

**Elizabeth Rindskopf Parker,** a consultant with the Defending Democratic Institutions Project of the Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS), served as Executive Director of The State Bar of California (2015-2017), where she presided over the organization’s historic restructure into separate regulatory and representational entities. As the eighth dean of the Sacramento-based University of the Pacific McGeorge School of Law (2002–2012), she led the revitalization of a 13 acre independent campus, managed a $60M annual budget, and guided the law school’s transformation into a top 100 ranked law school, with programs in international law, advocacy and writing, for which it was regularly listed among the top 20 law school programs nationally. During her tenure, she founded the *Journal of National Security Law and Policy* and in 2005 led the creation of a National Security Law and Policy Section within the Association of American Law Schools. Previously as General Counsel for the 26-campus University of Wisconsin System, she led the expansion of the University’s technology transfer program to all 13 of its four-year campuses and assisted in developing its distant education program.

Dean Parker’s national security background includes successive service as general counsel of the National Security Agency, principal deputy legal adviser at the U.S. Department of State, and general counsel of the Central Intelligence Agency (1989-1995). In private practice, she has been counsel to the international law firms of Bryan Cave and Survey and Morse, representing clients on public policy, international arbitration and trade issues related to encryption and advanced technology. Dean Parker began her legal career in Atlanta, Georgia as a Reginald Heber Smith Fellow at the Community Legal Services Clinic at Emory University School of Law, later moving to the NAACP Legal Defense and Education Fund as a cooperating attorney, responsible for numerous class action civil rights law suits and two successful arguments in the U.S. Supreme Court. She later served as the Director, New Haven Legal Assistance Association, Inc. and as the Acting Director of Mergers and Acquisitions at the Federal Trade Commission.

A frequent speaker, Dean Parker is nationally recognized for her scholarly and legal work in national security and terrorism, international relations, technology development and transfer, and civil rights litigation. She was twice appointed to the Public Interest Declassification Board (appointed by President George W. Bush and re-appointed by President Barrack Obama) and was a member of the Senior Advisory Group for three successive Directors of National Intelligence. She is a frequent participant on committees of the National Academy of Sciences and a founding member of the newly created National Academies Intelligence Community Studies Board. She has been a member of the Board of Trustees of the MITRE Corporation since 2015 and is a life-time Counselor to the American Bar Association’s Standing Committee on Law and National Security which she chaired from 1999-2002.

In California Dean Parker has served on a variety of committees of the Judicial Council of California, including the Access and Fairness Advisory Committee (2007), the Commission for Impartial Courts Steering Committee (2007), and the Science and the Law Steering Committee (2006). From 2003-2012 she was active in creating a new law-themed nationally ranked charter high school, Natomas Pacific Pathways Prep (NP3).

Dean Parker holds an AB and JD from the University of Michigan.