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Distinguished Faculty Scholar Awardee

A. Michael Froomkin, the Laurie Silvers and Mitchell Rubenstein Distinguished Professor of Law, has been part of the University of Miami faculty since 1992. He has been an Affiliated Fellow of the Yale Information Society Project since 2008. He is also a member of the University of Miami Center for Computational Science and is recognized as one of the world’s leading legal scholars in the areas of Internet governance, cryptography, robotics, artificial intelligence/machine learning, e-commerce, and privacy. He was honored with the World Technology Award for Law in 2017.

Froomkin received his J.D. from Yale Law School, his M.Phil. in history from Cambridge University, and his B.A. in economics and history, summa cum laude, from Yale College. A scholarly visionary at the intersection of technology and law, he has published an impressive body of work that includes more than 80 articles in law reviews at Yale, Harvard, and Stanford universities; the University of Pennsylvania; and the University of California, Berkeley; book chapters; white papers; and a recent co-edited book of essays on robot law and artificial intelligence. It is no exaggeration to say that he is a founder of the fields of internet law and robot law.

A public intellectual, commentator, and internet-transparency activist, Froomkin is a frequent participant in conferences at top law schools in the United States and abroad. He is a member of the advisory boards of three major law and technology publications and numerous leading privacy and cyberlaw organizations. As blogger on Discourse.net and convener of the groundbreaking interdisciplinary We Robot conference, Froomkin is adept at translating law for technologists and technology for lawyers, law professors, and policy makers. Through his scholarship and policy advocacy, he has profoundly shaped the public discourse on both internet policy and privacy.