

# New York Times Partnership Lecture



## The New York Times and the First Amendment

### George Freeman

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**George Freeman** has been assistant general counsel for the *New York Times* since 1992 and is primarily responsible for the company's litigations. Freeman is also involved in newsroom counseling, antitrust and distribution problems, employment relations and business counseling involving the *Times*' news, advertising, circulation, and personnel departments. He has worked in these areas for the company's affiliated newspapers and broadcast properties since he began work for the *Times* in 1981. Prior to joining the *Times*, Freeman was an associate at the New York law firm of Cahill Gordon & Reindel, where he represented the *Times* in litigation of several significant cases. Since 1998, he has been an adjunct professor at New York University, teaching media law courses to both undergraduates and graduate journalism students. He has served in many professional organizations, including chair of the American Bar Association's Litigation Section's First Amendment and Media Litigation Committee; immediate past chair of the ABA's Forum on Communication Law, chairman of the New York State Bar Association Media Law Committee, and chair of the Access and Newsgathering Subcommittee of the Newspaper Association of America's Legal Affairs Committee. Freeman graduated magna cum laude from Amherst College (1971), served as assistant to the dean at Vermont Law School (1973–74), and graduated cum laude from Harvard Law School (1975). A native New Yorker and an avid tennis player, he and his wife, the former Anne Griffith, are parents of two children.