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### ***Professional Positions***

Executive Director, SALPAL (Georgetown Project on State and Local Government Policy and Law) 2019-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- )

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

Legislative Counsel, Assemblyman Richard Bagger (District 22-Union) 1997-2000

Instructor in Legal Writing, Seton Hall Law School, 1992-1994

Associate, Law Offices of Barry Evenchick, 1991-1994

Associate, Schoeman, Marsh & Updike, 1986-1990

Associate, Kramer, Levin, Nessen, Kamin & Frankel 1984-1986

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)

Lecture, “Interfaith 2.0”, The Chautauqua Institution, July 1, 2015  
(Chautauqua, New York)

### ***Recent Testimony***

Meryl Justin Chertoff, 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/>

Meryl Justin Chertoff, Witness Testimony, 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*

Handbook on Local Governments in a Federal System, “United States” Forum of Federations (forthcoming 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 issue, forthcoming, 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*

M. Chertoff, [The Right to Travel to Seek an Abortion in the Post- Dobbs World](#), The Hill, June 25, 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, [Countering Hate and Radicalization Requires Grassroots Support](#), The Hill, March 25, 2018

M Chertoff, Exec. Ed. & A. Ralph. Ed. Pluralism in Peril: Challenge to an American Ideal, The Aspen Institute, January 2018  
<https://www.aspeninstitute.org/publications/pluralism-peril-challenges-american-ideal/>

### ***Courses Taught***

- Fall 2020-current Georgetown University Law Center, State and Local Government Law
- Spring 2008-Spring 2019 Georgetown University Law Center State Government Law and Policy
- 1992-1994 Legal Writing Instructor, Seton Hall University Law Center

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

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 (proceedings forthcoming)

Ronald Reagan Institute, Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O'Connor's Legacy, Sept. 25, 2019 ([C-SPAN](#))

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

Sandra Day O'Connor Conversation Series, The Aspen Institute, Aspen, Colorado, Conversation Director Speakers: Justice Elena Kagan (2017) Retired Massachusetts SJC Justice Margaret Marshall in Conversation with Retired Arizona Chief Justice Ruth MacGregor (2018) Senator Jeff Flake in Conversation with Meryl Chertoff (2019)

National Constitution Center, Religious Liberty, April 13, 2015 ([C-SPAN](#))

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 Quotes**

[Federal Presence in Portland Raises Alarm Over the Takeover of States \(7/22/2020\) Governors. The Insurrection Act, and the Federalism Protection against An Occupation](#) (7/10/2020)

["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?](#)

[4/14/20 \(Newsy\) – Can Trump Force States to Reopen? Experts Say No](#)

[4/8/20 \(Courthouse News Service\) – Experts See Overreach by Governors Responding to Pandemic](#)

[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](#)

[3/25/20 \(Politico\) – Florida's Move to Pull in Its Welcome Mat May Draw Court Challenge](#)

[3/23/20 \(Casper Star Tribune\) – 307 Politics: States Take Lead on Coronavirus Response – Where Does Wyoming Stand?](#)

[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**

Board of Directors, ChangeLab Solutions

National Task Force on Election Crises

Fellow, American Bar Foundation

Admitted to Bar, NY and NJ