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Narrative resume

Mark Sidel is Associate Professor of Law at the University of Iowa and a research scholar at the University's Obermann Center for Advanced Studies. His research and writing currently focus on philanthropy and the nonprofit sector, Asian law and legal reform, and law and development.

Sidel's courses include law and development; philanthropy and nonprofit institutions; contracts, and comparative law in Asia. Sidel has also taught Vietnamese and Chinese law at Harvard Law School (1998). He served as the W.G. Hart Lecturer in Law at the Law Faculty of the School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS) in London in 2003, held a University of Iowa international fellowship in 2003 to research civil liberties and anti-terrorism law and policy, and will hold the *chaire Asie* at the Institut d'Etudes Politiques de Paris and the Centre d'Etudes et de Reserches Internationales in 2004. Professor Sidel studied history at Princeton University (A.B. in history, 1979) and at Yale University, and law at Columbia Law School (J.D., 1985).

Before assuming his current position, Professor Sidel managed the regional program on philanthropy and the nonprofit sector for the Ford Foundation in South Asia (New Delhi, 1999-2000). He was responsible for all Ford Foundation programs in Vietnam (Hanoi and Bangkok, 1992-1995), and served on the Ford Foundation team that established the Foundation's office in China and as the Foundation's first program officer for law, human rights and legal reform based in China (Beijing, 1988-1991). Sidel has also served on the Ford Foundation's Endowment Working Group and as one of the drafters of the Foundation's endowment handbook.

Sidel currently serves as project director and senior editorial adviser on the Ford-supported research project *Philanthropy and Law in South Asia* (PALISA), which is mapping, analyzing and proposing reforms to the nonprofit legal systems of Bangladesh, India, Nepal, Pakistan and Sri Lanka. The Asia, Himalaya, Myer, and Rockefeller foundations are also providing support for this work.

Sidel has also served as a consultant on law and development, legal reform, philanthropy, the nonprofit sector and related areas for the Aga Khan Foundation, American Council of Learned Societies (ACLS), Asia Foundation, Asia Pacific Philanthropy Consortium, Asian Development Bank, Center for Educational Exchange with Vietnam, Economics Institute (Boulder), Ford Foundation, Global Equity Initiative (Kennedy School of Government, Harvard), Luce Foundation, McKnight Foundation, National Foreign Affairs Training Center/Foreign Service Institute (Washington), Oxfam International, Oxfam America, Oxfam Hong Kong, Pakistan Centre for Philanthropy, United Nations

Development Programme (UNDP), U.S. Department of Justice, U.S. State Department, Stanley Foundation, University of Iowa, Vietnamese Ministry of Justice, World Bank, and other institutions. Sidel has also served as Vice President and Senior Program Consultant at the Stanley Foundation.

Sidel's consultancy service with the Ford Foundation has included assignments with the Office of the President, the program offices for Governance and Civil Society, International Affairs, Asia, and Management Services, and the field offices for Vietnam and Thailand, India, Nepal and Sri Lanka, and Bangladesh.

Professor Sidel has published extensively on philanthropy, the nonprofit sector, civil society, law and development, and comparative law in Asia. His work has appeared or is forthcoming in *International and Comparative Law Quarterly (London)*, *Michigan Law Review*, *Pittsburgh Law Review*, *Michigan Journal of International Law*, *Singapore Journal of International and Comparative Law*, *Texas International Law Journal*, *Tulane Law Review*, *UC Davis Law Review*, *UCLA Pacific Basin Law Journal*, *Voluntas*, *China Quarterly*, *Asian Survey*, *SAIS Review*, *Signs*, *Vietnam Forum* and other journals, as well as in a number of edited volumes. Sidel's detailed research guide to Vietnamese law was also published by Harvard Law School. His monograph *Old Hanoi* was published by Oxford University Press in 1998.

Sidel practiced law with Baker & McKenzie in New York, Beijing and Hong Kong (1985-1988) and is a member of the New York bar. He taught earlier at Lewis and Clark Law School. He is a member of the Institute of Current World Affairs (Crane-Rogers Foundation) and the National Committee on U.S.-China Relations, and serves on the boards or advisory boards of Books and Authors/Vietnam (Chapel Hill), Bridge to Asia (San Francisco), Humanities Iowa (Iowa Humanities Council), YMCA Camp Wapsie (Coggon, Iowa), and the University of Iowa Research Council. Sidel speaks and reads Chinese and reads Vietnamese.

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