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Professor Daniel Schwarcz is an award-winning teacher and scholar. His research principally focuses on insurance law and regulation, spanning a broad range of issues such as systemic risk, regulatory federalism, health insurance, and coverage litigation. A separate strand of his research explores the impact of Artificial Intelligence on legal education, the practice of law, and consumer protection.

Professor Schwarcz's scholarship has received numerous accolades. In 2017, the American Law Institute awarded him its highly selective Early Career Scholars Medal. This award recognizes "outstanding law professors whose work is relevant to public policy and has the potential to influence improvements in the law relevant to the real world." He has also been awarded the Liberty Mutual Prize for penning an outstanding insurance law article. He has been recognized as one of the most cited legal scholars writing on tort or insurance topics.

His scholarship has been published in a wide range of leading law reviews and journals. These include the University of Chicago Law Review, the Virginia Law Review, the UCLA Law Review, the Southern California Law Review, and the Journal of Empirical Legal Studies. He is also a co-author of the leading insurance law casebook in the country, "Insurance Law and Regulation" (7th edition 2020). This book has been used as the principal text in courses on insurance law in more than 100 American law schools. Media outlets such as the New York Times, the Wall Street Journal, and National Public Radio have covered his scholarship. He has testified to U.S. Congressional committees on more than a half-dozen occasions and regularly serves as an expert witness in insurance-oriented disputes.

He has won the University of Minnesota Law School's Stanley V. Kinyon teaching award on three occasions since joining the law school, most recently in 2023. In 2024, he received the University of Minnesota's Award for Outstanding Contributions to Graduate and Professional Education. He teaches on a broad range of subjects at the law school, including torts, contracts, insurance law, health care regulation and

finance, health insurance law, regulation of financial institutions, commercial law, introduction to law for undergraduates, law and artificial intelligence, and judicial opinion writing.

Professor Schwarcz joined the University of Minnesota Law School faculty in 2007 after completing a Climenko Fellowship at Harvard Law School. He has also taught as a visiting professor at Washington University School of Law, UCLA Law School, and Berkeley Law School.

Professor Schwarcz earned his bachelor's degree, magna cum laude, from Amherst College and his Juris Doctor, magna cum laude, from Harvard Law School. While in law school, he was an articles editor for the Harvard Law Review and a John M. Olin Fellow in Law and Economics. After law school, he clerked for Judge Sandra Lynch of the United States Court of Appeals for the First Circuit. He practiced at the law firm Ropes & Gray, where he worked mainly on insurance law matters.