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## **Michael Stein**

Michael Stein holds a J.D. from Harvard Law School and a Ph.D. from Cambridge University. Professor of Law at William & Mary Law School, he has also taught at Harvard, New York University, and Stanford law schools. Before joining W&M in 2000, Stein clerked for United States Supreme Court Justice Samuel A. Alito Jr. (while on the Third Circuit Court of Appeals), and practiced law with Sullivan & Cromwell in New York. During that time, he served as president of the National Disabled Bar Association, and pro bono counsel for the United States Department of Justice's Environmental Division and the Legal Aid Society's Juvenile Rights Division.

An internationally recognized disability rights expert, Professor Stein participated in the drafting of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, and actively consults with international governments on their disability laws and policies. He serves on several disability rights advisory boards and blue ribbon disability research panels. Stein also acts as a legal advisor to several non-governmental organizations, including the Special Olympics and Disabled Peoples' International. He is currently an American Bar Association Commissioner on Mental and Physical Disability Law.

Professor Stein is the recipient of an American Council of Learned Societies Andrew W. Mellon Faculty Fellowship, a Mark DeWolfe Howe Fund Grant, a National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Stipend, and a National Institute on Disability and Rehabilitation Research Merit Fellowship. He has been a fellow in both the East Asian Legal Studies Program and the Human Rights Program at Harvard Law School.

Professor Stein has published numerous articles in leading journals, including Boston College Law Review, California Law Review, Chicago Law Review, Duke Law Journal, Illinois Law Review, Iowa Law Review, Michigan Law Review, Northwestern Law Journal, Stanford Law Review, Vanderbilt Law Review, and Virginia Law Review.

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