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Biography

Professor Murphy's research focuses on the intersection of neuroscience, behavioral science, and law. She writes about the use of neuroscience as evidence and how neuroscience and behavioral science shape public policy and legal systems. Prior to joining UC Hastings, Professor Murphy spent a year as a fellow in the Program in Understanding Law, Science, and Evidence at UCLA Law School. Before that, she practiced law at Munger, Tolles & Olson LLP, handling all aspects of complex commercial litigation, with an emphasis on professional liability and internal investigations. She represented clients in higher education, financial services, and professional services. Her pro bono practice focuses on housing issues and civil rights work addressing homelessness. Professor Murphy earned her A.B. magna cum laude in Psychology from Harvard University, her Ph.D. in Behavioral Neuroscience and Psychopharmacology from University of Cambridge, Trinity College, as a Gates Cambridge Scholar, and her J.D. from Stanford Law School where she received the Gerald Gunther Prizes in Constitutional Litigation and Professional Responsibility. Prior to law school she was a postdoc with Stanford Law School's Center for Law and the Biosciences as well as the MacArthur Foundation's Law and Neuroscience Project. Following law school, she clerked for the Honorable Richard A. Paez of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit. Her recent work has been published in Stanford Law Review, Law & Psychology Review, and Psychology Public Policy & Law.

Areas of Expertise

Contracts, Experimental Methods in Law, Brain / Behavioral Science and Law, Remedies, Evidence, Civil Procedure, Negotiation

Event Appearances

The Enduring Importance of In re Gault: Neuroscience, the Juvenile Brain, and the Law
Youth, Rights & Justice

A Question of Fit: Translating Neuroscience for Law, Clinical Care, and Policy.
UCSF / UC Hastings Consortium on Law, Science & Health Policy

Disentitlement as Discrimination, Flash Lecture (Competitive Selection)
International Neuroethics Society Annual Meeting

Experimental Methods in Legal Scholarship Workshop,
UCLA School of Law

Neuroscience & Evidence: The Science, The Scholarship, The Courtroom, and the Classroom.
AALS Evidence Section

Through a Scanner Darkly: Functional MRI as Evidence of Mental State at Stanford Law School Technology and Law Review Symposium
Cleveland-Marshall College of Law

Neuroscience and Alternative Sentencing Options at California Correctional Crisis Conference
UC Hastings School of Law

Neurolaw: Revolution ? and Retreat[?]
UC Irvine

Education

Stanford Law School
J.D.

University of Cambridge, Trinity College
Ph.D. Behavioral Neuroscience / Psychopharmacology

Harvard University
A.B. Psychology / Mind, Brain, Behavior