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The Strange Saga of Academic Freedom and the Law

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Professor Finkin is an expert on labor and employment law in both domestic and comparative contexts. He has written on the topics of tenure and academic freedom in postsecondary contexts. His 2009 book, *For the Common Good: Principles of American Academic Freedom* (with Robert C. Post, Yale University Press) outlines the history of academic freedom and discusses the four primary dimensions of academic freedom—research and publication, teaching, intramural speech, and extramural speech. This text also distinguishes the concept of academic freedom from First Amendment free speech. His 1996 edited book, *The Case for Tenure* (Cornell ILR Press), was named an “Outstanding Academic Book” by *Choice: Current Reviews for Academic Libraries*. Professor Finkin served as general counsel for the American Association of University Professors (AAUP) from 1976-78 and chair of Committee A on Academic Freedom and Tenure for the AAUP from 1980-1990. He has also served as an expert witness on issues of academic freedom and tenure in legal cases at both the district court and appellate court levels. On campus, Professor Finkin has served on the UIUC Faculty Senate Committee on Academic Freedom and Tenure. Since 1997, he has been a general editor of the *Comparative Labor Law & Policy Journal*. Professor Finkin holds honorary doctorates from the Universities of Trier (Germany) and Athens (Greece).

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