

PAUL LEGER

Paul Leger has extensive experience in public sector and nonprofit management and in projects that support government and public education.

He is currently Finance Director of the City of Pittsburgh and has taught Government Financial Management at the Graduate School of Public and International Affairs at the University of Pittsburgh. He was Deputy County Manager of Allegheny County while also Director of Property Assessment, Capital Budget Supervisor and Computer Services Manager. Leger staffed the Allegheny County Charter Drafting Committee and was Secretary for the first Allegheny County Council Apportionment Committee. He managed much of the day-to-day operation of county government and handled special projects such as consolidation of 43 departments to seven, reassessment of all property in the county, labor negotiations with 15 unions and the transfer of Soldiers and Sailors Museum to a professional nonprofit organization.

During eighteen years with the City of Pittsburgh, Leger has held positions under five Mayors. They included Finance Director, Operating Budget Manager, Senior Budget Analyst, Manager and Zoological Director of the Pittsburgh Zoo, Assistant Director of Parks and Recreation and personnel administrator. He was part of the team that helped create the Regional Asset District in 1993, and the team that transferred the Pittsburgh Aviary, Pittsburgh Zoo, Phipps Conservatory, and the Schenley Park Golf Course to non-governmental operation.

Leger also jointly managed the Boroughs of Rankin and Braddock at the request of the state Department of Community Affairs in the mid-1990s and was Interim Borough Manager in Braddock throughout 2011. Both boroughs are “distressed municipalities” under Pennsylvania Act 47. He helped bring the BOC gas separation plant to Braddock, worked with a team to replace the UPMC Braddock Hospital and sold the one hundred year old Rankin water system to Wilkesburg Penn Joint Water Authority, which guaranteed permanent water system upgrades as well as lower water rates for residents.

He was previously Senior Vice President of the Allegheny Conference on Community Development and Managing Director of the Pennsylvania Economy League/Western Division. His responsibilities for PEL/West included coordination of thirty-three transition committees for the first Allegheny County Chief Executive. The transition committees implemented a change in the form of government from the Commissioner system to an Executive/Council model in Allegheny County, Pennsylvania. He was a member of the transition committee for the second County Chief Executive, Dan Onorato. He supervised staffing for Mayor Tom Murphy’s working group charged with creating fiscal stability for Pittsburgh’s government which resulted in Act 47 status for the City of Pittsburgh. He also staffed academic reform efforts in several Allegheny County school districts.

Mr. Leger was President and Chief Executive Officer of the Coro Center for Civic Leadership in Pittsburgh – part of a nationally competitive post-graduate fellowship program that immerses its fellows in the overall civic structure of five American cities. He was responsible for overall programming, sustainability, supervision and public communications for the organization. He has also been a member of the board of directors of Coro in Pittsburgh and of the Coro National Board of Governors.

He has taught in the Pittsburgh Public Schools, been an administrator in New York City Public Schools’ special education programs, and an executive in a community-based nonprofit in Pittsburgh’s Hazelwood neighborhood.

Mr. Leger graduated from Duquesne University with a B.S.Ed. with majors in both English and History. He has been a guest lecturer at the University of Pittsburgh’s Graduate School of Public and International Affairs and Carnegie Mellon University.