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## A Short Biography



**Lawrence Lessig** is a Professor of Law at **Stanford Law School** and founder of the school's **Center for Internet and Society**. Prior to joining the Stanford faculty, he was the Berkman Professor of Law at **Harvard Law School**. Lessig was also a fellow at the **Wissenschaftskolleg zu Berlin**, and a Professor at the **University of Chicago Law School**. He clerked for Judge **Richard Posner** on the 7th Circuit Court of Appeals and Justice **Antonin Scalia** on the United States Supreme Court.

More recently, Professor Lessig represented web site operator **Eric Eldred** in the ground-breaking case **Eldred v. Ashcroft**, a challenge to the 1998 **Sonny Bono Copyright Term Extension Act**. Lessig was named one of **Scientific American's Top 50 Visionaries**, for arguing "against interpretations of copyright that could stifle innovation and discourse online."

He is the author of **The Future of Ideas** and **Code and Other Laws of Cyberspace**. He also chairs the **Creative Commons** project. Professor Lessig is a boardmember of the **Electronic Frontier Foundation**, a Board Member of the **Center for the Public Domain**, and a Commission Member of the **Penn National Commission on Society, Culture and Community** at the University of Pennsylvania.

Professor Lessig earned a BA in economics and a BS in management from the **University of Pennsylvania**, an MA in philosophy from **Cambridge**, and a JD from **Yale**.

Professor Lessig teaches and writes in the areas of constitutional law, contracts, comparative constitutional law, and the law of cyberspace. He is currently planning a course, **Law and Virtual Worlds**, for Spring 2003 with Julian Dibbell.

For more information, please see Steven Levy's profile of Professor Lessig in the October 2002 issue of Wired: **Lawrence Lessig's Supreme Showdown** or see his **curriculum vitae**.



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