition of Social Work Psychoanalysts, Inc. (1981)⁶
The Brecht Forum, Inc. (1984)
The City University of New York School of Law Foundation, Inc. (amend name, 2006)⁷
The Grand Jury Project, Inc. (1978)
U.S.-Cuba Medical Project, Inc. (1991)
Venceremos Brigade National Office, Inc. (1982)
White Lung Asbestos Information Center, Inc. (1990)

¹ As CUNY Law Legal Affairs Designee

² Of counsel to Brian O'Dwyer, Esq.

³ Of counsel to Gustin L. Reichbach, Esq.

⁴ Of counsel to Gustin L. Reichabach, Esq.

⁵ Of counsel to Brian O'Dwyer, Esq.

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