The 50 Most Influential Law Professors Alive Today
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To list the Law professors who have contributed the most to today's world is a difficult task. Many have addressed issues from pushing technological changes to supporting gay rights, and it is this wide range that makes it difficult to develop a proper hierarchy. However, social, printed, and televised media are all fantastic tools that can overcome these obstacles. It is these tools that have been carefully joined together to assist in the ranking of the below list of today's 50 most influential law professors.

1. Mark Lemley
Lemley is an innovator in technology law who maintains a strong focus on patent. He counsels and litigates clients in all areas of antitrust, intellectual property, and Internet law.

2. Laurence Tribe
Tribe is a Constitutional law professor who has argued before the U.S. Supreme Court 35 times. He has published 115 books and articles. General Erwin Griswold stated that no man has ever held a greater influence on the advancement of American constitutional law than Tribe.

3. Gabe Feldman (Associate Professor of Law and Director, Sports Law Program)
Professor Feldman emerged as a leader in sports law. He teaches Sports Law, Antitrust, Contracts, Negotiation and Mediation.

4. Daniel J. Solove

5. Kate Sutherland
Sutherland has and written about areas such as sexual harassment, charter equality rights, tort law, and childhood sexual abuse.

24. Colleen Graffy
Graffy is a respected international law professor at Pepperdine University.

25. Joel B. Eisen
Eisen is an energy and environmental and energy law professor at the University of Richmond.

26. Danielle Citron
Citron is a University of Maryland professor who focuses on cyber law and information privacy.

27. Christian Stegmaier
Stegmaier is a professor at the University of South Carolina. Stegmaier specializes in restaurant and hotel law, focusing on retail and hospitality issues.
6. Jonathan Ezor
Jonathan I. Ezor has represented software developers, advertising agencies, retailers, banks, and Internet service providers as well as traditional firms.

7. Jonathan Zittrain
Zittrain is Professor of Law at Harvard Law School who co-edited a number of studies centered on Internet filtering.

8. Dennis Crouch
Professor Crouch is has worked on technological cases surrounding computer hardware, memory, circuit design, networking, software, mobile and automotive technology, and more.

9. Adam Winkler
Winkler specializes in American constitutional law. He speaks on a number of topics such as corporate political speech rights, the right to bear arms, affirmative action, constitutional interpretation, judicial independence, corporate social responsibility, campaign finance law, and international economic sanctions.

10. Eric Posner
Posner is commonly cited on his beliefs surrounding international law and is regarded as a respected critic of the International Criminal Court.

11. William Eskridge
Eskridge is known for his support of gay marriage, having even spoken out against the Supreme Court.

12. Akhil Reed Amar
Amar is a noted Supreme Court guru and Constitutional scholar. He famously stated to Ezra Klein of Washington Post that he has only incorrectly predicted one major Supreme Court case in the previous two decades: Bush vs. Gore.

13. Richard Epstein
Epstein is known for his conservative stances. He has attacked the issues dealing with health reform, Amazon, and Barack Obama.

14. Wesley Cohen
Cohen is a professor of law and business at Duke, and he’s an expert on intellectual property rights. He’s on the board of the National Bureau of Economic Research.

15. Ronald Dworkin
A professor of both philosophy and law, Dworkin plays an important role on the Constitution and the Supreme Court. He has also written novels still actively discussed today, including “Religion without God” and an article centered on assisted suicide.

16. Katherine Jo Strandburg
Strandburg is an expert on patent law. She has also studied how technology affects our lives, including our Constitutional rights.

17. Richard Moorhead
Moorhead is a Cardiff Law School professor who regularly discusses the ethics and philosophy of legal issues with his colleagues.

18. Rick Hasen
Hasen is an esteemed professor of law and political science at UC Irvine who studies election law and legislative news. He fights passionately for gay marriage equality.

19. Lawrence Lessig
Lessig is a professor at Harvard Law School who founded the Center for Internet and Society. In addition to law, he is a recognized expert on technology. His feed delivers news and fresh perspectives on many digital legal issues to an audience of over 178,000.

20. Ryan M. Rodenberg
Rodenberg is a professor at Florida State University. As a previous tennis player, he focuses on sports law and offers insight into the world of competitive sports.

21. Wendy Seltzer
Seltzer is cyber law professor who tracks protections and threats to online information.

28. Hollee Temple
Temple is a professor at West Virginia University Law School who focuses on personal and lifestyle observations.

29. Steve Meltzer
Meltzer is the chief legal counsel of the Land Conservation and Advocacy Trust. He speaks on issues dealing with conservation.

30. Peter Friedman
Friedman previously taught at Case Western Reserve University. He places a legal spotlight on digital technology and especially focuses on the application of law in modern media.

31. Gary Francione
Francione teaches at Rutgers University School of Law and strongly advocates animal rights.

32. David Thomson
Thomson is a professor at University of Denver Law School. He focuses on technology for education.

33. Richard Leiter
Leiter teaches at the University of Nebraska College of Law. He focuses on law librarianship.

34. Paul Ohm
Ohm is a professor at University of Colorado Law School who focuses on information security and other technology law topics.

35. Eric Goldman
Goldman is an Internet marketing law professor at the Santa Clara University School of Law.

36. Mark R. Weaver
Weaver is a PR strategist who teaches law at the Ohio State University Moritz College of Law.

37. Jamie Markham
Markham is a professor of government and public law at UNC School of Government. He favors constitutional law and civil rights.

38. Jane Simon
Simon teaches at the Notre Dame University, specializing in legal writing with a strong interest in social media.

39. David Ardia
Ardia is a media lawyer in addition to a professor at UNC School of Law focuses on Internet and media topics.

40. Cyndee Toddham
Toddham teaches at University of Windsor Law School, focusing on topics such as NAFTA and international trade law.

41. Beth Simone Noveck
Noveck is a professor at New York Law School who speaks out about federal legislation, cultural happenings, and U.S. innovation.

42. Rebecca Herold
Herold is a security and information privacy expert who speaks about legal issues dealing with Internet privacy and copyright policies.

43. James Boyle
Boyle is a law professor at Duke Law School who speaks about legal issues on digital IP, copyright, Creative Commons, and net neutrality.

44. James Grimmelmann
Grimmelmann is a professor at New York Law School who offers perspectives on privacy in software and Internet usage.