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Bob Freeman has worked for the Committee since its creation in 1974 and was appointed executive director in 1976.

He received his law degree from New York University and a BS in Foreign Service from Georgetown University in Washington, DC.

Mr. Freeman has addressed numerous government related organizations, bar associations, media groups and has lectured at various colleges and universities. He has also spoken on open government laws and concepts throughout the United States, as well as Canada, the far east, Latin America and eastern Europe, and has taught the only course in an American law school on public access to government information.

He is the recipient of numerous honors, and in the spring of 2010, received the John Peter Zenger Award from the New York News Publishers Association and was selected by the National Freedom of Information Coalition and the Society of Professional Journalists for their Heroes of the 50 States award and induction into The Open Government Hall of Fame.

Most recently, Freeman was given the Lifetime Achievement Award by the New York State Associated Press Association.