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**Biography**

Michael W. Carroll is Professor of Law and Director of the Program on Information Justice and Intellectual Property at American University Washington College of Law. He teaches and writes about intellectual property law and cyberlaw. Prior to entering the academy, he served as a law clerk to Judge Judith W. Rogers, U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit, and Judge Joyce Hens Green, U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia. He practiced law at Wilmer, Cutler & Pickering in Washington, D.C. He is a graduate of the Georgetown University Law Center and the University of Chicago.

Professor Carroll's research focuses on the search for balance in intellectual property law over time in the face of challenges posed by new technologies. He also acts on his ideas. He is a founding member of Creative Commons, Inc., a global organization that provides free, standardized copyright licenses to enable and to encourage legal sharing of creative and other copyrighted works. He also is on the sub-group of Board Members who advise the organization's science and education divisions.

Professor Carroll also is recognized as a leading advocate for open access over the Internet to the research that appears in scholarly and scientific journals. He has written white papers and has given numerous presentations to university faculty, administrators, and staff around the country on this issue.