

PAUL F. FIGLEY

PROFESSIONAL HISTORY

Washington College of Law, American University, Washington, D.C.
Legal Rhetoric Program – Associate Director (2006 to present)
Classes Taught – Legal Writing, Research & Analysis; Torts;
Advanced Lawyering Skills-Tort Litigation
Honors – Member, Advisory Board of the ADMINISTRATIVE LAW REVIEW
Washington College of Law *Professor of the Year* for 2012-13

U.S. Department of Justice, Washington, D.C.
Civil Division, Torts Branch, Federal Tort Claims Act Staff
Deputy Director (1991 - 2006) Second in command in office that
manages tort litigation of the federal government.
Prior service in various roles in Civil Division offices responsible for Freedom of
Information Act, Privacy Act, and Federal Tort Claims Act litigation.
Honors – Civil Division Award for Dedicated Service: 2005 (One of six to receive
this award from among 700 Civil Division Attorneys.)
Two Civil Division Special Commendation Awards
Numerous Special Achievement Awards

EDUCATIONAL HISTORY

Southern Methodist University School of Law, Dallas, Texas - Juris Doctor
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 expenses.)
Admissions Committee

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

PUBLICATIONS

Paul Figley, A GUIDE TO THE FEDERAL TORT CLAIMS ACT (ABA, 2012).
Paul Figley, *Teaching Rule Synthesis with Real Cases*, 61. J. OF LEGAL ED. 245 (2011).
Paul Figley, *In Defense of Feres: An Unfairly Maligned Opinion*, 60 AM. U. L. REV. 393
(2011).
Paul Figley, *Ethical Intersections & the Federal Tort Claims Act: An Approach for
Government Attorneys*, 8 ST. THOMAS U. L. J. 347 (2011).
Paul Figley & Jay Tidmarsh, *The Appropriations Power and Sovereign Immunity*, 107
MICH. L. REV. 1207 (2009).

Paul Figley, *Understanding the Federal Tort Claims Act: A Different Metaphor*, 44 TORT TR. & INS. PRAC. L.J. 1105 (2009).

Paul Figley, *Calls for Justice & "Joint and Several Liability,"* in MATERIALS ON TORT REFORM 89-91 (Andrew F. Popper ed., 2010).

Paul Figley, *Teaching Novice Legal Writers to Complete Their Arguments; A Useful Metaphor*, THE SECOND DRAFT, THE BULLETIN OF THE LEGAL WRITING INSTITUTE (Fall, 2007).

AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

Legal Writing, Torts, Sovereign Immunity, Federal Tort Claims Act, *Feres* Doctrine

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

"Teaching Rule Synthesis with Real Cases," at the Capital Area Legal Writing Conference, Georgetown University Law Center (Washington, D.C. March 10, 2012).

"Creating Better Documents: Planning, Revising, & the Review Process," at the U.S. Dept. of Commerce, Office of the General Counsel Attorney Retreat (Washington, D.C. Oct. 13, 2011).

"Ethical Issues in Defending Federal Tort Claims Act Cases," at the Symposium: Official Wrongdoing and the Civil Liability of the Federal Government and Officers, University of St. Thomas School of Law (Minneapolis, March 17-18, 2011).

"Structured Legal Analysis from Express Check-Out to Recreational Use," at the Legal Writing Institute One Day Workshop, American University - Washington College of Law (Washington, D.C., December 4, 2010).

"Clear, Concise, and Correct: Effective Writing in Administrative Law" (with Prof. David Spratt) Seminar, U.S. Food and Drug Administration (Silver Spring, Md., February 22, 2010).

"Paired Workshops: Teaching CREAC and Appellate Process" at the Central Region Legal Writing Conference, Marquette University Law School (Milwaukee, Wis., October 16-17, 2009).

"Festival of Damages Arguments: An Exercise for a First Year Torts Class," at the "Implementing Best Practices and Educating Lawyers: Teaching Skills and Professionalism Across the Curriculum" Conference of the Institute for Law Teaching and Learning (Spokane, Washington, June, 2009).

"Writing the Brief: How to Write (and Re-Write) a First-Rate Appellate Brief," at the Appellate Practice Conference of the National Attorney General Training and Research Institute (Washington, D.C., March 2009).

Three Presentations: "An Overview of Advocacy in Motion;" "Creating Better Documents:

Planning, Revising, Self-Editing;" and "A Systematic Approach to Brief Writing" at the Motions Practice Seminar, National Advocacy Center (Columbia, S.C., June 2008).

"The Problem of the First Assignment: What Do Beginning Law Students Need to Learn and How Can We Teach It?" at the Central Region Legal Writing Conference (Kansas City, Mo., October, 2007).

"Creating Better Documents: Planning, Revising and Self-Editing," at the Convention of the Council of Appellate Staff Attorneys (Washington, D.C., September, 2007).