

# **Kristi Bowman**

**Professor of Law at Michigan State University**

East Lansing, MI, US

Expert in K-12 educational policy and law

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## **Biography**

Kristi Bowman serves as Vice Dean for Academic Affairs and Professor of Law. As the academic dean, she is a member of the College's senior leadership team and oversees the organization and delivery of the College's instructional program.

Dean Bowman is also an education law scholar. She is a co-author of the 5th edition of a leading textbook in the field, *Educational Policy and the Law* (2012), editor of *Pursuing Racial and Ethnic Equality in American Public Schools: Mendez, Brown, and Beyond* (2015), and author of a textbook written for non-American education law scholars and practitioners, *An Introduction to Constitutional Rights to and in Education in the United States* (forthcoming 2016). In 2010, she received the Education Law Association's Steven S. Goldberg Award for Distinguished Scholarship in Education Law. She also is a faculty affiliate of the Education Policy Center at the Michigan State University College of Education.

Dean Bowman's numerous publications have examined a range of education law issues including public schools in fiscal crisis, students' free speech rights, racial/ethnic equality in education, and religion in public schools. These publications have appeared in books and in journals including the *North Carolina Law Review*, the *American University Law Review*, *Wake Forest Law Review*, and the *University of Cincinnati Law Review*. She regularly presents her scholarship across the country and around the world, having taught or lectured in Belgium, Canada, Dubai, France, Japan, Italy, Israel, and Germany.

The founder and editor of the SSRN Education Law Abstracting Journal, Dean Bowman is active in several professional organizations including the American Association of Law Schools, for which she was the Education Law Section Chair in 2010, and has served on the Committee for Sections and the Annual Meeting. She was the recipient of a Michigan State University Lilly Teaching Fellowship for the 2009-10 academic year and has been a member of the Law College faculty since 2007.

Prior to teaching, she practiced at Franczek Sullivan, P.C. (now Franczek Radelet), in Chicago, where she represented school districts, and clerked on the United States Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit. During law school she worked at the United States Department of Education, Office for Civil Rights.

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## **Industry Expertise**

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

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## **Areas of Expertise**

Educational Policy and Law, School Desegregation, K-12 Students' Free Speech Rights, Right to Education and Civic Role of Public Schools, School Districts in Fiscal Crisis and Governance

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## **Affiliations**

American Association of Law Schools: Executive Committee, American Law Institute, SSRN Education Law Abstracting Journal: Editor and Founder

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## **Education**

**Duke University**  
J.D.

**Duke University**  
M.A.

**Drake University**  
B.A.

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## **Accomplishments**

**Steven S. Goldberg Award for Distinguished Scholarship in Education Law**  
Awarded by the  
Education Law Association annually in recognition of an outstanding contribution to the literature.

**Michigan State University Lilly Teaching Fellowship**  
MSU Award

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