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Biography

David M. Schizer is a leading scholar of tax, nonprofits, energy, and business law. A member of the Columbia Law School faculty since 1998, he became the youngest dean in Columbia Law School's history at age thirty-five, serving from 2004 to 2014. The author of a new nonprofit management book, How to Save the World in Six (Not So Easy) Steps: Bringing Out the Best in Nonprofits (Post Hill 2023), as well as an award-winning teacher, he has taught at Yale, Harvard, Hebrew University, University of Tokyo, and other major universities around the world. Schizer is a member of the Executive Committee of the Tax Section of the New York State Bar Association, as well as of the Tax Forum and the Tax Club.

Schizer was the CEO of JDC, a humanitarian organization active in seventy countries with a \$365 million annual budget, from 2017 to 2019. He has served on the board of a number of nonprofits and for-profit companies, including 92NY, the Ramaz School, the Philadelphia Inquirer, Feil Properties, and SEACOR Holdings.

Schizer also clerked for US Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg and Court of Appeals Judge Alex Kozinski. Schizer has a BA, MA, and JD from Yale.