

James Blumstein

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National expert in healthcare law and policy, Constitutional law and voting rights

Biography

Jim Blumstein ranks among the nation's most prominent scholars of health law, law and medicine, and voting rights. He is currently one of 16 University Professors at Vanderbilt; he was the first awarded that title in the law school and the first to receive a second tenured appointment in Vanderbilt Medical School. The director of Vanderbilt's Health Policy Center, Professor Blumstein has served as the principal investigator on numerous grants concerning managed care, hospital management and medical malpractice. His peers recognized his leadership in health law and policy by electing Professor Blumstein to the National Academy of Sciences' Institute of Medicine, and he was awarded the Earl Sutherland Prize, which is Vanderbilt's preeminent university-wide recognition for lifetime scholarly contributions. In 2007, he received the prestigious McDonald-Merrill-Ketcham Memorial Award for Excellence in Law and Medicine from the University of Indiana and delivered the award lecture on hospital-physician joint-venture relationships. Professor Blumstein has been the Olin Visiting Professor at the University of Pennsylvania Law School, an adjunct professor at Dartmouth Medical School, and a visiting professor at Duke Law School and at Duke's Institute of Policy Sciences and Public Affairs. He has served as former Tennessee Governor Phil Bredesen's counsel on TennCare reform and has participated actively in a number of Supreme Court cases, arguing three. In 2014, Professor Blumstein received a secondary appointment as a Professor of Management at the Owen Graduate School of Management. A dedicated teacher, Professor Blumstein has received the law school's student-sponsored Hall-Hartman Teaching Award. He joined Vanderbilt's law faculty in 1970.

Areas of Expertise

Constitutional Law, Health Law, Public Policy

Education

Yale Law School
LLB Law

Yale University
M.A. Economics

Yale College
B.A. Economics

Accomplishments

McDonald-Merrill-Ketcham Memorial Award for Excellence in Law and Medicine

2007 (“For Furthering Greater Understanding Between the Professions of Law and Medicine”) (Indiana University)

Earl Sutherland Prize for Achievement in Research

Vanderbilt University [university-wide career research award]

President’s Award

Tennessee Bar Association

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