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Top Skills

Land Use
Public Policy
Real Estate Development

Languages

English (Native or Bilingual)
Spanish (Professional Working)

Certifications

Architecture License
Law License
LEED Accredited Professional
Law License

Publications

Historic Preservation Law in a Nutshell
Building-Related Renewable Energy and the Case of 360 State Street
Wrestling with MUDs to Pin Down the Truth About Special Districts
Solar Rights for Texas Property Owners
Comprehensive Rezonings

Sara C. Bronin

Chair, Advisory Council on Historic Preservation; Professor (on leave during ACHP service), Cornell University
Hartford, Connecticut, United States

Summary

Sara Bronin is a Mexican-American architect, attorney, professor, and policymaker whose interdisciplinary work focuses on how law can foster more equitable, sustainable, well-designed, and connected places. She is a Professor at the Cornell College of Architecture, Art, and Planning, an Associated Faculty Member of the Cornell Law School, and a Fellow of the Atkinson Center for Sustainability. Among other visiting positions, Bronin has taught at the Yale School of Architecture and the University of St. Gallen (Switzerland), and has been a visiting scholar at the University of Pennsylvania Kleinman Center on Energy Policy and the Sorbonne. Among other scholarly service, Bronin is an elected member of the American Law Institute and a past chair of the State & Local Government Section of the American Association of Law Schools. In addition to her books and treatises on land use and historic preservation law, she has written over two dozen articles on renewable energy, climate change, housing, urban planning, transportation, real estate development, and federalism. She also serves as the lead author of the land use volume of the forthcoming Restatement (Fourth) of Property. Among other current projects, Bronin leads the research team behind the groundbreaking CT Zoning Atlas, the first interactive GIS map of all zoning regulations in a single state. Her book, *Key to the City*, under contract with W.W. Norton Press, will explore how zoning shapes our lives. Active in public service, Professor Bronin is a board member of Latinos in Heritage Conservation and an advisor for the National Trust for Historic Preservation and the Sustainable Development Code. As the founder of Desegregate Connecticut, she leads a coalition that successfully advanced the first major statewide zoning reforms in several decades. Previously, she chaired Preservation Connecticut, served on the city of Hartford historic preservation commission, and led Hartford's nationally-recognized efforts to adopt a climate action plan and city plan, and to overhaul the zoning code.

Bronin won several design awards for the rehabilitation of her family's National-Register-listed 1865 brownstone. She holds a J.D. from Yale Law School (Harry S Truman Scholarship), M.Sc. from the University of Oxford (Rhodes Scholarship), and B.Architecture/ B.A. from the University of Texas. While in law school, she clerked for then-Judge Sonia Sotomayor on the Second Circuit Court of Appeals. A seventh-generation Texan, Sara is a native Houstonian. She grew up working in her grandparents' Mexican restaurant.

Experience

Advisory Council on Historic Preservation Chair

January 2023 - Present (7 months)

Washington DC-Baltimore Area

Cornell University

Professor, AAP/Real Estate; Assoc Faculty, Law School; Fellow, Atkinson Ctr (on leave while at ACHP)

July 2021 - Present (2 years 1 month)

Ithaca, NY

Voladizo LLC

Principal (on leave while at ACHP)

2012 - Present (11 years)

Represented clients, consulted, and gave expert testimony.

University of Connecticut

Thomas F. Gallivan Chair in Real Property Law & Faculty Director, Center for Energy & Env'tl Law

2006 - June 2021 (15 years)

Hartford, Connecticut

Served in various positions, concluding with holding the oldest endowed chair at the Law School for five years. Was an affiliated faculty of the Department of Public Policy, Connecticut Institute for Resilience & Climate Adaptation, Sustainable Global Cities Initiative, and Center for Environmental Sciences & Engineering.

Yale University

Visiting Professor

January 2021 - May 2021 (5 months)

Taught a seminar called "Curating Cities: The Power of Zoning."

University of Pennsylvania

Visiting Scholar

September 2020 - May 2021 (9 months)

Served as a visiting scholar at the Stuart Weitzman School of Design Kleinman Center for Energy Policy for the academic year

Education

Yale Law School

Doctor of Law (J.D.)

University of Oxford

Master of Science (M.Sc.), Economic and Social History

The University of Texas at Austin

Bachelor of Architecture (B.Arch.), Bachelor of Arts (B.A.), Architecture & Plan II Liberal Arts Honors (with Spanish minor)