Speaker Biographies

Jean-Luc Bédos LL.M. ’83, Partner, Dentons Law Firm
Jean-Luc Bédos is a partner in Dentons Paris office, co-head of Dentons global Private Equity Group. He is also member of the Dentons Africa Executive Committee and member of the Europe Pro Bono Committee. He holds a PhD from Paris Law School (Paris-Assas) and graduated from Harvard Law School (Master of Law-1983).

Jean-Luc Bédos focuses his practice mainly on Private Equity transactions and capital investment operations, acquisitions and structuring. He has spent his career in leading law firms worldwide (White & Case, Slaughter and May) before joining Dentons in 2010. Dentons became in 2017 the world’s largest law firm in terms of number of lawyers. In addition to conducting transactions taking place in Europe, he has also more than 25 years of experience in Maghreb and French speaking African countries.

Jean-Luc is the publisher and author of the Guide du Private-Equity / LBO (editor: Option Finance), and is co-author of the White Paper on Private Equity in Africa published with France Invest – Association Française du Capital Investissement (2017). He has also been teaching at HEC Paris and Paris Law School – Tolbiac.

Jean-Luc Bédos is also known as the founder, in 1995, of the Association "Droits d'Urgence" (www.droitsdurgence.org), the largest French NGO (50 employees, 400 volunteers) assisting the people most in need by providing them access to law. He is also a Board member of PILnet (www.pilnet.org).

Gabriella Blum LL.M. ’01, S.J.D. ’03, Rita E. Hauser Professor of Human Rights & Humanitarian Law
Gabriella Blum is the Rita E. Hauser Professor of Human Rights and Humanitarian Law at Harvard Law School, specializing in public international law, international negotiations, the law of armed conflict, and counterterrorism. She is also the Faculty Director of the Program on International Law and Armed Conflict and a member of the Program on Negotiation Executive Board. Prior to joining the Harvard faculty in the fall of 2005, Blum served for seven years as a Senior Legal Advisor in the International Law Department of the Military Advocate General’s Corps in the Israel Defense Forces, and for another year, as a Strategy Advisor to the Israeli National Security Council.


Blum is a graduate of Tel-Aviv University (LLB ’95, BA Economics ’97) and of Harvard Law School (LLM ’01, SJD ’03). She was named a 2016 Andrew Carnegie Fellow.

Andrew Manuel Crespo ’08, Assistant Professor of Law
Andrew Manuel Crespo is an Assistant Professor of Law at Harvard Law School, where he teaches criminal law and criminal procedure. Professor Crespo’s research focuses on the institutional design and administration of the criminal justice system, with a particular focus on the administrative role courts play in regulating law enforcement behavior. His scholarship has appeared in the Harvard Law Review and the Columbia Law Review, has been honored by the Association of American Law Schools, and has been profiled in The New York Times. Professor Crespo also writes...
regularly for a public audience on contemporary issues, including the criminal investigation of the president, with contributions appearing in *The Boston Globe*, the *Harvard Law and Policy Review*, and online at Lawfare, Just Security and Take Care.

Prior to beginning his academic career, Professor Crespo served as a Staff Attorney with the Public Defender Service for the District of Columbia, where he represented adults and juveniles charged with serious felonies, ranging from armed robberies, to burglaries, to homicides. Professor Crespo graduated *magna cum laude* from Harvard Law School in 2008, where he served as president of the Harvard Law Review, the first Latino to hold that position. Following law school, Professor Crespo served for three years as a law clerk, initially to Judge Stephen Reinhardt of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit, then to Associate Justice Stephen Breyer of the U.S. Supreme Court, and finally to Associate Justice Elena Kagan during her inaugural term on the Court.

**Debora M. de Hoyos ’78, Global Client Relationship Partner, Mayer Brown LLP**
Debora de Hoyos serves as the first Global Client Relationship Partner of Mayer Brown LLP. Debora’s practice focuses on financing transactions, particularly in Latin America. Previously, Debora served as global Managing Partner of the firm from 1991 until mid-2007. She joined the firm upon graduating from HLS. Debora chairs the Wellesley College Board of Trustees, as well as serving on the boards of the Chicago Symphony Orchestra, IES Abroad and Providence – St. Mel School.

