

### SHORT NARRATIVE BIOGRAPHY of RONALD D. ROTUNDA

**Ronald D. Rotunda** is a chaired law professor at Chapman University. Before that, he held chairs at George Mason U. and the U. of Illinois. He is the author of a leading course book on constitutional law, [Modern Constitutional Law](#) (11th ed. 2015), and co-author of: the most widely used course book on legal ethics, [Problems and Materials on Professional Responsibility](#) (12th ed. 2014); the leading Ethics Treatise, [Legal Ethics: The Lawyer's Deskbook on Professional Responsibility](#) (published by the ABA & West/Thompson 2016); and the 6-volume [Treatise on Constitutional Law](#) (5th ed. 2012). He also authored several other books and over 500 articles in law reviews, journals, newspapers, in this country and abroad. His books and articles are translated into Japanese, Korean, Chinese, French, Portuguese, German, Czech, and Russian, and cited more than 2000 times by state and federal courts (including the U.S. Supreme Court), and by foreign courts and law reviews.

He was Assistant Majority Counsel to the Senate Watergate Committee (1973 to 1974) and Special Counsel to the Independent Counsel in the Whitewater Investigation (1997 to 1999). He has been a member of the Publications Board of the A.B.A. Center for Professional Responsibility since 1994.

He was a Fulbright Professor in Venezuela and a Fulbright Research Scholar in Italy. He assisted the Czech Republic in drafting its first Rules of Ethics for lawyers. He was visiting professor at the University of Alabama, Visiting Scholar, Katholieke Universiteit Leuven, Belgium, visiting lecturer, Institut für Recht und Ökonomik, University of Hamburg. In 1993, he was the Constitutional Law Adviser to the Supreme National Council of Cambodia, assisting Cambodia in writing its first democratic constitution. He has consulted with new democracies in Eastern Europe on their proposed constitutions.

In May 2000, *American Law Media*, publisher of *The American Lawyer* and *National Law Journal*, picked Rotunda as one of the ten most influential Illinois Lawyers. Also in 2000, the U. of Chicago Press published a study that measured the influence, productivity, and reputations of law professors over the last several decades: Rotunda was 17th highest in the nation. The 2002-2003 *New Educational Quality Ranking* of U.S. Law Schools (EQR) [the last year records are available] ranked Rotunda [the 11<sup>th</sup> most cited of all law professors](#). He was selected Best Lawyer in Washington, DC, in 2009 in Ethics and Professional Responsibility Law, as published in the [Washington Post](#) in association with the *Legal Times*. He was also selected as one of the Best Lawyers in Southern California, in 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, in Ethics and Professional Responsibility.