

Robin Wink

Robin S. Wink is an adjunct faculty member at the Brookings Center for Executive Education, where she teaches *Managing the Federal Employee Discipline and Performance Process*. A practicing attorney in the Washington, DC area, Ms. Wink recently retired from the federal government where she served as assistant chief counsel for administrative litigation in the Transportation Security Administration.



Ms. Wink has over twenty years experience in management and legal representation, and brings expertise in both areas to public speaking and executive education programs focused on the legal obligations of managers and supervisors. She has taught seminars at various federal agencies throughout the country including the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center.

In 2006 Ms. Wink retired from the federal government after twenty-six years of distinguished service in several federal agencies and the U.S. Air Force. As assistant chief counsel at TSA, she supervised a team of 23 attorneys who defended federal personnel cases before the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission and the Merit Systems Protection Board. In the three-plus years Ms. Wink led this team, they established an impressive record having successfully handled more than 1000 cases, with only ten losses. She was recognized for her leadership with the Office of Chief Counsel Gold Medal Award.

Prior to joining TSA, Ms. Wink served four years as an attorney advisor with the Executive Office for U.S. Attorneys in the Department of Justice. While at DOJ, Ms. Wink defended U.S. Attorneys in federal personnel cases before the Merit Systems Protection Board and the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission and was a frequent lecturer at the Department of Justice's National Advocacy Center, teaching courses in federal personnel law as well as Ethics and Professional Responsibility for Attorneys.

Ms. Wink is a retired Lieutenant Colonel in the Air Force Reserves. During her military career, Ms. Wink served as an Air Force Judge Advocate General (JAG) on active duty in various assignments from 1992 until 1998 and a reserve JAG from 1998 until 2006. Prior to attending law school, Ms. Wink was an Air Force Air Traffic Control Operations Officer where she directed the operations of a regional air traffic control radar facility and control tower. In this position, she managed facilities with \$1.5 million equipment and 3,000 square miles of airspace, and supervised 5 senior staff members and 60 air force enlisted air traffic controllers.

Ms. Wink graduated from the United States Air Force Academy, with military distinction, and she received a Juris Doctor, with academic distinction, from the Columbus School of Law at the Catholic University of America. Ms. Wink is admitted to practice in Virginia and the District of Columbia as well as the United States Supreme Court.