

DIANE E. HOFFMANN

Diane E. Hoffmann, J.D. M.S., is Professor of Law, Associate Dean of Academic Programs, and Director of the Law & Health Care Program at the University of Maryland School of Law. She received her law degree from Harvard Law School and her Master's degree from Harvard School of Public Health. She has taught Torts, Law and Medicine, Health Care Law, Legal Problems of the Elderly, Critical Issues in Health Care, Research with Human Subjects, Legal and Policy Issues in End of Life Care, Conflict Resolution in Health Care, Health Care for the Poor, Comparative Health Law, and the Health Law Practice Workshop. She was a primary author of Maryland's Health Care Decisions Act dealing with medical decision-making for individuals lacking capacity. She has served as a member of a number of ethics committees including those at University of Maryland Medical Systems, the National Institutes of Health, and the Baltimore VA Medical Center. She is the founder and director of the Maryland Healthcare Ethics Committee Network. From June 1994 - May 1995, Hoffmann was the Acting Staff Director of the Senate Subcommittee on Aging reporting to U.S. Senator Barbara Mikulski. She currently serves on the Board of the American Society of Law, Medicine & Ethics, on the board of advisors for "For Grace", a non-profit organization advocating for the treatment of women with chronic pain, and is Chair of the AALS Section on Law, Medicine & Health Care. She was recently chosen as one of Maryland's 2009 Top 100 Women by The Daily Record.

In her role as Associate Dean, Hoffmann is responsible for program development and the overall Law School curriculum. In 2007- early 2008, Hoffmann worked with faculty at the James McGregor Burns Academy of Leadership in College Park, Maryland to explore the appropriateness of leadership training in law schools. The exploration included a survey and a leadership roundtable bringing together academics in leadership and law as well as leaders in the bench and bar. Subsequently, in part through Hoffmann's efforts, the Law School received \$1.6 million from the Fetzer Institute to implement an initiative focusing on Leadership, Professionalism and Democracy Building. Goals of the initiative include cultivating and nurturing "leadership skills in law students so that they become leaders able to affect positive changes in today's global and diverse legal profession as well as in their own communities." Hoffmann currently oversees the implementation of the Fetzer initiative and is working with a group of faculty at the Law School to design and implement a leadership course of study for law students.