

John L. Diamond

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Biography

Professor Diamond was raised in Chappaqua, New York and attended Yale College (B.A., Magna Cum Laude, Departmental Honors with Exceptional Distinction in Social Science 1972); Cambridge University (Diploma in Criminology 1973); and Columbia Law School (JD, Harlan Fiske Stone Scholar 1976). Before joining the UC Hastings faculty, Professor Diamond was associated with the law firm of Cravath, Swaine & Moore in New York, where he practiced in the litigation department. He previously served as law clerk to Judge Thomas P. Griesa of the United States District Court in New York. Professor Diamond teaches and writes on torts, criminal and mass media law, and is author of a torts casebook, coauthor of a criminal law casebook and torts treatise. He is a recipient of the Northern California Association of Phi Beta Kappa Excellence in Teaching Award, the Rutter Outstanding Teaching Award, UC Hastings Associated Students and UC Hastings Alumni office Teaching Awards, and has had the honor to be elected by the graduating class to give the faculty commencement address on ten occasions. Professor Diamond is teaching at UC Berkeley School of Law as a Visiting Professor during the Fall 2018 semester.

Expertise

Legal Services, Education/Learning

Areas of Expertise

Mass Media Law, Defamation Law, Tort Law, Criminal Law

Affiliations

University of California Berkeley School of Law: Visiting Professor 2018, 2016, 2014 and numerous prior visits, Cambridge University Emmanuel College: Senior Visitor October, 2017; March, 2015, Cambridge University Wolfson College: Visiting Scholar 1992, Leiden University Law School (the Netherlands): Visiting Professor 2015, George Washington University Washington D.C.: Visiting Professor 2013-2014, Golden Gate University School of Law: Visiting Professor 2012 and prior visits, BARBRI Bar Review: Lecturer (Torts) 1987-2014, The American Law Institute's Members' Consultative Group Restatement (Third) of Torts: Intentional Torts to Persons; The American Law Institute's Members' Consultative Group Restatement (Third) of Torts: Liability for Economic Harm; The American Law Insti, UC Hastings Journal of Communications and Entertainment Law: Advisory Committee, Faculty Advisory Board for the Hastings Race and Poverty Law Journal, Cravath Swaine & Moore: Litigation Associate 1977-1980, Hon. Thomas P. Griesa United States District Court S.D.N.Y: Law Clerk 1976-1977

Education

Columbia Law School

J.D., Harlan Fiske Scholar Law

Emmanuel College, Cambridge University

Diploma Criminology

Yale College

B.A., Magna cum Laude and Departmental Honors with Exceptional Distinction Social Science

Accomplishments

Elected Faculty Commencement Speaker

Elected by the UC Hastings graduating class in 2013, 2010, 2009, 2005, 2004, 2001, 2000, 1988, 1987, and 1985.

Outstanding Professor Award

Awarded by the Hastings student government in 2011, 2010, 2008, 2004 and 1990.

Rutter Outstanding Teaching Award

Awarded by UC Hastings College of the Law.

Excellence in Teaching Award

Awarded by the Northern California Association of Phi Beta Kappa.

Outstanding Professor Award

Presented by the Alumni Office of UC Hastings College of the Law.

Associate Academic Dean of UC Hastings College of the Law

Served from 1987 to 1989.

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