**Brackett B. Denniston III ’73, Senior Counsel, Goodwin Procter LLP**
Brackett Denniston is the former General Counsel of the General Electric Company. He is now senior counsel at Goodwin, Procter. He also chairs the Institute of Legal Reform at the U.S. Chamber of Commerce (where he serves as a director and member of the executive committee and a fellow) and chairs the board of Kenyon College.

After clerking on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit for Judge Herbert Choy, Mr. Denniston was an associate and later partner at Goodwin, Procter, specializing in complex financial litigation and white collar crime. He previously served as the Chief of the Major Frauds Unit of the U.S. Attorney’s office in Boston, the unit overseeing white collar crime. Prior to joining GE, initially as head of litigation, he was the Chief Legal Counsel to William F. Weld as the Governor of Massachusetts.

Mr. Denniston has long been active in pro bono, anti-corruption and legal reform efforts and serves on the board of Equal Justice Works and the Coalition for Integrity.

He has also long been active for Harvard Law School, serving as a member of the Deans’ Advisory Board and as a class agent. His two daughters and a son-in-law attended the law school.

**Christine Desan, Leo Gottlieb Professor of Law**
Christine Desan teaches about the international monetary system, the constitutional law of money, constitutional history, political economy, and legal theory. She is the co-founder of Harvard’s Program on the Study of Capitalism, an interdisciplinary project that brings together classes, resources, research funds, and advising aimed at exploring that topic. With its co-director, Prof. Sven Beckert, she has taught the Program’s anchoring research seminar, the Workshop on the Political Economy of Modern Capitalism, since 2005. Desan was a fellow at the Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Study during the 2015-2016 academic year and at the Massachusetts Historical Society in the fall of 2016.


Desan is on the Board of the Institute for Global Law and Policy, is a faculty member of the Program on American Studies at Harvard University, and has served on the editorial board for the Law and History Review and as an advisory editor of
Eighteenth Century Studies. In Brookline, MA, Desan served for 10 years on a town committee that researched and drafted legislation promoting campaign finance reform, and that supervised that reform once it was enacted.

Ruth Ellen Fitch ’83, Board Member, Edvestors
Ruth Ellen Fitch served as President and Chief Executive Officer for nine years at The Dimock Center, retiring in June 2013. Prior to her position with Dimock, Ms. Fitch practiced law for over twenty years at Palmer & Dodge LLP where she became the first Black woman partner at a large Boston law firm. Her practice was public law and financing transactions serving as Bond Counsel to the City of Boston and many New England cities and towns and other public bodies. Before attending law school, Ms. Fitch was Director of the METCO program in the Brookline Public Schools and taught Black literature at the University of Massachusetts at Boston.

She holds a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Economics from Barnard College, Columbia University and a Juris Doctor degree from Harvard Law School, where she served for three years on the Law School Administrative Board. She currently serves on the Boards of EdVestors Inc. and Boston Medical Center and is a Trustee of the Ludcke Foundation.

Ms. Fitch received an Honorary Doctor of Humanities degree from Curry College in 2011 and an Honorary Doctoral Degree from Simmons College in 2014. She received the Pinnacle Award for achievement in the legal profession from the Greater Boston Chamber of Commerce, the Women’s Bar Association of Massachusetts Award, the Charles Hamilton Houston Public Service Award from the Harvard Black Law Students Association, and the Distinguished Alumna Award from Girls’ Latin School/Boston Latin Academy, where she has been a commencement speaker.

