

FRANCES M. RASKIN

CAREER PROFILE

Former Assistant U.S. Attorney with nine years' experience in civil, administrative, and criminal litigation. Cases include representation of *amici curiae* in administrative law case before U.S. Supreme Court; representation of whistleblower in fraud litigation brought on behalf of federal government against major defense contractor; and representation of plaintiff class of low-income homeowners in pioneering fraud and predatory-lending class action against Countrywide Home Loans. Former journalist with eight years' experience in environmental and legal reporting and editing.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Litigated complex cases, including a federal contracting fraud case against Lockheed Martin that settled for \$40 million; a predatory-lending class action against 15 defendants, including Countrywide Home Loans; and tort, contract, malpractice, fraud, Internet, and Privacy Act cases in state and federal courts.

Prosecuted hundreds of criminal cases in Superior Court of the District of Columbia, including assault, drug possession and distribution, prostitution, and theft.

Successfully tried more than 20 criminal, non-jury, misdemeanor cases before Superior Court of the District of Columbia, and assisted defense team in one felony trial in U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia.

Drafted appellate briefs in civil and criminal cases, including an *amicus* brief in an administrative law case before U.S. Supreme Court, an environmental/administrative law challenge before U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit, a libel and breach of contract appeal before U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit, and 12 criminal briefs before Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia.

Argued three criminal appeals before Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia.

Published environmental law review article in June 2008 Alaska Law Review.

EDUCATION

Georgetown University Law Center, *Juris Doctor*, May 1999

Journals *Georgetown Immigration Law Journal*
 Journal on Gender, Sexuality and the Law

Honors Legal Research and Writing

University of Utah, *Bachelor of Arts in Journalism*, December 1988

LEGAL EXPERIENCE

Solo Practitioner, Anchorage, AK

June 2008 to present

Researching and drafting appeal of personal injury case involving novel evidentiary issue before Alaska Supreme Court.

Legal Consultant, Anchorage, AK

January 2007 to May 2008

Provided legal advice to individuals, Alaska Native organizations, and public-interest groups seeking to preserve essential habitat for world's largest salmon fishery. Analyzed constitutionality of proposed legislation and ballot initiatives. Drafted legal memoranda on constitutional, environmental, and natural resources issues. Conducted investigative analysis and prepared report on social and environmental record of major multi-national corporation. Coauthor of law review article published in June 2008 Alaska Law Review.

Trustees for Alaska, Anchorage, AK

Staff Attorney, June 2005 to December 2006

Drafted appellate briefs, amicus briefs, and administrative comments for Alaska Native and public-interest organizations. Represented Alaska Native organizations as *amici* in administrative law case before U.S.

Supreme Court and in tort case before U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit. Represented individuals and public-interest organizations in administrative law case before U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit.

Andrew Grosso & Associates, Washington, D.C.

Associate/Contract Attorney, *January 2003 to March 2005*

Drafted motions, appellate briefs, and complaints in litigation firm specializing in False Claims Act, Privacy Act, Internet, fraud, employment, and white-collar litigation. Conducted depositions, discovery, and legal research. Researched and drafted appeals in U.S. Courts of Appeals for Second, Eleventh, and District of Columbia Circuits. Filed fraud and predatory lending class action on behalf of low-income, minority homeowners against 15 defendants, including Countrywide Home Loans. Litigated *qui tam* action against Lockheed Martin that settled for \$40 million.

Contract/Temporary Attorney, Washington, D.C. and Annapolis, MD

January 2002 to December 2002

Drafted complaints and motions, conducted discovery, represented clients in pre-trial hearings, and provided general litigation services to small litigation firms. Served as contract attorney in civil litigation practice of Tom Pavlinic, Esq., in Annapolis, Maryland. Worked as temporary attorney for Bode and Grenier, a national, civil litigation firm based in Washington, D.C., that specializes in wrongful death, medical malpractice, federal civil rights (under 42 U.S.C. § 1983), consumer advocacy, and environmental litigation.

United States Attorney's Office for the District of Columbia, Washington, D.C.

Assistant United States Attorney *October 2000 to January 2002*

Trial Managed a caseload of 250-300 cases per month, analyzed and prepared new prosecutions, answered pretrial motions, conducted discovery, developed trial strategies, interviewed and prepared witnesses, and negotiated dispositions. Conducted more than 20 bench trials in Superior Court of the District of Columbia.

Appellate Drafted 12 appellate briefs involving criminal law, including admission of evidence and testimony, statutory interpretation, prosecutorial misconduct, and juror bias. Presented three oral arguments before Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia.

Superior Court of the District of Columbia, Washington, D.C.

Judicial Law Clerk *August 1999 to September 2000*

The Honorable Leonard Braman, Stephen F. Eilperin, Tim Murphy, Robert S. Tignor, Peter H. Wolf

Researched legal issues in civil and criminal litigation. Researched and prepared memorandum opinions, bench memoranda, and proposed orders on discovery, admissibility of evidence and expert testimony.

United States Environmental Protection Agency, Washington, D.C.

Office of General Counsel, Civil Rights Law Office

Honors Program Legal Intern *June 1998 to August 1998*

Drafted legal memoranda and helped prepare defense in civil rights/environmental litigation. Analyzed merits of citizen petition requesting revocation of state's authority to administer federal environmental laws.

BAR ADMISSIONS

Alaska (2007); District of Columbia (2003); Maryland (1999, inactive); U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia (2004); U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit (2006); and U.S. Supreme Court (2006).

PUBLICATIONS

Co-author of law review article published in June 2008 Alaska Law Review.

JOURNALISM EXPERIENCE

Reported environmental, legal, and sports news for various media outlets, including Associated Press and ABC television affiliate in Salt Lake City, Utah. Served as managing editor of twelve technical newsletters covering environmental health, occupational health, transportation, and emergency preparedness for Business Publishers in Silver Spring, Maryland.