

## **Professor Eugene Kontorovich**

Eugene Kontorovich is a professor at George Mason's Antonin Scalia School of Law, and the director of its Center for International Law in the Middle East. Before coming to George Mason, he had been a professor at Northwestern University School of Law for 11 years. An expert in international and constitutional law, he has published over thirty academic articles in the leading law reviews and peer-reviewed journals. His scholarship has been cited in leading international law cases in the U.S. and abroad.

Prof. Kontorovich is also the head of the International Law Department at the Kohelet Policy Forum, a Jerusalem-based think tank, and is recognized as one of the world's preeminent experts on international law and the Israel-Arab conflict. He "has emerged as a one-man legal lawfare brain trust for the Jewish state," as well as "one of the cagiest commentators," according to a recent essays in Haaretz.

Prof. Kontorovich also plays a leading role in many Israel-related policy matters, and is regarded as the [“intellectual architect”](#) of U.S. state laws regarding boycotts of Israel. In his work at Forum Kohelet, he regularly advises senior Israeli, U.S. and European officials on a variety of diplomatic issues.

He is a widely sought-after speaker. He has testified repeatedly in Congress about Arab-Israeli conflict, and regularly briefs visiting European and American legislators and celebrities on their trips to Israel, as well as speaking to hundreds of universities, synagogues, Jewish and professional groups in the U.S. and Europe.



His expertise is often sought out and quoted by major news organizations such as The New York Times, Wall Street Journal, NPR News, Associated Press, LA Times, and television and radio programs on Fox News, CNN, MSNBC, Al Jazeera, SkyNews, BBC, NPR, and more. Prof.

Kontorovich's popular writings have appeared in the *Wall Street Journal*, *New York Times*, *Los Angeles Times*, POLITICO, *Haaretz*, and numerous other leading publications.

He has been honored with a fellowship at the Institute for Advanced Study in Princeton, in 2011-12, and with the

Federalist Society's prestigious Bator Award, given annually to a scholar under 40 for outstanding scholarship and teaching.

He attended the University of Chicago for college and law school, and ultimately taught there for two years as a visiting professor. After law school, he clerked for Judge Richard Posner on the United States Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit. In a previous career, he was a newspaperman at the Wall Street Journal, the New York Post, and for many years at the Forward.