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Bio

BIO

Nora Freeman Engstrom is the Ernest W. McFarland Professor of Law at Stanford Law School. A nationally recognized authority on tort law, professional responsibility, and complex litigation, she also co-directs the Deborah L. Rhode Center on the Legal Profession. Beyond that, she is the author of numerous award-winning scholarly articles, the co-author of a leading legal ethics textbook, the co-author of a classic torts textbook, and a Reporter for two Third Restatement of Torts projects. In 2022, the American Law Institute awarded her the R. Ammi Cutter Reporter's Chair for her efforts.

Before joining Stanford's faculty in 2009, Professor Engstrom was a litigator and law clerk, including to Judge Merrick B. Garland of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia. She also worked at the Department of Justice where she focused on international terrorism and was awarded the Attorney General's Award for Superior Service. She earned her J.D. with distinction from Stanford Law School and her B.A. from Dartmouth College, summa cum laude.

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

- Professor, Stanford Law School

ADMINISTRATIVE APPOINTMENTS

- Associate Dean for Curriculum, Stanford Law School, (2016-2018)
- Co-Director, Deborah L. Rhode Center on the Legal Profession, Stanford Law School, (2021- present)

BOARDS, ADVISORY COMMITTEES, PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

- Chair, AALS Torts & Compensation Systems Section (previously, Vice Chair, Secretary, and Treasurer), Association of American Law Schools (2023 - present)
- Reporter, ALI's Third Restatement of Torts: Miscellaneous Provisions & Medical Malpractice, American Law Institute (2019 - present)
- Contributing Editor (Legal Profession & Torts), Jotwell (2013 - present)
- Adviser, ALIs Third Restatement of Torts: Remedies, American Law Institute (2020 - present)
- Advisory Board, Legal Ethics & Professional Responsibility eJournal (2022 - present)
- Academic Advisor, NYU Civil Jury Project (2018 - present)
- Member, Editorial Board of, Foundation Press (2021 - present)
- Member, American Law Institute (2016 - present)
- Member, Maryland Bar (2003 - present)
- Member, District of Columbia Bar (2005 - present)

- Member, California Bar Association (2017 - present)
- Academic Fellow, National Civil Justice Institute (2017 - present)
- Fellow, American Bar Foundation (2016 - present)
- Selection Committee, Warren E. Burger Prize of the American Inns of Court (2016 - present)
- SLS Reading Group assisting the ABA in its assessment of Hon. Ketanji Jackson's qualifications., Stanford Law School and American Bar Association (2022 - 2022)
- Executive Committee Member, William A. Ingram Inn of Court (2012 - 2013)

LINKS

- Deborah L. Rhode Center on the Legal Profession: https://clp.law.stanford.edu/
- American Law Institute Projects: https://www.ali.org/projects/show/torts-miscellaneous-provisions/
- American Law Institute Publications: https://www.ali.org/publications/show/torts-medical-malpractice/

Teaching

COURSES

2026-27

- Building a Practice of Positive Change: LAW 3261 (Spr)
- Law Journal Discussion Group: LAW 7842 (Win)
- Legal Ethics: The Plaintiffs' Lawyer: LAW 6004 (Win)
- Torts: LAW 223 (Aut)

2025-26

- Law Journal Discussion Group: LAW 7842 (Win)
- Legal Ethics: The Plaintiffs' Lawyer: LAW 6004 (Win)
- Torts: LAW 223 (Aut)

2024-25

- Legal Ethics: The Plaintiffs' Lawyer: LAW 6004 (Win)
- Torts: LAW 223 (Aut)

2023-24

- Legal Ethics: The Plaintiffs' Lawyer: LAW 6004 (Win)
- Torts: LAW 223 (Aut)

Publications

PUBLICATIONS

- **Competition and Contingency Fees** *GEORGETOWN LAW JOURNAL*
  Engstrom, N., Holland-Stergar, B.
  2026; 114 (3): 581-642
- **LEGAL INSURANCE AND ITS LIMITS** *MICHIGAN LAW REVIEW*
  Engstrom, N.
  2025; 124 (1)
- **SECRECY BY STIPULATION** *DUKE LAW JOURNAL*
  Engstrom, N., Engstrom, D., Gelbach, J. B., Peters, A., Schaffer-Neitz, A.