Neil W. Flanzraich ’68, Executive Chairman, Cantex Pharmaceuticals Inc.
Neil W. Flanzraich is the Executive Chairman of Cantex Pharmaceuticals Inc., a privately owned biotech company developing drugs for cancer, and the Vice Chairman of Alzheon Inc., a privately owned company developing drugs for Alzheimer’s Disease and other neurological conditions. Mr. Flanzraich is also the Lead Independent Director of Chipotle Mexican Grill Inc. and a member of the Board of Directors of Atrium European Real Estate Ltd. Previously he was the Vice Chairman and President of Ivax Corporation, an international pharmaceutical company, and earlier the Senior Vice President and General Counsel of Syntex Corporation, an international pharmaceutical company. He has also been a member of the Boards of Directors of numerous other public companies. Earlier in his legal career, Mr. Flanzraich was an associate at Cahill Gordon & Reindel in New York City; a partner at Holtzmann, Wise & Shepard in New York City and Palo Alto, California; and the Chairman of the Life Sciences legal practice group of Heller, Ehrman, White & McAuliffe, which was then a San-Francisco headquartered law firm, with 600 attorneys and offices from Seattle to San Diego. Neil serves as an Expert in Residence in an entrepreneurial program in Harvard College and Harvard Law School. He received his AB ’65 (Phi Beta Kappa, magna cum laude) from Harvard College in 1965, and his JD magna cum laude from Harvard Law School in 1968.

Kenneth C. Frazier ’78, Chairman and CEO, Merck & Co. Inc.
Kenneth C. Frazier has served as the Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer of Merck & Co., Inc. since 2011. He has held positions of increasing responsibility including General Counsel and President. Prior to joining Merck, Ken was a partner with the Philadelphia law firm of Drinker Biddle & Reath. Ken's contributions, especially in the legal, business and humanitarian fields, have been widely recognized. He sits on the boards of PhRMA, Weill Cornell Medicine, Exxon Mobil Corporation, and Cornerstone Christian Academy in Philadelphia, PA. He also is a member of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, the American Philosophical Society, The Business Council, the Council of the American Law Institute, and the American Bar Association. Ken received his bachelor’s degree from The Pennsylvania State University and holds a J.D. from Harvard Law School.

Jesse M. Fried ’92, Dane Professor of Law
Jesse M. Fried is a Professor of Law at Harvard Law School. Before joining the Harvard faculty in 2009, Fried was a Professor of Law and Faculty Co-Director of the Berkeley Center for Law, Business and the Economy at the University of California Berkeley. Fried has also been a visiting professor at Columbia University Law School, Duisenberg School of Finance, IDC Herzliya, and Tel Aviv University. He holds an AB and AM in Economics from Harvard University, and a JD magna cum laude from Harvard Law School. His well-known book Pay without Performance: the Unfulfilled Promise of Executive Compensation, co-authored with Lucian Bebchuk, has been widely acclaimed by both academics and practitioners and translated into Arabic, Chinese, Japanese, and Italian. Fried has served as a consultant and expert witness in litigation involving executive compensation and corporate governance issues. He also serves on the Research
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Michael J. Gregory ’04, Clinical Professor of Law and Faculty, Harvard Graduate School of Education
Michael Gregory is Clinical Professor of Law at Harvard Law School, where he teaches and practices law as part of the Trauma and Learning Policy Initiative (TLPI). TLPI is a partnership between Harvard Law School and Massachusetts Advocates for Children. TLPI’s mission is to ensure that children traumatized by exposure to violence and other adverse childhood experiences succeed in school. Prof. Gregory is a co-author of both volumes of TLPI’s landmark report Helping Traumatized Children Learn, and has authored or co-authored numerous other publications regarding special education law and education reform more generally. At HLS, Prof. Gregory teaches the Education Law Clinic – Individual Representation, in which law students represent individual families of traumatized children in the special education system, and co-teaches the Education Law Clinic – Legislative and Administrative Lawyering, in which students engage in systemic advocacy in education reform at the state level. Prof. Gregory has also taught Education Reform and School Culture, Education Law and Policy, and Education Reform Movements, in addition to numerous reading groups on topics related to education law and policy.

Prof. Gregory received his JD from Harvard Law School, graduating cum laude. He also graduated magna cum laude with a Bachelor of Arts in American Civilization from Brown University and received a Master of Arts in Teaching, also from Brown University. He began his legal career as the recipient of a Skadden Fellowship.

