



**Former CIA and NSA General Counsel Elizabeth Rindskopf Parker Joins the Executive Board of the Center for Ethics and the Rule of Law (CERL) at Penn Law**

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(Philadelphia, February 13, 2020) — Elizabeth Rindskopf Parker, who served as general counsel to the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) and the National Security Agency (NSA), has joined the executive board of the Center for Ethics and the Rule of Law (CERL) at the University of Pennsylvania Carey Law School.

“I am delighted to welcome Elizabeth Rindskopf Parker,” said Professor Claire Finkelstein, founder and faculty director of CERL. “Her extraordinary and multi-faceted career in national security and legal education will be a natural asset to CERL. We are especially excited to collaborate with her on civic education projects, a new area for CERL.”

Ms. Parker’s impressive legal and national security experience with the U.S. government includes serving as CIA general counsel (1990-1995), principal deputy legal adviser at the U.S. Department of State (1989-1990), and NSA general counsel (1984-1989). She also served as acting assistant director (mergers & acquisitions) at the Federal Trade Commission (FTC).

“It’s a great honor to join CERL’s executive board. The current national security context makes even more important CERL’s mission of promoting public understanding and academic exploration of the critical relationship between ethics and the rule of law. I look forward to this opportunity to contribute to CERL’s vitally important work,” said Ms. Parker.

Ms. Parker is dean emerita of the University of the Pacific McGeorge School of Law, where she was instrumental in creating the highly regarded *Journal of National Security Law and Policy* for which she serves as an editorial board member. She joined the law school in 2002 after serving as general counsel for the University of Wisconsin System. Ms. Parker serves as a life-time counselor to the American Bar Association’s Standing Committee on Law and National Security, chairing the committee from 1998 to 2001. She also is a member of the advisory board of the Reiss Center on Law and Security at NYU School of Law. A vocal proponent to renew civic education in the U.S. education system, she co-presented written testimony in July 2019 before the National Commission on Military, National, and Public Service entitled “Creating an Expectation of Service: Civic Education as a National Security Imperative.”

Paul G. Haaga, Jr., CERL’s executive board chair, shares Professor Finkelstein’s enthusiasm. “Elizabeth will propel CERL on many fronts. We’re thrilled she is a member of the CERL team,” he said.

***About the Center for Ethics and the Rule of Law (CERL)***

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