

## **Carl Stern**

### **Biographical Sketch**

Carl Stern is the J.B. & Maurice C. Shapiro Professor Emeritus of Media and Public Affairs at The George Washington University and the former Director of the Office of Public Affairs at the U.S. Department of Justice under Attorney General Janet Reno. Prior to that, he served for 26 years as the law correspondent for NBC News, covering the Supreme Court and the Justice Department and many of the nation's most newsworthy trials. Professor Stern has been a member of the Ohio and D.C. bars for almost 50 years. He was a founding member of the Forum Committee on Communications Law of the American Bar Association, and served on several ABA committees. In 1975 the ABA honored him as the first fulltime broadcast network reporter covering legal affairs. He is the recipient of the Justice Department's highest honor, the Edmund J. Randolph Award, and broadcasting's Peabody Award for "exceptional journalistic enterprise" in connection with his coverage of Watergate and his use of FOIA to uncover the FBI's secret Cointelpro actions to harass, neutralize and destroy organizations and individuals it regarded as politically pernicious. In 2014 the American University Washington College of Law's Collaboration on Government Secrecy presented him with its "FOIA Legends Award" for his "unique role over four decades" as a pioneering journalist, litigant and scholar in influencing the development of FOIA. Professor Stern has B.A. and M.S. (Journalism) degrees from Columbia University and a J.D. magna cum laude from Cleveland State University.