Scott Harshbarger ’68, Senior Counsel, Casner & Edwards LLP
Scott Harshbarger is Senior Counsel in Casner & Edwards’ Litigation and Nonprofit departments. For more than a decade, Scott has specialized in providing strategic counsel for business ethics, corporate investigations and defense, compliance and risk management, corporate and governance, and government regulation. His distinguished career includes positions in major public office, nonprofit executive management, private legal counsel and numerous board directorships.

Scott has had a long and successful public service career as a public defender, civil rights attorney, Middlesex District Attorney and Massachusetts AG. While AG, Scott was recognized as a national leader. Not only was he the elected President of the National Association of Attorneys General, he was also recognized for being one of the first AGs to sue the tobacco manufacturers on behalf of children and public health, and for his pioneering use of Chapter 93A to promulgate hand gun safety regulations. Other major consumer and public protection initiatives include the Hospital and HMO Community Benefit Guidelines, the Elder and Disability Protection Projects, and the SCORE Conflict Resolution and Safe Neighborhood Initiatives against urban and family violence, white collar crime, public corruption, and insurance and health care fraud.

From 1999-2002, Scott served as President and CEO of Common Cause, the national nonprofit citizens’ lobby, public interest advocacy and government and corporate watchdog group, founded by John Gardner in Washington, DC.

Since his return to private practice, Scott has continued to be involved in public policy reform. He served as the head of Governor Romney’s Commission on Corrections Reform (2003-2005) and as a member of the SJC Court Management Advisory Board. He was also chair of the Blue Ribbon Commission on Public Pension Reform, vice-chair of the Ethics Resource Center, chair of the SJC Task force on Hiring and Promotion in Probation, as well as in the Judicial Branch (2010-2011), and chair of the Advisory Board of the Rappaport Center for Law and Public Policy at Boston College Law School.

Scott has authored numerous articles on topics in the field of corporate and nonprofit governance and regulatory strategies. He regularly speaks to state and national business groups, industry associations and legal, business and college audiences. Scott often appears in the national media and routinely appears on New England television as a commentator and news analyst.

Young Joon (YJ) Kim ’83, Partner, Milbank, Tweed, Hadley & McCloy LLP
YJ Kim is a partner in the Seoul Foreign Legal Consultant Office of Milbank Tweed, Hadley & McCloy and a member of the firm’s Project, Energy and Infrastructure Finance Group. His practice is highly diversified, with concentration on large-scale cross-border project development and financing and M&A transactions, with a strong focus on the energy, natural resources, telecommunications, semiconductor, aviation, petrochemical, transportation and power sectors. Kim joined the firm in 1983 and previously worked in its offices in New York, Hong Kong and Tokyo.
Outside his law practice, YJ is serving as the chairman of the Asian University for Women Support Foundation (Chittagong, Bangladesh, and Cambridge, Massachusetts); Trustee and Secretary of the Board of Trustees of the Asian University for Women; member of the Boards of Directors of the Asia Society Korea Center and the Gong Gam Human Rights Law Foundation; member of the North Korea and Unification Issues Studies Commission of the Korean Bar Association.

YJ received his BA from Yale University in 1980, and his JD from Harvard Law School in 1983. He is currently serving as a member of the Harvard University Board of Overseers’ Committee to Visit the Law School, a member of the HLS Leadership Council of Asia and a member of the HLSA Senior Advisory Council. YJ is serving as Co-Chair of his 35th Reunion Gift Committee, served as chair of his 30th Reunion Gift Committee and vice chair of his 25th and 20th Reunion Gift Committees. YJ is the current President of the HLSA of Korea, and has previously served as Co-President of the Harvard Club of Hong Kong, and on the Board of Directors of Harvard Alumni Association.

Vivek Krishnamurthy, Lecturer on Law
Vivek Krishnamurthy is Counsel in the Boston office of Foley Hoag LLP and a Lecturer on Law at Harvard Law School.

Vivek’s legal practice, teaching, and scholarship focus on the complex regulatory and human rights-related challenges facing businesses that operate across borders, both in cyberspace and in real space. He advises companies, governments, and activists on the human rights impacts of new technologies and is a frequent public commentator on emerging technology and public policy issues. Along with several Berkman Klein colleagues, Vivek is the co-author of a landmark study funded by the Government of Canada that evaluates the risks and opportunities for human rights that artificially intelligent systems present.

