

If I had been asked while at college to describe my dream job, I would have said that I wanted to be an advocate for issues that I cared about. Already then, religious liberty would have been high on the list of those issues. And I would have said that it would be even better if my job dealt with specifically Jewish concerns. Following a dalliance with private practice, I came to AJC and ever since have found innumerable opportunities to do just what I dreamt of—as part of an institution with the gravitas and resources to enable the work I do to make a difference.

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Richard Foltin with President Bill Clinton at the White House.

previous posts

AJC Director of Governmental Affairs, National Affairs Department

education

B.A., New York University, magna cum laude, Phi Beta Kappa, Honors in Political Science

J.D., Harvard Law School, cum laude, Staff, Harvard Civil Rights-Civil Liberties Law Review, Member, Harvard Voluntary Defenders

Postgraduate, Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Israel Rothberg School for Overseas Students, one-year program in Jewish law, philosophy and history

awards and distinctions

Member, Working Groups on Human Needs and Faith-Based and Community Responses, coordinated by Search for Common Ground

Member, Board of Directors, Beth Shalom Congregation, Potomac, MD

Member, 1989 Independent Judicial Screening Panel for Supreme Court of New York

Cochair, First Amendment Rights Committee, Section on Individual Rights and Responsibilities, American Bar Association

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Member, Board of Directors, National Immigration Forum

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Wasserstein Public Interest Fellow, Harvard Law School

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selected publications

Review of Domestic Affairs, *American Jewish Year Book 1996 - 2003* (Vols. 96 - 103)

“Religious Discrimination in the Workplace: Administration Policy and Practice,” in *The Test of Our Progress: The Clinton Record on Civil Rights*

“The Equal Access Act: Leave Well Enough Alone,” *Civil Rights Journal*, Fall 1998

“A New Liberalism for the 1990s?,” *Sh’ma: A Journal of Jewish Responsibility*, No. 27/520, November 1, 1996

“Thoughts on Separation of Church and State in the Week of *Acharei Mot*,” *Quarterly* [publication of the Christian Legal Society], Fall 1995

“Religion and Education: Consensus and Conflict” in *Human Rights* 33:3 (Summer 2006)

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