

RONALD WEICH

EMPLOYMENT

United States Department of Justice

Assistant Attorney General for Legislative Affairs, 2009 – present

- Serve as Presidentially-appointed, Senate-confirmed leader of the Justice Department's Office of Legislative Affairs; represent the Department with respect to all matters before Congress.
- Manage a staff of 25 and a budget of approximately \$4 million.
- Develop and implement strategies to advance the Department's legislative priorities.
- Coordinate the Department's response to congressional oversight requests; guide nominees through the Senate confirmation process; manage the interagency clearance process for the Department; testify in Congress on behalf of the Department.

United States Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid

Chief Counsel, 2007 – 2009; Senior Counsel to Minority Leader, 2005 – 2006

- Returned to Senate to serve as principal legal advisor to the Senate Democratic Leader.
- Managed Senate floor activity on all Judiciary Committee bills and judicial nominations; coordinated associated activities of the Democratic caucus.
- Counseled Leader Reid on complex institutional legal issues and interbranch disputes.
- Played key staff role in enactment of 2007 ethics reform law, 2008 amendments to the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act and other significant legislation.

Zuckerman Spaeder LLP, Washington, DC

Partner, 1997 – 2004

- Represented individuals and entities before courts, agencies and Congress as a member of the litigation practice group at national DC-based law firm.
- Counseled clients on a range of public policy issues; developed and implemented legislative strategies; represented organizations in advocacy coalitions.
- Clients included health care organizations and professional societies, generic drug companies, an Indian Nation, a major union and prominent non-profit organizations.

United States Senator Edward M. Kennedy

Chief Counsel, 1995 – 1997; General Counsel, 1992 – 1995; Counsel, 1990 – 1992

- As Chief Counsel to Senator Kennedy on the Judiciary Committee, advised Senator on civil and criminal justice issues, constitutional amendments and commercial law.
- As General Counsel to the Labor and Human Resources Committee, helped to manage a large professional staff and the Committee budget. Assisted Chairman to advance legislation promoting mental health, patient safety and insurance reforms.

United States Sentencing Commission, Washington, DC
Special Counsel, 1987 – 1989

- Served as the Commission's legislative liaison; drafted amendments to Federal Sentencing Guidelines; represented the Commission in federal courts throughout the U.S. in litigation challenging the constitutionality of the Sentencing Reform Act.

Office of the Manhattan District Attorney
Assistant District Attorney, 1983 –1987

- Responsible for hundreds of criminal prosecutions; conducted approximately 20 jury trials, 10 bench trials and numerous pre-trial hearings.

EDUCATION

Yale Law School, New Haven, CT
J.D., 1983

- *Board Member*, Yale Legal Services Organization
- *Co-Director*, Mental Hospital Legal Services Project
- *Research Assistant*, Deputy Attorney General of Connecticut
- *Instructor*, Legal Research and Writing

Columbia University, New York, NY
B.A. *magna cum laude*, 1980

- Phi Beta Kappa
- Junior Year Abroad, London School of Economics and Political Science

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES / AFFILIATIONS / RECOGNITION

- *Advisory Board Member*, **Federal Sentencing Reporter**, 1988 – 2009
- *Trustee*, **Vera Institute of Justice**, 1997 - 2004
- *Trustee*, **Bazon Center for Mental Health Law**, 1997 - 2004
- *Appointed Member*, **DC Community Corrections Facility Siting Commission**, 2002-03
- *Vice-Chair, Govt. Relations*, **American Bar Assoc. Criminal Justice Section**, 2001-02
- *Adjunct Professor of Law*, **Emory Law School**, 1995
- Named one of the 50 most influential congressional staff members by **Roll Call**, 2007-09
- Named one of 105 most influential lawyers in the U.S. by **National Law Journal**, 1994

BAR MEMBERSHIPS: U.S. Supreme Court; U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit; District of Columbia; New York State

SECURITY CLEARANCE: Top Secret

PUBLISHED ARTICLES

Dan Freed: My Teacher, My Colleague, My Friend, 21 *Federal Sentencing Reporter* 248 (2009)

The Innocence Protection Act of 2004: A Small Step Forward and a Framework for Larger Reforms, 29 *The Champion* No. 2 at 28 (March 2005)

The Innocence Protection Act: Death Penalty Reform on the Horizon, 25 *The Champion* No. 3 at 18 (April 2001)

Managed Care and Managed Sentencing — A Tale of Two Systems, 11 *Federal Sentencing Reporter* 139 (1998)

Victims' Rights Amendment: Unique Problems in Corporate Criminal Cases, 4 *Business Crimes Bulletin* No. 7 at 4 (1997)

The Battle Against Mandatory Minimums: A Report from the Front Lines, 9 *Federal Sentencing Reporter* 94 (1996)

Introduction to FJC Survey, 7 *Federal Sentencing Reporter* 151 (1994)

Proposed 1992 Guideline Amendments, 4 *Federal Sentencing Reporter* 239 (1992)

The Strange Case of the Disappearing Statute, 3 *Federal Sentencing Reporter* 239 (March - April 1991) (and Guest Editor of FSR issue)

Contribution to Post-Mistretta Forum, 1 *Federal Sentencing Reporter* 372 (February-March 1989)

The Relevant Conduct Controversy, 2 *Federal Sentencing Reporter* 150 (1989) (co-author)

Emergency Amendments, 2 *Federal Sentencing Reporter* 71 (1989)

Plea Agreements, Mandatory Minimum Penalties and the Guidelines, 1 *Federal Sentencing Reporter* 266 (1988)

The Constitutionality of the New Claims Court, 29 *Federal Bar News & Journal* 477 (1982) (co-author)