

Speaker Bios

Jan. 4, 2024 AALS session: “How Do We Teach the Rule of Law? Making the Rule of Law an Essential Dimension of Law School Education”

William C. Hubbard (moderator) is the Dean of the University of South Carolina’s Joseph F. Rice School of Law. He is also co-founder and chair of the board of the World Justice Project, a multidisciplinary organization dedicated to strengthening the rule of law worldwide. He served as President of the American Bar Association in 2014-2015 and previously served a two-year term as Chair of the ABA’s House of Delegates. He is a fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers, the Council of the American Law Institute (emeritus), as well as the Leaders Council of the Legal Services Corporation.

Kathleen Clark Kathleen Clark is a Professor of Law at Washington University, and works in the areas of legal ethics, government ethics, the law of whistleblowing, and national security law. She has conducted in-person and web-based ethics training for federal, state and local government agencies and has led anti-corruption and ethics workshops in numerous countries around the world. Clark is a board member of the Association of Professional Responsibility Lawyers and is an Associate Reporter for the American Law Institute’s Principles of Government Ethics.

Sukti Dhital is the Executive Director of the Bernstein Institute for Human Rights at NYU Law, a center committed to challenging legal systems that exclude, marginalize, and oppress through legal empowerment. Previously, Sukti was the Executive Director and Co-founder of Nazdeek, a legal empowerment organization that works closely with indigenous and Dalit women to advance human rights through a community-driven approach and the Director of the Reproductive Rights Unit at the Human Rights Law Network in India. Sukti is a proud momma and serves on the advisory board of various organizations dedicated to advancing grassroots justice and the rule of law.

Andrew Perlman is the dean of Suffolk University Law School and a nationally recognized voice on the future of legal education and law practice. Among other leadership roles, he has served as the chief reporter of the American Bar Association’s Commission on Ethics 20/20, the vice chair of the ABA Commission on the Future of Legal Services, and the inaugural chair of the ABA Center for Innovation. He is currently serving as a member of the advisory committee for the ABA Task Force on the Law and Artificial Intelligence. Andy’s service also has focused on national and local regulatory reform efforts, ranging from police practices and access to justice to developing alternate paths to law school and bar admission.

David B. Thronson is the Alan S. Zekelman Professor of International Human Rights Law and Director of the Talsky Center for Human Rights of Women and Children at the Michigan State University College of Law. He has taught across the spectrum of legal education, teaching large doctrinal courses, small seminars, clinics and externships, and lawyering and legal writing, while serving in a variety of administrative roles. In 2024, he began a two-year term as co-president of the Society of American Law Teachers. His research focuses on the intersection of family law and immigration law, in particular on the impact of immigration law on children.