

## **Meryl Justin Chertoff**

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### ***Professional Positions 2001-date***

Adjunct Professor, Georgetown University Law Center 2008-date  
Managing Editor and Founding Editor, SLoGLaw Blog, the State and Local Government Law Blog September 2021-date  
Executive Director, Justice and Society Program, The Aspen Institute, 2009-2019  
Director, Inclusive America Project, The Aspen Institute, 2013-2019  
Director, Sandra Day O'Connor Project on the State of the Judiciary, Georgetown University Law Center, 2006-2009  
Nancy H. Becker Associates Trenton, New Jersey (2003-2005)  
Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Office of Legislative Affairs (2002-2003)  
Office of the Governor of New Jersey, Washington Representative, 2001-2002

### ***Judicial Clerkship***

Law Clerk, Honorable Myron H. Thompson (US District Court, M.D. Ala.) 1983-1984

### ***Education***

JD, Harvard Law School, 1983  
AB, magna cum laude, Harvard College, 1979

### ***Areas of teaching and academic writing***

State and Local Government Law; judicial independence; state constitutional law; federalism; public health law; religious pluralism in America; civic education

### ***Select Lectures***

Keynote Address, "State and Local Government Law through an International Lens", Meridian International Center, April 25, 2021

Address to International Visitors, "US Federalism and COVID-19 Response", December 4, 2020, CRDF Global

Rabbi Jack Moline Lecture, "Pluribus or Unum: Allyship and Resilience Counter an American Crisis" October 14, 2018 (Alexandria, VA)

### ***Recent Testimony***

Witness Testimony, DC City Council February 13, 2020 on Bill B23-122, Ban on Cashless Businesses in Washington,  
DC <https://www.law.georgetown.edu/salpal/meryl-chertoff-d-c-council-testimony-feb-13/>;  
Maryland House Economic Matters Committee, January 27, 2021 on HB 340, The Cash Transactions Preservation Act;  
Meryl Justin Chertoff, Witness Testimony, Colorado House Business Affairs and Labor Committee, March 18, 2021 on HB 21-1048, An Act Requiring That Retail Establishments Accept United States Currency for Purchases

### ***Select Publications***

*Chapter*

M. Chertoff in N. Steytler, ed. [Handbook on Local Governments in a Federal System](#). “United States” Forum of Federations (Springer Nature 2022)

#### *Law Reviews*

M. Chertoff, [Riding To The Rescue: The Conditional Spending and Commandeering Jurisprudence of Sandra Day O'Connor in an Era of Federal Overreach](#), 84 Albany L. Rev. (Symposium on the Nineteenth Amendment 2022)

M. Chertoff and D. Robinson, Check One and the Accountability is Done: The Harmful Impact of Straight-Ticket Voting on Judicial Elections, [Albany Law Review, Vol. 75, pp. 1773-1797 \(2012\)](#)

#### *Other*

S. Adler & M. Chertoff, [One Way to Overcome States' Preemption of what localities want: litigation](#), Governing Magazine, (2022)

Lawrence O. Gostin & Meryl Justin Chertoff, Lockdowns, Quarantines, and Travel Restrictions During COVID and Beyond: What's The Law, and How Should We Decide? HEALTH AFFAIRS, March 24, 2021, 10.1377/hblog20210322.450239, available at <https://www.healthaffairs.org/doi/10.1377/hblog20210322.450239/full/>

S. Foster & M Chertoff, [Why DC Should Become Our 51<sup>st</sup> State](#), The Hill, March 21, 2021

M.Chertoff, [Trump's Threat to Anarchist Cities Violates the Constitution](#), The Hill Oct. 29, 2020

M.Chertoff, The Cavalry Isn't Coming: Governors and Mayors Take Lead on Coronavirus Pandemic, [Homeland Security Today](#), March 19, 2020

M. Chertoff, M. Green, CH Odom, Relationships, Relationships, Relationships: Promoting Population Health Collaboration Across State Government, [24 J. Public Health Management and Practice, 3, 281-285 \(2018\)](#)

M Chertoff, Exec. Ed. & A. Ralph. Ed. [Pluralism in Peril: Challenge to an American Ideal](#), The Aspen Institute, January 2018

#### ***Courses Taught***

Fall 2020-date Georgetown University Law Center, State and Local Government Law

Winter 2022, 2023 Washington, DC Capital City Law and Policy

Spring 2008-Spring 2019 Georgetown University Law Center State Government Law and Policy

1992-1994 Legal Writing Instructor, Seton Hall University Law Center

#### ***Select Seminars, Panels & Meetings***

Brennan Center for Justice, [The Promise and Limits of State Constitutions](#)

Feb. 8, 2024 (panel moderator)

[National Academy of Science, Engineering and Medicine, Board on Global Health and Policy and Global Affairs Division: Utility, Feasibility, Security and Ethics of Verifiable COVID-19 Credentials for International Travel “Privacy Issues and Legal Considerations: U.S. Law and Border Control”](#) August 5, 2021

Justice & Society Seminar for Federal Judges (Second Circuit, Third Circuit, Sixth Circuit, Seventh Circuit) 2015-2019 (two day seminar, various locations)

Justice & Society Seminar, The Aspen Institute, Aspen Colorado, 2009-2018, Director and Curriculum Research/Coordination

Excellence in State Public Health Law Program, Researched and directed two cohorts of programs for State Public Health officials, legislators and executive branch officials with support of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (2013-2017)

Conference Director, [Freedom and Security in Constitutional Democracies. A Transatlantic Perspective](#), Draeger Stiftung and Georgetown University Law Center (2010)

### ***Recent Popular Media and Quotes***

[Justices continue to chart new path: Iowa's 7-0 conservative majority sometimes splits. \(Des Moines Register 9/1/2024\)](#)

["City of Chicago v. Barr: A Victory for Sanctuary Jurisdictions and 21st Century Federalism"](#) (6/11/2020)

[5/14/20 \(The Street\) – What Are Your Rights In A Crisis?](#)

[4/8/2020 \(Georgetown University\) – COVID-19 Crisis Bringing Out Best and Worst in State and Local Leadership](#)

[3/30/20 \(WPTV\) – Right to Travel Across State Lines Under Scrutiny Due to Coronavirus](#)

[3/22/20 \(Dayton Daily News\) – Coronavirus: DeWine 'in the vanguard of state leaders across the U.S.'](#)

[5/23/2019 \(The Hill\) – Indictment of Massachusetts Judge Invades State Court Independence \(by Meryl Chertoff\)](#)

### ***Memberships***

National Task Force on Election Crises

Fellow, American Bar Foundation

Admitted to Bar, NY and NJ