

NADINE STROSSEN, Biographical Statement – last updated May 28, 2019

Nadine Strossen, the John Marshall Harlan II Professor of Law at New York Law School, is a leading expert in constitutional law, civil liberties, and international human rights. She is the immediate past President of the American Civil Liberties Union (1991-2008), the first woman to head the nation's largest and oldest civil liberties organization. She now serves on the advisory boards of the ACLU, EPIC (the Electronic Privacy Information Center), FIRE (the Foundation for Individual Rights in Education), and Heterodox Academy. When Strossen stepped down as ACLU President, three (ideologically diverse) Supreme Court Justices participated in her farewell/tribute luncheon: Ruth Bader Ginsburg, Antonin Scalia, and David Souter.

The *National Law Journal* has named Strossen one of America's "100 Most Influential Lawyers," and several other publications have named her one of the country's most influential women. Her many honorary degrees and awards include the American Bar Association's prestigious Margaret Brent Women Lawyers of Achievement Award (2017). At NYLS's 2019 commencement, Strossen made history by receiving both the award for outstanding teaching and the award for the best book.

Strossen has made thousands of public presentations before diverse audiences around the world, including on more than 500 campuses and in many foreign countries. A frequent media commentator on legal issues, she has appeared on virtually every national news program and has published widely in both academic and general interest publications. Her 2018 book, *HATE: Why We Should Resist it With Free Speech, Not Censorship*, has earned praise from ideologically diverse experts, including progressive Harvard University Professor Cornel West and conservative Princeton University Professor Robert George. *HATE* was selected by Washington University (in St. Louis) as its 2019 "Common Read" for all incoming students. Her earlier book, *Defending Pornography: Free Speech, Sex, and the Fight for Women's Rights*, was named a *New York Times* "notable book" of 1995.

Strossen graduated Phi Beta Kappa from Harvard College and magna cum laude from Harvard Law School. Before becoming a law professor, she practiced law in Minneapolis (her hometown) and New York City. She is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations.