

Clark Freshman

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Biography

Professor Clark Freshman was a professor of law at the University of Miami from 1995 until 2007 before joining the UC Hastings faculty in 2007. He received his B.A. from Harvard, where his senior thesis facilitated a pardon in the infamous Leo Frank case, an M.A. from University College, Oxford, where he was a Marshall Scholar, and a J.D. from Stanford Law School. He clerked for Judge William Norris of the Ninth Circuit and practiced appellate and entertainment dispute resolution with Manatt Phelps in Los Angeles for several years. He is also a mediator, negotiation trainer, and expert witness on arbitration. He has been an invited speaker on negotiation at many law schools, including Harvard, Yale, and UCLA. His work has appeared in law reviews at Harvard, Stanford, Cornell, and elsewhere. Professor Freshman's scholarship and teaching focuses primarily on dispute resolution, including law and psychology, the effect of emotion on dispute resolution, lie detection, and emotional skills. In collaboration with Paul Ekman, the scientific advisor to Fox's Lie to Me, Professor Freshman trains lawyers and negotiators in lie detection and emotional skills worldwide. Professor Freshman also works with the Center for Contemplative Mind to promote meditation and other contemplative practices among lawyers and law students. His scholarship addresses the relationship between different forms of discrimination in law and social science, including both the role of discrimination in negotiation, proof of discrimination, and ways to prevent negotiation and promote acceptance. In his spare time, Professor Freshman enjoys all kinds of yoga, weightlifting, meditation, in-line skating, travel, movies and any opportunity to visit the beach or other water with and without his Tibetan terrier, Tara.

Expertise

Legal Services, Education/Learning

Areas of Expertise

Civil Procedure, Mediation, Lie Detection, Deception, Emotion and Law, Law and Psychology, Discrimination, Mindfulness, Civil Rights Law, Negotiation, Arbitration

Event Appearances

Making Credibility Determinations: The Latest Science of Reading Emotions and Thoughts Across Cultures

National Academy of Arbitrators, Annual Meeting

Science of Lie Detection and Negotiation
Oregon Law Institute of Lewis & Clark College

Dodging Lies and Making Deals: Emotional Awareness for Negotiation, Compassion, and Lie Detection
Meeting of the International Academy of Mediators

Presentation to Judges, Mediators and Arbitrators
JAMS Conference

Lie Detection and Negotiation Within
Harvard Negotiation Law Review Symposium

Education

Stanford Law School
J.D. (With Distinction) Law

Oxford University
B.A. Philosophy, Politics and Economics

Harvard University
A.B. (Magna Cum Laude) History and Government

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