

Noah Bookbinder, Incoming FASPE CEO

Noah Bookbinder is a lawyer, educator, and nationally recognized expert on ethics, public integrity, and the rule of law. As of February 2, 2026, he will serve as the Chief Executive Officer of FASPE (Fellowships at Auschwitz for the Study of Professional Ethics), where he will lead the organization's mission to strengthen ethical leadership across professions through education, reflection, and global engagement. His career spans public service, legal advocacy and scholarship, and nonprofit leadership, with a consistent focus on strengthening ethical norms and accountability in democratic institutions.

Previously, Bookbinder served as President of Citizens for Responsibility and Ethics in Washington (CREW) for more than a decade. During his tenure, he guided the organization through a period of significant growth and influence, expanding a small team of experts into a leading institution focused on ethical governance and democratic resilience, at a time when those principles were increasingly under attack. Under his leadership, CREW advanced pioneering legal strategies to enforce constitutional safeguards, elevated public understanding of misuse of office, and helped drive accountability outcomes involving officials from across the political spectrum, while emphasizing the organization's nonpartisan mission to restore trust in government.

Earlier in his career, Bookbinder held senior roles in the federal government. He served as Director of the Office of Legislative and Public Affairs at the United States Sentencing Commission, working with judges, Congress, experts, and the public to help drive crucial criminal justice policy reforms. He was also Chief Counsel for Criminal Justice for the U.S. Senate Judiciary Committee, advising on major legislative and oversight matters including landmark criminal justice legislation and multiple Supreme Court confirmations, and a Trial Attorney in the U.S. Department of Justice's Public Integrity Section, where he prosecuted public corruption cases and developed deep expertise in ethics enforcement and accountability law.

In addition to his legal work, Bookbinder has been deeply committed to education and mentorship. He has taught courses on prosecuting public corruption as an adjunct professor at George Washington University Law School and Howard University School of Law and spoken at law schools across the country, helping prepare future lawyers to confront ethical challenges in public service with rigor and independence.

His expertise has also been recognized through his appointment in 2022 by Homeland Security Secretary Alejandro Mayorkas to the Homeland Security Advisory Council, where he served as a member advising the Department of Homeland Security on important issues and co-chaired the subcommittee on openness and transparency.

Bookbinder is a graduate of Yale University and Stanford Law School. Across his career, he has been guided by a core belief that ethical leadership, institutional integrity, and democratic trust are not abstract ideals, but practical disciplines that must be cultivated, taught, and defended.