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UC Berkeley Professor Lauren B. Edelman to Receive ABF Fellows Outstanding Scholar Award

CHICAGO, Jan. 14, 2020 — University of California – Berkeley Law Professor Lauren B. Edelman, will receive the 2020 Outstanding Service Award from the Fellows of the American Bar Foundation at its 64th Annual Fellows Awards Reception and Banquet on Saturday, Feb. 15, 2020. The banquet is one of several events being hosted by the Fellows of the American Bar Foundation during the Midyear Meeting of the American Bar Association (ABA) in Austin, Texas.

Edelman's research addresses the interplay between organizations and their legal environments. Her research focuses on employers' responses to and constructions of civil rights laws, workers' mobilization of legal rights, the impact of management practices on law and legal institutions, dispute resolution in organizations, school rights, empirical critical race studies, and employer accommodations of disabilities in the workplace.

Her recent book, *Working Law: Courts, Corporations and Symbolic Civil Rights*, won the Distinguished Scholarly Book Award from the American Sociological Association (ASA), the George R. Terry Book Award from the Academy of Management, the Distinguished Book Award from the Sociology of Law Section of the ASA, and honorable mention for the C. Herman Pritchett Book Prize from the Law and Courts Section of the American Political Science Association.

Edelman is Agnes Roddy Robb Professor of Law and Professor of Sociology at the University of California, Berkeley, where she teaches in the Jurisprudence and Social Policy Program (JSP). She has served as Associate Dean for JSP and as Director of the Center for the Study of Law & Society, and was previously Professor of Law and Sociology at the University of Wisconsin, Madison. She holds a Ph.D. in Sociology from Stanford University and a J.D. from the University of California, Berkeley.

“The American Bar Foundation is delighted to honor Laurie Edelman with this year’s Outstanding Scholar Award,” said ABF Executive Director Ajay K. Mehrotra. “Professor Edelman and her research exemplify the high standards of rigorous scholarship that are the hallmark of the ABF.”

“I am honored to receive the Outstanding Scholar Award from the American Bar Foundation,” said Edelman. “The ABF is one of the most important institutions in the field of law and society and its research professors continue to conduct some of the best research in the field. It was my pleasure to serve on the ABF Board for a decade.”

Awarded annually since 1957, the Outstanding Scholar Award is given by the Fellow of the ABF to an individual who has engaged in outstanding scholarship in the law or government. The award recognizes Edelman’s contributions to the scholarship of civil rights in the workplace.

Previous recipients of the award include Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg; Laurence H. Tribe, Carl M. Loeb University Professor at Harvard Law School; Lawrence M. Friedman, Marion Rice Kirkwood Professor of Law at Stanford Law School; Richard Posner, former Circuit Judge of the United States Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit; Erwin Griswold, Solicitor General of the United States (1967-1973) and former dean of Harvard Law School; and Archibald Cox, Solicitor General of the United States (1961-1965).

Event Details:

The Fellows of the American Bar Foundation
64th Annual Award Reception and Banquet
Saturday, February 15, 2020 at 6 p.m.
Etter-Harbin Alumni Center, The University of Texas at Austin
2110 San Jacinto Boulevard
Austin, Texas

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