

# David Thronson

Associate Dean for Experiential Education and Professor of Law at Michigan State University

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Expert in immigration law

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## Biography

David Thronson is Associate Dean for Experiential Education and Professor of Law at the Michigan State University College of Law, where he is co-founder of the Immigration Law Clinic and also served as Associate Dean for Academic Affairs. His research and writing seeks to develop frameworks and critical perspectives for analyzing the intersection of family and immigration, with a particular focus on children.

Thronson graduated from the University of Kansas with degrees in mathematics and education, then taught in Nepal as a Peace Corps volunteer. He completed a master's degree at Teachers College, Columbia University and served several years as a teacher and assistant principal in the New York City Public Schools.

In 1994, Thronson earned his J.D. degree from Harvard Law School where he served as Co-Editor-in-Chief of the Harvard Human Rights Journal. After clerking for the Honorable A. Wallace Tashima in California, Thronson returned to New York City as a Skadden Fellow at The Door's Legal Services Center, providing direct legal services to at-risk young people primarily in the areas of immigration, housing, public benefits and family law. He then served as the Gibbons Fellow in Public Interest and Constitutional Law at the law firm of Gibbons, Del Deo, Dolan, Griffinger and Vecchione where he litigated cases involving a wide range of issues including the scope of federal habeas jurisdiction to review immigration matters, the application of the Convention Against Torture, the constitutional adequacy of educational opportunities provided to urban children in New Jersey, and discrimination in New Jersey State Police hiring practices.

From 1999 to 2002, Thronson taught in the Lawyering Program of New York University School of Law and served as an adjunct professor at Seton Hall University School of Law and Hofstra University School of Law where he taught immigration law, public international law and international human rights. Thronson subsequently served as Professor and Associate Dean for Clinical Studies at the University of Nevada Las Vegas. He was named UNLV Professor of the Year in 2003.

Thronson has served on numerous boards of directors, including those of the National Youth Leadership Council and International Social Service.

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## Industry Expertise

Research, Writing and Editing, Education/Learning, International Affairs, Public Policy, Program Development

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## Areas of Expertise

International Law, Education Policy, Human Rights, Public Interest and Constitutional Law, Child Welfare

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## Education

**Harvard Law School**

J.D.

**Columbia University**

M.A. Mathematics Education

**University of Kansas**

B.G.S. Mathematics and Education

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## **Accomplishments**

**Moreheuser Humanitarian Award**

Awarded by Education Law Center

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