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Frederick M. Lawrence

Frederick Lawrence is one of the nation's leading civil rights experts. His recent book, *Punishing Hate: Bias Crimes Under American Law*, examines bias-motivated violence and how the United States deals with such crimes. "For me, it is a great privilege to be able to integrate ideas and issues that I care about deeply into my scholarly work," he says.

Professor Lawrence began his legal career as clerk to Judge Amalya L. Kearsse of the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit. Later, he was named an assistant United States Attorney for the southern district of New York, where he became chief of the office's civil rights unit. Since joining the School of Law faculty in 1988, he has taught courses on civil procedure, criminal law, civil rights enforcement, and civil rights crimes. In 1996, he received the Metcalf Award for Excellence in Teaching, the highest of the University's teaching honors. "I endeavor to teach students how to think about law in its fullest sense and imagine themselves as creative and responsible lawyers," he says.

Professor Lawrence has been a senior visiting research fellow with the University College London Faculty of Law and has studied bias crimes law in the United Kingdom through a Ford Foundation grant. He spoke at the Colorado Hate Crimes Summit in 1999 and has lectured in Great Britain, France and Israel. He has also testified before the House of Representative's Committee on the Judiciary in support of federal hate crimes legislation, and the House Committee on Government Reform on Justice Department misconduct in Boston. He has helped alumnus Victor Garo free Joseph Salvati, an innocent man who spent 30 years in prison for murder.

Professor Lawrence has also performed in Carnegie Hall, Lincoln Center, and the Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts with the New York Choral Society.