Vivek was previously the Assistant Director of Harvard Law School’s Cyberlaw Clinic and a member of the Global Network Initiative’s Board of Directors. He is a Rhodes Scholar and clerked for the Hon. Morris J. Fish of the Supreme Court of Canada upon his graduation from Yale Law School.

Lawrence Lessig, Roy L. Furman Professor of Law and Leadership
Lawrence Lessig is the Roy L. Furman Professor of Law and Leadership at Harvard Law School. Prior to returning to Harvard, he taught at Stanford Law School, where he founded the Center for Internet and Society, and at the University of Chicago. He clerked for Judge Richard Posner on the 7th Circuit Court of Appeals and Justice Antonin Scalia on the United States Supreme Court.

Lessig is a founding board member of Creative Commons and serves on the Scientific Board of AXA Research Fund. A member of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences and the American Philosophical Association, he has received numerous awards including a Webby, the Free Software Foundation's Freedom Award, Scientific American 50 Award, and Fastcase 50 Award.

Cited by The New Yorker as “the most important thinker on intellectual property in the Internet era,” Lessig has focused much of his career on law and technology, especially as it affects copyright. His current work addresses “institutional corruption”—relationships which, while legal, weaken public trust in an institution—especially as that affects democracy.


Lessig holds a BA in economics and a BS in management from the University of Pennsylvania, an MA in philosophy from Cambridge University, and a JD from Yale.

Elaine H. Mandelbaum ’83, Managing Director and Head of Litigation and Regulatory Investigations, Citi Institutional Clients Group
Elaine Mandelbaum is Managing Director and General Counsel of Litigation and Regulatory Enforcement of Citigroup’s Institutional Clients Group (ICG). Her group is responsible for all litigation, arbitrations, internal investigations and regulatory and law enforcement investigations and enforcement proceedings for Citigroup’s institutional businesses, including corporate and investment banking, sales and trading, capital markets origination, securities services, trade and treasury services and private banking. Elaine also is a member of the Global ICG Legal Management Committee.
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Elaine is a frequent speaker at PLI, SIFMA and other industry conferences on topics relating to complex securities litigation, corporate governance, internal and regulatory investigations and issues relating to women in the securities industry. She is an honors graduate of Yale College and of Harvard Law School.

Robert H. Mnookin ’68, Samuel Williston Professor of Law
Robert H. Mnookin is the Samuel Williston Professor of Law at Harvard Law School, the Chair of the Program on Negotiation at Harvard Law School, and the Director of the Harvard Negotiation Research Project. A leading scholar in the field of conflict resolution, Professor Mnookin has applied his interdisciplinary approach to negotiation and conflict resolution to a remarkable range of problems; both public and private.

A renowned teacher and lecturer, Professor Mnookin has taught numerous workshops for corporations, governmental agencies and law firms throughout the world and trained many executives and professionals in negotiation and mediation skills. On behalf of the World Intellectual Property Organization in Geneva, he designed and has taught annual workshops for intellectual property professionals. Professor Mnookin has served as a consultant to governments, international agencies, major corporations and law firms. As a neutral arbitrator or mediator, he has resolved numerous complex commercial disputes.

Professor Mnookin has written or edited ten books and numerous scholarly articles. In his most recent book, *Bargaining with the Devil: When to Negotiate, When to Fight*, Mnookin explores the challenge of making such critical decisions. Using eight conflicts drawn from history and his own professional experience, he offers a framework that applies equally to international conflicts and everyday life.

Naz K. Modirzadeh ’02, Professor or Practice and Founding Director of the Harvard Law School Program on International Law and Armed Conflict and Professor of Practice
Naz Modirzadeh is the founding Director of the Harvard Law School Program on International Law and Armed Conflict. In May 2016, she was appointed as a Professor of Practice at Harvard Law School, having previously joined the HLS faculty as a Lecturer on Law in Fall 2014. In the Spring 2018 term, she is teaching Public International Law and International Humanitarian Law/Laws of War. At HLS PILAC, Modirzadeh is responsible for overall direction of the Program, collaboration with the Faculty Director and other affiliated faculty, development of research initiatives, and engagement with key decision-makers in the armed forces, humanitarian organizations, government, and intergovernmental organizations.

