

## **George Freeman**

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For 31 years he was the chief First Amendment lawyer in the Legal Department of The New York Times, leaving as Vice President and Assistant General Counsel in 2012. At the Times, he counseled the company's newsrooms, was primarily responsible for the newspaper's and company's litigations. He was at the forefront of numerous high-profile First Amendment cases, including Judy Miller's resistance to a subpoena in the prosecution of Scooter Libby and the defense of The Times in a libel case brought by quarterback Ken Stabler; the Times newspaper didn't lose or settle a libel case for dollars during his tenure.

He was the William J. Brennan Visiting Professor at the Columbia Journalism School and also taught for decades at New York University and CUNY's Graduate School of Journalism. He has been Chair of ABA and NYS Bar Association media law committees and is the co-founder and longtime Co-chair of the American Bar Association's Forum on Communications Law annual conference. He is a graduate of Amherst and the Harvard Law School, and is an avid tennis player.