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Christopher Edley, Jr. was dean of the U.C. Berkeley School of Law (Boalt Hall) from 2004 to 2013, after having spent 23 years as a Harvard Law professor. His work is in administrative law, civil rights, education policy, and domestic public policy generally. Professor Edley has moved between academia and public service—each enriching the other and, together, giving him broad familiarity with many areas of public policy.

Edley served in White House policy and budget positions under Presidents Jimmy Carter and Bill Clinton. For President Clinton's OMB, his portfolio included the cabinet departments of Justice, Commerce, Transportation, HUD, and Treasury, together with all of the financial regulatory agencies and 40 other independent agencies. For President Carter, his responsibilities included welfare reform, social security, food and nutrition programs and several other antipoverty agencies.

In 1999 Edley was appointed by the U.S. House of Representatives to a six year term on the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights. Edley co-chaired the congressionally-chartered National Commission on Education Equity and Excellence (2011-13), and now leads a nationwide follow-on effort to advance those recommendations, supported by several foundations, Partners for Each & Every Child. While at Harvard, Edley co-founded the Harvard Civil Rights Project.

Politics.

In 2008, Edley served on Obama's 2008 Presidential Transition Board, with responsibility for education, immigration and health. In the 1992 Bill Clinton presidential transition, Edley was senior economic adviser with responsibility for banking and housing. He has held senior positions in five presidential campaigns, including as a senior policy adviser for Al Gore (1999-2000), Howard Dean (2003) and Barack Obama (2007-8). He was overall issues director for candidate Michael Dukakis (1987-88; domestic, economic, national security).

Affiliations/Service

Edley was a board member of The Century Foundation, the Russell Sage Foundation, and the American Council on Germany. He has also served on the boards of several non-profit organizations in the social justice arena. He is non-executive president and co-founder of The Opportunity Institute, a charitable NGO doing federal and state policy work related to education and social mobility. (It subsumed the Partners for Each & Every Child project.)



Edley is a fellow of the American Academy of Arts & Sciences, the National Academy of Public Administration, the Council on Foreign Relations, and the American Law Institute. He has served on many committees for the National Research Council of the National Academies of Science, where he is a National Associate.

Professor Edley was appointed by California Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger to the Commission on the Future of California's Economy ("The Tax Reform Commission"), and by the U.C. Board of Regents to its Committee on the Future of the University of California. He served part-time, while Dean, as Senior Adviser to the President of the University (Mark Yudof). For the U.C. Regents and then-President Robert Dynes, Edley conducted a review of proposals for new law schools within the University's 10-campus system. His recommendation to create a law school at U.C. Irvine was accepted by the President and Board of Regents.

Teaching. At Berkeley Law, since stepping down Professor Edley has taught Administrative Law, Education Law & Policy, and a seminar on Principles of Administrative Law for LLM Students. At Harvard, he taught Administrative Law and a seminar in Law & Governance. At various times he also taught Environmental Law, National Security Law, Poverty & the Law, Defense Department Procurement Law & Policy, and the basic Taxation course.

Books. He is the author of *Administrative Law: Rethinking Judicial Control of Bureaucracy* (Yale University Press), and *Not all Black and White—Race, Affirmative Action and American Values* (Farrar, Straus & Giroux). He was ghost co-author for President Clinton, while in office, of a book on race—drafted but never completed. He has co-edited three volumes for the National Research Council, concerning: adult literacy standards; evaluation of school reforms in the District of Columbia; and setting performance standards for the National Assessment of Educational Progress [NAEP] (forthcoming). [National Academy Press]

Education. Edley is a graduate of Harvard Law School (J.D.), Harvard Kennedy School (M.P.P.), and Swarthmore College (B.A., mathematics), with honorary degrees from Swarthmore and Bard College. He is married to Maria Echaveste, who in addition to occasional teaching at Berkeley, is a consultant involved with a range of issues covering U.S. domestic policy, Mexico, and Latino civic engagement. During the Clinton Administration, Echaveste was a Senate-confirmed official in the U.S. Department of Labor, and White House Deputy Chief of Staff. Echaveste was nominated by President Obama to be U.S. Ambassador to Mexico, but withdrew her nomination due to partisan opposition in the Senate.