2024; 74 (1): 99-181

- **Rethinking the Lawyers' Monopoly: Access to Justice and the Future of Legal Services (Forthcoming)**
  Engstrom, N. F., Engstrom, D. F.
  Cambridge University.2024
- **Secrecy by Stipulation** *Duke Law Journal*
  Engstrom, N. F., Engstrom, D. F., Gelbach, J. B., Peters, A., Schaffer-Neitz, A.
  2024; 74: 99-181
- **The Making of the A2J Crisis** *Stanford Law Review*
  Engstrom, N. F., Engstrom, D. F.
  2024; 75 (Forthcoming): (Symposium Introduction)
- **Auto Clubs and the Lost Origins of the Access to Justice Crisis** *Yale Law Journal*
  Engstrom, N. F., Stone, J.
  2024; 134 (Forthcoming)
- **Harnessing Common Benefit Fees to Promote MDL Integrity** *TEXAS LAW REVIEW*
  Engstrom, N., Venook, T.
  2023; 101 (7): 1623-1651
- **Restatement (Third) of Torts: Miscellaneous Provisions**
  Engstrom, N. F., Green, M. D.
  American Law Institute .2023; Third (Draft No. 2)
- **Toward the Participatory MDL A Low-Tech Step to Promote Litigant Autonomy** *LEGAL TECH AND THE FUTURE OF CIVIL JUSTICE*
  Venook, T., Engstrom, N.
  edited by Engstrom, D. F.
  2023: 173-195
- **Legal Tech and the Litigation Playing Field** *LEGAL TECH AND THE FUTURE OF CIVIL JUSTICE*
  Engstrom, D., Engstrom, N.
  edited by Engstrom, D. F.
  2023: 133-154
- **Restatement (Third) of Torts: Concluding Provisions** *Restatement of Torts*
  Engstrom, N. F., Green, M. D.
  American Law Institutde.2022; Third (Tent. Draft No. 1)
- **Pursuing Public Health Through Litigation** *STANFORD LAW REVIEW*
  Engstrom, N., Rabin, R. L.
  2021; 73 (2): 285–362
- **TORT LAW AND ALTERNATIVES: CASES AND MATERIALS** *TORT LAW AND ALTERNATIVES: CASES AND MATERIALS (Foundation Press, 11th ed. 2021), with Marc A. Franklin, Robert L. Rabin, Michael D. Green, & Mark A. Geistfeld*
  Franklin, M. A., Rabin, R. L., Green, M. D., Geistfeld, M. A., Engstrom, N. F., et al
  Foundation Press.2021
- **Legal Ethics**
  Rhode, D. L., Luban, D., Cummings, S. L., Engstrom, N. F., et al
  Foundation Press.2020
- **The Lessons of Lone Pine** *YALE LAW JOURNAL*
  Engstrom, N.
  2019; 129 (1): 2–76
- **The Trouble with Trial Time Limits** *GEORGETOWN LAW JOURNAL*
  Engstrom, N.
  2018; 106 (4): 933–87

- **THE DIMINISHED TRIAL** *FORDHAM LAW REVIEW*
  Engstrom, N.
  2018; 86 (5): 2131–47
- **RETALIATORY RICO AND THE PUZZLE OF FRAUDULENT CLAIMING** *MICHIGAN LAW REVIEW*
  Engstrom, N. F.
  2017; 115 (5): 639-706
- **A DOSE OF REALITY FOR SPECIALIZED COURTS: LESSONS FROM THE VICP** *UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA LAW REVIEW*
  Engstrom, N. F.
  2015; 163 (6): 1631-1717
- **ATTORNEY ADVERTISING AND THE CONTINGENCY FEE COST PARADOX** *STANFORD LAW REVIEW*
  Engstrom, N. F.
  2013; 65 (4): 633-695
- **SUNLIGHT AND SETTLEMENT MILLS** *NEW YORK UNIVERSITY LAW REVIEW*
  Engstrom, N. F.
  2011; 86 (4): 805-886