

Louis Stein Center for Law and Ethics

Lawyers play a central role in our society: They promote international human rights, defend those charged with crimes, work for governments, and use their education and skill to fight for social change.

Fordham Law School's Louis Stein Center for Law and Ethics examines the important role of lawyers and explores how ethical values inform and improve the legal profession.

The Stein Center, founded in 1976, supports a wide range of conferences, symposia, publications and independent research. Conferences sponsored by the Stein Center encourage dialogue on a variety of issues including the death penalty, environmental justice, prisoners rights, immigration policy, arbitration and mediation, the lawyer's role in a contemporary democracy, judicial independence, lawyers and governance, and developing an ethical legal practice that goes beyond following the rules set forth in professional codes of conduct.

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