TEXAS STATE VITA

I. Academic/Professional Background

A. Name and Title

Name: Hon. Franklin Parker Title: Lecturer

B. Educational Background

Degree	*Year*	*University*	*Major*	*Thesis/Dissertation*
JD	1999	Stanford University	Law	
MPP	2004	Harvard University	Political Advocacy and Leadership	
BA	1996	Yale University	Sociology	

C. University Experience

Texas State University, San Marcos, TX

Lecturer, Department of Political Science (August 2026 - Present)

Leadership Council Member, Center for Research, Public Policy, and Training
(May 2025 - Present)

D. Relevant Professional Experience

BridgeLink, LLC, Richmond, VA
Founder and President (March 2026 - Present)

U.S. Department of the Navy, Washington, D.C.
Assistant Secretary of the Navy (Manpower & Reserve Affairs) (January 2023 - January 2025)

BAE Systems, Inc., Intelligence & Security Sector, McLean, VA
Senior Counsel, Intelligence Solutions (July 2019 - January 2023)

BAE Systems, Inc., Platforms & Services Sector, Arlington, VA
Director and Senior Counsel, International Trade and Compliance (September 2017 - July 2019)

U.S. Department of the Navy, Washington, D.C.
Assistant Secretary of the Navy (Manpower & Reserve Affairs) (January 2016 - January 2017)

U.S. Department of Transportation, Maritime Administration (MARAD), Washington, D.C.
Chief Counsel (February 2012 - January 2016)

U.S. Department of the Navy, Office of the General Counsel, Washington, D.C.
Special Assistant to the General Counsel (August 2009 - February 2012)

Winston & Strawn LLP, Washington, D.C.
Senior Associate (Litigation, Government Relations & Regulatory) (January 2005- August 2009)

Obama for Illinois, Chicago, IL
Policy and Research Team Member (July - December 2004)

Brobeck, Phleger & Harrison LLP, Palo Alto, CA
Associate (Business and Technology) (August 2000 - December 2001)

Pillsbury, Madison & Sutro LLP, San Francisco, CA
Associate (Commercial Transactions & Energy, Corporate Securities) (October 1999-July 2000)

E. Other Professional Credentials (licensure, certification, etc.)

United States Supreme Court Bar
Member (2011 - Present)

District of Columbia Bar
Member (2004 - Present)

State Bar of California
Member (1999 - Present)

II. TEACHING

Courses Taught:

Texas State University, San Marcos, TX
PA4340: Issues in Law and Public Policy (Fall 2026)

III. SCHOLARLY/CREATIVE

Franklin has participated in numerous speaking engagements, panels, and Congressional hearings, covering a range of topics including education, leadership, workforce development, behavioral health, military personnel, maritime, and national security matters. He has spoken at a variety of venues and occasions, including at academic institutions and events such as remarks he delivered at the State University of New York Maritime College for its January 2014 commencement, at Texas A&M Maritime Academy for its Spring 2015 commencement, at Brown University for the 2016 reestablishment of its ROTC program, as keynote speaker for the 50th anniversary of Texas State University's Master's of Public Administration Program in 2023, as keynote speaker for Yale University's 2024 NROTC Strategy Symposium, and others.

IV. SERVICE

A. Institutional

Texas State University, San Marcos TX
Leadership Council Member, Center for Research, Public Policy, and Training
(May 2025 - Present)

Taylor Business Institute, Chicago IL
Member, Board of Governors (January 2026 - Present; 2005-2009)

B. Professional:

The White House, Washington D.C.
Participant, President's Leadership Workshop (December 2013 - June 2014)

Trust for Public Land, Boston, MA
Fellow (Summer 2003)

C. Community:

Capital City Cherokee Community
Member (November 2025 - Present)

Cherokee Nation Gadugi Corps Volunteer and National Service Program
Member (May 2025 - Present)

National Conference of State Societies
General Counsel (2008-2009)

Illinois State Society
Board of Directors (2005-2009)

D. Organization Memberships:

Private Directors Association
Member (November 2025 - Present)

Intelligence National Security Alliance (INSA)
Member (2020-2023), Legal Affairs Working Group (2020)

Society for International Affairs (SIA)
Member (2017-2023)

E. Service Honors and Awards:

U.S. Department of the Navy
Distinguished Public Service Award (2025)
Distinguished Public Service Award (2017)
Distinguished Public Service Award (2012)
Meritorious Public Service Award (2011)

Cherokee Nation
Cherokee National Medal of Patriotism (2025)

Port Chicago Alliance
Port Chicago Legacy Award (2025)

Providence Catholic High School
Hall of Fame, Civic Service (2025)

Winston & Strawn LLP
Pro Bono Commitment to Service Award (2009)