Renowned legal scholar to join Harvard Law faculty

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CAMBRIDGE, Mass.—Legal scholar and political theorist Cass Sunstein is joining the faculty of Harvard Law School.

Harvard Dean Elena Kagan calls Sunstein "the pre-eminent legal scholar of our time."

Sunstein, a tenured professor at the University of Chicago Law School, is the author or co-author of more than 15 books on aspects of public law, including the regulation of risk, the nature of rights, judicial decision making and constitutional doctrine.

Sunstein will begin teaching at Harvard in the fall. He also will be director of the new Program on Risk Regulation, which will focus on how law and policy deal with issues of the 21st century, including terrorism and climate change.

Sunstein earned undergraduate and law degrees from Harvard.