

# **George Bisharat**

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## **Biography**

George E. Bisharat was a trial lawyer for the Office of the Public Defender in San Francisco before joining the UC Hastings faculty in 1991. Professor Bisharat studied law, anthropology, and Middle East studies at Harvard, and wrote a book about Palestinian lawyers working under Israeli military occupation in the West Bank. He writes frequently on law and politics in the Middle East, both for academic audiences and for major media sources in the U.S. and abroad. Professor Bisharat is an avid fly fisher, sometimes in such exotic locations as Russia and New Zealand, and also writes articles for fly fishing magazines. He is a singer, songwriter, and blues harmonica player specializing in the chromatic harmonica, and as "Big Harp George" has recorded two albums that earned award nominations and critical acclaim. His wife, Jaleh Bisharat, is a business marketing executive working in high tech.

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## **Expertise**

Education/Learning, Legal Services

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## **Areas of Expertise**

Criminal Procedure, Islamic Law, Law and Social Anthropology, Criminal Practice, Law in Middle East Societies, Middle Eastern Affairs

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## **Education**

### **Harvard University**

Ph.D. Anthropology and Middle East Studies

### **Georgetown University**

M.A. History

### **University of California at Berkeley**

B.A. Anthropology

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