

Press Release
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CHHS Founder and Director Greenberger Appointed to National Academies' Committee on Science, Technology, and Law

The National Academies' Policy and Global Affairs Division has invited University of Maryland Center for Health and Homeland Security (CHHS) Founder and Director Michael Greenberger to join its Committee on Science, Technology, and Law (CSTL). Greenberger is also a law school professor at the University of Maryland Francis King Carey School of Law (Maryland Carey Law). His appointment will run through December 2016.

The National Academy of Sciences, National Academy of Engineering, Institute of Medicine, and National Research Council, collectively known as the National Academies, appoint *ad hoc* committees to organize public conferences and carry out consensus studies including recommendations and advice to policy and lawmakers on issues relating to science, engineering, medicine, and health. The careful selection of guidance committees for balance of views, diversity of expertise, and freedom of conflicts of interest, together with the rigorous peer review that draft reports undergo, have given work of the National Academies an unequalled reputation for independence, objectivity, and thoroughness.

The National Academy of Sciences, established by an Act of Congress in 1863, created CSTL in 1998 to examine the growing number of areas where science, engineering, and law intersect in this era of increasing globalization. It is the leading national committee that brings top figures in science, engineering, and medicine together with members of the legal and policy communities for discussions about critical issues of mutual interest and concern.

"Collaboration among fields is a top priority for the university, and key to confronting the societal perils our faculty study on a daily basis," said Jay A. Perman, MD, President of the University of Maryland, Baltimore. "Professor Greenberger's presence on this committee, examining issues at the intersection of science and law, backed by his extensive experience, will surely enhance the National Academies' work."

With more than 40 years of professional service in the legal community, including the U.S. Department of Justice, Greenberger is often called upon to lend his expertise outside the Center and University. He is currently a member of the American Bar Associations' Law and National Security Advisory Committee; the Baltimore Washington Cyber Task Force; the University of Maryland, Baltimore Faculty Senate and Faculty Senate Advisory Committee; the Faculty Advisory Board for the University of Maryland Center for the Study of Business Ethics, Regulation and Crime; and the Maryland Commission on Cybersecurity Innovation and Excellence. Greenberger was also recently appointed to the inaugural Editorial Board for the international journal *Disaster and Military Medicine*.

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The Center, founded in 2002 by Professor Greenberger and staffed by more than 60 legal and public health professionals, routinely works with local and state health departments to develop policies related to disaster preparedness, response, and recovery. CHHS also drafted the Maryland Public Health Emergency Bench Book that serves as a reference for Maryland Judges dealing with complex legal issues that arise in a public health emergency. For several years the Center has worked with the Middle Atlantic Regional Center of Excellence for Biodefense and Emerging Infectious Diseases to host an annual conference on crucial public health issues facing scientists, medical professionals, emergency responders, and the public.

Bolstering future professionals in the field, Greenberger and CHHS staffers developed and continue to teach five classes at Maryland Carey Law, including Law and Policy of Emergency Public Health Response.

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The University of Maryland Center for Health and Homeland Security is a non-profit consulting firm and academic center that works side-by-side with the nation's leading emergency responders in the public and private sector to develop plans, policies, and strategies that ensure the safety of citizens in the event of natural or man-made catastrophes.