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Michael Ashley Stein holds a J.D. from Harvard Law School and a Ph.D. from Cambridge University. Co-founder and Executive Director of the Harvard Law School Project on Disability, and a long time visiting Professor at Harvard, he has also taught at New York University, Stanford, and William & Mary law schools, and is an Extraordinary Professor at the University of Pretoria Faculty of Law, Centre for Human Rights. An internationally recognized expert on disability law and policy, Stein participated in the drafting of the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, works with disabled persons organizations around the world, actively consults with governments on their disability laws and policies, advises a number of UN bodies, and has brought landmark litigation and written extensively on disability rights. Stein has received numerous awards for his work (e.g., the inaugural Morton E. Ruderman Prize for Inclusion, the inaugural Henry Viscardi Achievement Award, and the ABA Paul G. Hearne Award), and was appointed by President Obama to the United States Holocaust Council.