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Dean Cornwell joined the Seton Hall Law faculty in 1994 and he served as Associate Dean for Academics from 2006 to 2009. He was named the Interim Dean of Seton Hall Law in November 2022.

His scholarship focuses on the intersection of criminal and mental health law, with particular attention to the constitutional limits on states' authority to manage criminal offending linked to mental disability. Within this context, his articles have addressed schoolyard shooters, sexual predators, persons found not guilty by reason of insanity, and offenders suffering from addiction. He is also

interested in the increased blurring of criminal and civil enforcement in a variety of contexts, including RICO, sexting by minors, and the treatment of lawful permanent residents. His articles have appeared in the *Washington & Lee Law Review*, *Houston Law Review*, *SMU Law Review*, and the *William & Mary Bill of Rights Journal*, among others. In 2010, he authored *The Glannon Guide to Criminal Procedure*, whose fifth edition was published by Wolters Kluwer in 2021.

Dean Cornwell teaches criminal law, criminal procedure and medical malpractice and has been voted Professor of the Year by the student body eight times. He has provided commentary in criminal cases in print and broadcast media, including *The New York Times, Time* magazine, the Associated Press, the New Jersey *Star Ledger*, and CBS, NBC, ABC and Fox News. He also lectures on criminal law and procedure for the nation's leading Bar review company.

Dean Cornwell received his A.B., with honors, from Harvard University, his M.Phil. in International Relations from Cambridge University, and his J.D. from Yale Law School where he was an Editor of the Yale Law Journal. He clerked for the Honorable Mariana R. Pfaelzer of the United States District Court for the Central District of California and the Honorable Dorothy W. Nelson of the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit. Before joining the Seton Hall law faculty, he served as a senior trial attorney for the Civil Rights Division of the U.S. Department of Justice where he received a Special Achievement Award from the U.S. Attorney General for "sustained, superior performance."