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Sidney and Walter Siben Distinguished Professorship Lecture in Family Law
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“Do Tell! The Rights of Donor-Conceived Individuals”

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The Sidney and Walter Siben Distinguished Professorship was established in 1984 through a generous gift from the law firm of Siben & Siben. Originally designed to recognize accomplishments in tort law, the professorship was expanded in 1986 to allow for recognition in family law and awarded to John DeWitt Gregory, who held the professorship in that field until 2012. The professorship is currently held by Joanna L. Grossman.
Naomi Cahn

Naomi Cahn is the Harold H. Greene Professor of Law at George Washington University Law School. Her areas of expertise include family law, adoption and reproductive technology, international women’s rights, and trusts and estates. She has written numerous law review articles on family law, feminist jurisprudence, elder law and other subjects, as well as several books, including *Test Tube Families: Why the Fertility Market Needs Legal Regulation* (NYU Press 2009). *The New Kinship: Constructing Donor-Conceived Families* was published earlier this year. She has also co-authored additional books, including, with June Carbone, *Red Families v. Blue Families* (OUP 2010), and, with Fionnuala Ní Aoláin and Dina Haynes, *On the Frontlines: Gender, War, and the Post-Conflict Process* (OUP 2011). Her newest book, *Finding Our Families: A First-of-Its-Kind Book for Donor-Conceived People and Their Families*, co-authored with Wendy Kramer, will be published in December 2013. She is also the coauthor of casebooks in the fields of both family law and trusts and estates.

In 2013, Professor Cahn became the reporter for a new model act on fiduciary access to digital assets. She is a senior fellow at the Evan B. Donaldson Adoption Institute, a member of the Yale Cultural Cognition Project and a board member of the Donor Sibling Registry. Prior to joining the faculty at George Washington in 1993, Professor Cahn practiced with Hogan & Hartson in Washington, D.C., and as a staff attorney with Philadelphia’s Community Legal Services. She received her undergraduate degree from Princeton University, her J.D. from Columbia Law School and her LL.M. from Georgetown University Law Center.
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