

# Robert Mikos

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Expert in federalism and drug law, including marijuana legalization.

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## Biography

Robert Mikos is one of the nation's leading experts on federalism and drug law. His most recent scholarship analyzes the struggle among federal, state, and local governments for control of marijuana law and policy, which includes a first-of-its-kind casebook, *Marijuana Law, Policy, and Authority* (Wolters Kluwer, 2017). In that vein, he has written, testified, and lectured on the states' constitutional authority to legalize marijuana, federal preemption of state marijuana regulations, the political and budgetary considerations that limit enforcement of the federal marijuana ban, federal law's influence on state regulation and taxation of the marijuana industry, and the desirability of marijuana localism. He has also written on the states' constitutional authority to withhold information from the federal government, sanctuary cities, the political safeguards of federalism, accuracy in criminal sanctions, the economics of private precautions against crime, and remedies in private law. Mikos earned his J.D. summa cum laude from the University of Michigan Law School, where he served as articles editor on the *Michigan Law Review* and won numerous awards, including the Henry M. Bates Memorial Scholarship. After graduation, he was a law clerk for Chief Judge Michael Boudin of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the First Circuit. Mikos has taught at the University of California at Davis, where he was twice nominated for the school's Distinguished Teaching Award, as well as at Notre Dame and the University of Michigan. He teaches courses in Federalism, Constitutional Law, Marijuana Law and Policy, Federal Criminal Law, and Drug Law and Policy.

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## Areas of Expertise

Hemp Law, Sanctuary Cities, Opioid Abuse, Marijuana legalization, Marijuana Law and Policy, Federalism, Constitutional Law, Marijuana Law, Drug Laws, Pill Mills, Medical Marijuana, Cannabis Law

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## Affiliations

American Bar Association, Committee on Cannabis Law

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## Education

**University of Michigan**

J.D. Law

**Princeton University**

A.B. Public and International Affairs

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