Modirzadeh regularly advises and briefs international humanitarian organizations, UN agencies, and governments on issues related to international humanitarian law, human rights, and counterterrorism regulations relating to humanitarian assistance. For more than a decade, she has carried out legal research and policy work concerning a number of armed conflict situations. Her scholarship and research focus on intersections between the fields of international humanitarian law, international human rights law, and counterterrorism. She frequently contributes to academic and professional initiatives in the areas of humanitarian action, counterterrorism, and the laws of war.

Modirzadeh has served on several expert advisory groups for UN research initiatives, as a non-resident Research Fellow at the Stockton Center for the Study of International Law at the Naval War College and as a non-resident Research Associate in the Humanitarian Policy Group of the Overseas Development Institute. She is also on the Board of Trustees of the International Crisis Group, on the Advisory Board of Geneva Call, and on the Board of Directors of the International Association of Professionals in Humanitarian Assistance and Protection. She received her undergraduate degree from the University of California, Berkeley and her JD from Harvard Law School.

Daniel Nagin, Clinical Professor of Law & Faculty Director, WilmerHale Legal Services Center & Veterans Legal Clinic
Daniel Nagin is Clinical Professor of Law, Vice Dean for Experiential and Clinical Education, and Faculty Director of the WilmerHale Legal Services Center, a community-based public interest law firm home to five Harvard Law School civil
practice clinics. He is also Faculty Director of the Legal Service Center’s Veterans Legal Clinic, which he founded in 2012. His teaching and research interests focus on clinical education, social welfare law and policy, veterans law, and delivery of legal services.

Previously, Nagin was on the faculty of the University of Virginia School of Law, where he founded and directed a public benefits clinic and taught anti-poverty law courses. Nagin has also taught in the clinical program at Washington University in St. Louis School of Law, directed a social service and legal advocacy program for homeless New Yorkers living with HIV/AIDS, and worked as a staff attorney in the Queens office of Legal Services NYC.

Among his recognitions, Nagin has received the John G. Brooks Legal Services Award from the Boston Bar Association, the Goldberg v. Kelly Lives Award from the Virginia Statewide Legal Aid Conference, and the Access to Equal Justice Award from the Washington University in St. Louis School of Law. He is also a Fellow of the American Bar Foundation. Nagin’s current activities include serving as an appointed member of the U.S. Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims Judicial Advisory Committee and on the Executive Committee of the Section on Poverty Law of the AALS.

Nagin holds a BA in History and Government, Phi Beta Kappa and with distinction in all subjects, from Cornell University, an MA from Stanford University, and a JD with honors from the University of Chicago Law School, where he received the Edwin F. Mandel Award for excellence as a clinical law student.

Kenneth W. Orce ’68, retired Executive Committee Member, Cahill Gordon & Reindel LLP

Ken Orce is a retired Senior Partner of Cahill Gordon & Reindel in New York; he was with the firm for more than 40 years, including 20 years on the Executive Committee. During his career he led several internal corporate investigations in a range of industries, frequently involving complex regulatory, enforcement and disclosure issues. He also advised boards of directors, as well as audit, governance, compensation and special committees and corporate managements on governance, corporate and securities matters.

Ken has served as Director of both Louisiana Land & Exploration Company and Burlington Resources Inc. He is vice chair of the Manhattan College (his undergraduate alma mater), and has volunteered extensively in Edgemont, NY, where he founded the Edgemont School Foundation and served on the Edgemont School District and the Edgemont Scholarship Council. He has also been involved with the Scarsdale-Edgemont Family Counseling Service, the Edgemont Community Council, and the Hudson National Golf Club.

Ken graduated with honors from Manhattan College with a bachelor’s in Political Science in 1965, and cum laude from Harvard Law School in 1968. He was editor of the Harvard Law Review (Volumes 80 and 81).

