

# **Chris Slobogin**

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Expert in criminal law and procedure, mental health law and evidence law.

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## **Biography**

Slobogin has authored more than 100 articles, books and chapters on topics relating to criminal law and procedure, mental health law and evidence. Named director of Vanderbilt Law School's Criminal Justice Program in 2009, Slobogin is one of the five most cited criminal law and procedure law professors in the country over the past five years, according to the Leiter Report, and one of the top 50 most cited law professors overall from 2005-2015, according to Hein Online. Slobogin has served as reporter for three American Bar Association task forces (on Law Enforcement and Technology; the Insanity Defense; and Mental Disability and the Death Penalty) and as chair of both the ABA's task force charged with revising the Criminal Justice Mental Health Standards and the ABA's Florida Assessment team for the Death Penalty Moratorium Implementation Project. He is currently an Associate Reporter for the American Law Institute's Principles of Police Investigation Project. In recognition for his work in mental health law, in 2016 Slobogin received both the American Board of Forensic Psychology's Distinguished Contribution Award and the American Psychology-Law Society's Distinguished Contribution of Psychology and Law Award; only a total of five law professors have received either of these awards in their 30-year history, and none has received both awards. Before joining Vanderbilt's law faculty, Slobogin held the Stephen C. O'Connell chair at the University of Florida's Fredric G. Levin College of Law. He has also been a visiting professor at Stanford Law School, where he was the Edwin A. Heafey Visiting Scholar, as well as at Hastings, Southern California and Virginia law schools and at the University of Frankfurt Law School in Germany, the Montpellier Law School in France, and the University of Kiev, Ukraine, where he was a Fulbright Scholar. Slobogin has appeared on Good Morning America, Nightline, the Today Show, National Public Radio, and many other media outlets, and has been cited in almost 5,000 law review articles and treatises and more than 200 judicial opinions, including three U.S. Supreme Court decisions. Slobogin holds a secondary appointment as a professor in the Vanderbilt School of Medicine's Department of Psychiatry.

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## **Areas of Expertise**

Juvenile Crime, Insanity Defense, Criminal Procedure, Evidence Law, Criminal Law, Mental Health Law, Insanity Plea, Juvenile Law

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## **Affiliations**

Saks Institute for Mental Health Law, SSRN Law & Psychology Journal, Encyclopedia of Psychology and Law

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## **Education**

**University of Virginia**  
LL.M. Law

**University of Virginia Law School**  
J.D. Law

**Princeton University**  
A.B.

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## **Accomplishments**

### **Hall-Hartman Outstanding Professor Award**

Hartman Division, 2018-19 (awarded to best small course professor at Vanderbilt University Law School)

### **Among Most Cited Criminal Law & Procedure Professors**

2013-2017 (No. 3), according to Brian Leiter

### **Hein Online Top Law Scholars, 2016**

(No. 36) (based on number of times cited by articles in the past ten years, number of times cited by cases, and number of times accessed)

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