John D. Feerick

Mr. Feerick is a graduate of Fordham College, ’58, and Fordham Law School,’61, where he was editor-in-chief of the *Fordham Law Review*. He served as a practicing lawyer with the firm of Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher and Flom, 1961-82. He served as Dean of Fordham Law School, 1982-2002; and as a professor at Fordham, 1982-present, where he is the occupant of the School’s Sidney C. Norris Public Service Chair and the director of its poverty center, the Feerick Center for Social Justice.

During Academic Year 2000-2001 he served as the Peter Mullen Visiting Professor at Georgetown University, commuting from New York.

He served in the United States Army in both the 77th Infantry Division and the 4th JAG Judge Advocate General’s Corps.

BAR SERVICE

Served the bar in numerous capacities – Member of the American Bar Association Conference on Presidential Inability and Succession (1964); Advisor to the ABA Commission on Electoral College Reform, 1966-67; member of the ABA Special Constitutional Convention Committee, 1966-67; Special Consultant to the ABA Board of Governors on the pardon granted to President Richard Nixon; Chair and Member of the Association’s Special Elections Committee; Chair of Host Committee for the ABA’s Annual Meeting in 1993; and, among other activities, Chair of the ABA Junior Bar Conference Committee on Presidential Inability and Vice Presidential Vacancy, 1964-67.

Served the ABA Section of Legal Education and Admission to the Bar as Chair of its Standards Review Committee, Professionalism Committee, and Boards of Visitors Committee; as a member of the Section’s Wahl Commission, chairing its Academic Standards Subcommittee; as an organizer of and participant in Section programs, including a major conference in February 2000 among law school deans and bar presidents to develop ways to bridge the gap between the academic and practicing bars; and as a chair and member of accreditation inspection teams.

Served the bar of New York as President (1992-1994) of the 23,000 member New York City Bar Association [Association of the Bar of the City of New York] and as a member or chair of a number of its committees, including the Special Committee on the New York Constitutional Convention of 1967. He served as a member of the Executive, Nominating and Federal Constitution (chair) Committees of the New York State Bar Association and of other Association committees and reporter to the Association’s 1985 Town Hall Meeting. He was the founding chair of the Justice Center of the New York County Lawyers’ Association.

PUBLIC SERVICE

Served the Judiciary as a director of the American Judicature Society, chair (1995-1999) of the Fund for Modern Courts in New York, and chair (2003) of the New York State Commission to Promote Public Confidence in Judicial Elections, which recommended and helped secure the adoption of a statewide system of judicial qualification commissions; charter member of the New York State Continuing Legal Education Board for lawyers (1998-2002); Chair of the New York State Committee to Review Audiovisual Coverage of Court Proceedings (1996-97); and a member of the New York State Commission to Promote Public Trust and Confidence in the Legal System and of the Judicial Salary Commission.

Served the community as President (1987-1998) of Citizens Union Foundation; chair of the Board of Directors and Executive Committee of the American Arbitration Association (1997-2000); co-chair of a Statewide Coalition to promote ethics reforms in New York State; and chair of the board of the Center for Information on America

Served New York Government as chair of the New York State Commission on Government Integrity (1987-1990); Chair of the New York State Ethics Commission; founding chair of the New York State Public Integrity Commission; a member of the New York State Law Revision Commission; Representative of New York City to the Office of Collective Bargaining; Special Master of Family Homelessness in New York City; and Judicial Referee in the public funding litigation known as Campaign for Fiscal Equity v. New York State.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Mr. Feerick has served widely as an arbitrator and mediator of disputes as a result of appointments by courts, provider organization, and parties, including as NFL special master and arbitrator, NBA arbitrator, chair of labor disputes at the New York Jacob Javits Convention Center, and as designated chair of labor disputes occurring at national political party conventions (1992 and 2004). He chaired the committee that produced the 1994 Model Standards for Mediators of Disputes.

Dean Feerick has served the Catholic Church in various capacities, most recently as a facilitator of a national dialogue on issues of worker rights resulting in a major document entitled "Respecting the Just Rights of Workers."

ARTICLES/BOOKS

Author of hundreds of articles and speeches on topics of constitutional law, ethics reform and other subjects of public interest. Author of several books, one of which, *The Twenty Fifth Amendment* was nominated for a Pulitzer Prize, and acted as principal draftsmen of ABA publications on electing the President, amending the Constitution, and voter participation.

RECOGNITIONS

Recipient of special recognitions from the League of Women Voters, Common Cause, Citizens Union, Citizens Committee for Children, Brooklyn Legal Services, Hudson Valley Legal Services. Angela House for Homeless Women, the National Association of Public Interest Law (its first *Dean's Award*), the Association of American Law Schools (the *Deborah Rhode Award*), the American Irish Historical Society (*Gold Medal*).

The New York State Bar Association (*Gold Medal*); the New York City Bar Association (*President's medal*); the New York County Lawyer's Association (*William Nelson Cromwell Medal* and the *Louis J. Capozzoli Award*);), the New York Network of Bar Leaders (its *Lifetime Achievement Award*), New York Lawyers for the Public Interest, the American Arbitration Association (its *Leadership* and *George Taylor* awards); the Fund for Modern Courts (*John McCloy Award*); the *Ellis Island Medal of Honor*; the New York Celtic Medical Society (*Healer's Award*); the *Flax Trust of Northern Ireland Award* for his conciliation work in Northern Ireland; the American College of Civil Trial Mediators (*Lifetime Achievement Award*); Archdiocese of New York (*St. Thomas More Medal)* ;Giving to Giving to Ghana Foundation, and other organizations.

In 1966, he received a *Special Award from the American Bar Association* for his work in helping secure the passage and ratification of the 25th amendment, and in May, 2011 he received the American Bar Association's *D'Alemberte Raven Award* of the Dispute Resolution Section, where he was the first chair of its ethics committee.

Mr. Feerick is the recipient of honorary degrees from Fordham University, Hamilton College, the College of New Rochelle, and St. Francis College. He is the recipient of many Fordham honors, including the *Insignis Medal* presented to him by the Jesuits of Fordham and induction into the Fordham University Hall of Honor (2010). The *Fordham-Stein Prize* (2004) presented to "an attorney with outstanding standards of professional conduct, promotes the advancement of justice, and brings credit to the profession by emphasizing in the public mind the contributions of lawyers to our society and to our democratic system of government."

The Metropolitan Black Bar Association Award. The Association of Hispanic Judges of New York Award

Charles Carroll Award (1999) Catholic Lawyers Guild of the Archdiocese of New York.
National Jewish Fund Award (1990)

Mr. Feerick is the son of Irish immigrants and is married to the former Emalie Platt and they have six children and 11 grandchildren.