Gershon (Gary) M. Ratner ’68, Founder and Executive Director, Citizens for Effective Schools

Gershon M. “Gary” Ratner is the Founder and Executive Director of Citizens for Effective Schools (CES), a national, nonprofit, advocacy organization (www.citizenseffectiveschools.org). From 2001-2015, he spearheaded advocating to replace the No Child Left Behind Act (NCLB) high-stakes testing strategy with a strategy of helping public schools improve by doing what experience and research shows works to turn around low-achieving schools. His advocacy included identifying needed policy changes, public speaking, writing, engaging other national organizations, and lobbying Congress and the White House. Starting in 2011, he used his blog in Huffington Post (www.huffingtonpost.com/gary-m-ratner) to advance this advocacy. In 2014-15, Gary was invited by Republican and Democratic Congressional education staff to submit to them – on behalf of the Forum on Educational Accountability (FEA) – legislative language to replace NCLB’s sections on accountability and school improvement. Important policies he advocated then and prior thereto on behalf of FEA, as well as other policies he advocated separately on behalf of CES, were reflected in Congress’s December 2015 replacement of NCLB with the Every Student Succeeds Act.

Previously, Gary served as General Counsel and Director of Litigation of National Veterans Legal Services Program, Associate General Counsel for Litigation of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Deputy Executive Secretary for the U.S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare, Associate Director for Litigation of Greater Boston Legal Services and Senior Attorney and Staff Attorney, Boston Legal Assistance Project. In 1985, he spoke to a gathering of HLS faculty invited by then -HLS Professor Christopher Edley on Gary’s recently published, seminal, law review article, A New Legal Duty for Urban Public Schools: Effective Education in Basic Skills. In 1968, his law review article, Inter-Neighborhood Denials of Equal Protection in the Provision of Municipal Services,” was published in the Harvard Civil Rights – Civil Liberties Law Review. It was cited by HLS Professor Frank Michelman in his Harvard Law Review Foreword to The Supreme Court 1968 Term. Gary attended the London School of Economics and holds a BA from Williams College.
James K. Sebenius, Gordon Donaldson Professorship of Business Administration, HBS
James K. Sebenius is the Gordon Donaldson Professorship of Business Administration at Harvard Business School and directs the Harvard Negotiation Project. A faculty affiliate with the Belfer Center, he co-chairs the Iran Nuclear Negotiations Working Group with Belfer Center Director Graham Allison. His most recent book is *Kissinger the Negotiator: Lessons from Dealmaking at the Highest Level*, and he co-authored (with David Lax) *3-D Negotiation: Powerful Tools to Change the Game in Your Most Important Deals* and *The Manager as Negotiator*. Sebenius is a founder and principal of Lax Sebenius: The 3-D Negotiation™ Group LLC, a firm that provides negotiation advisory services to corporations and governments worldwide. He has served in the U.S. Commerce and State Departments and joined Pete Peterson and Steve Schwarzman at the Blackstone group for several years from its inception before returning to Harvard.

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Kristen A. Stilt, Deputy Dean, Professor of Law, and Faculty Director, Animal Law and Policy Program
Kristen A. Stilt is Professor of Law and also Faculty Director of the Animal Law & Policy Program and Director of the Islamic Legal Studies Program. Prior to coming to HLS, Stilt was Harry R. Horrow Professor in International Law at Northwestern Law School and Professor of History at Northwestern University. Stilt's research focuses on Islamic law and society in both historical and contemporary contexts. She also writes in the area of Animal Law, and the intersection of animal law and religion and culture in particular. She was named a Carnegie Scholar for her work on constitutional Islam, and in 2013 was awarded a John Simon Guggenheim Memorial Foundation Fellowship. She has also received awards from Fulbright and Fulbright-Hays.

Stilt received a JD from The University of Texas School of Law, where she was an associate editor of the Texas Law Review and co-editor-in-chief of the Texas Journal of Women in the Law. Stilt holds a PhD in History and Middle Eastern Studies from Harvard University.