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After law school, Professor Winter clerked for Judge Paul R. Hays of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit. From 1978 to 1986, he served as an assistant counsel for the NAACP Legal Defense & Educational Fund Inc., where he litigated a wide range of civil rights cases concerning prisoners' rights, employment discrimination, school desegregation, police violence, capital punishment, habeas corpus jurisdiction, discrimination in the military and attorneys' fees. While there, he worked on more than a dozen U.S. Supreme Court cases, including brief and argument in *Tennessee v. Garner*, 471 U.S. 1 (1985), the landmark case holding the common law fleeing felon rule unconstitutional.

Professor Winter has served as a consultant for the Helsinki Watch Committee and CIA. In 2001, he filed a brief in the U.S. Supreme Court on behalf of Intellectual Property Creators and the Society of Amateur Scientists as amici curiae in *Festo Corp. v. Shoketsu Kinzoku Kogyo Kabushiki Co., Ltd.*, 532 U.S. 722 (2002), using developments in cognitive linguistics to argue successfully against reliance on the literal language in patent law.

Professor Winter is the author of numerous articles on constitutional law and legal theory, including "The Metaphor of Standing and the Problem of Self-Governance;" "Bull Durham and the Uses of Theory;" "An Upside/Down View of the Countermajoritarian Difficulty;" "The 'Power' Thing;" "Melville, Slavery, and the Failure of the Judicial Process;" "What Makes Modernity Late?;" and "Reimagining Democracy for Social Individuals". His book, *A Clearing in the Forest: Law, Life and Mind* (Univ. of Chicago Press 2001), is the first systematic attempt to assess cognitive science's implications for law and legal theory. He is on the editorial board of *Democratic Theory: An Interdisciplinary Journal* published by Berghahn Journals and on the advisory board of the *Netherland Journal of Legal Philosophy* published by Eleven Journals and *Explorations in Language and Law* published by Nova Logos.

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