

September 30, 2026

Dear Selection Committee:

I write to nominate Professor Evelyn Douek for the ALI Early Career Scholars Medal. Professor Douek joined Stanford Law School in 2022 as Assistant Professor of Law and was promoted to Associate Professor of Law in 2025. In 2024, I nominated her for the Young Scholars Medal and am honored to do so again. Over the past two years, Professor Douek has continued on a remarkable trajectory to become the leading scholar of her generation at the intersection of free speech and technology, where many of the most pressing policy issues of our time sit. She is widely respected for her deep knowledge of legal doctrine, thoughtful policy analysis, and thorough understanding of the social media and internet industries. She is especially recognized for her innovative approach to social media regulation and content moderation, especially in thinking about the interaction between free speech, corporate power and governance, and public regulation.

The ALI Medal is awarded to scholars whose work is “relevant to public policy” and has the “potential to influence improvements in the law.” Professor Douek has already made important contributions to the debate over public policy in the regulation of online speech, both by industry as well as by government. She writes about the meaning of free speech in a time of technological and political flux, and her recent work in particular argues that First Amendment doctrine is failing to live up to its promises under the pressure of these profound changes. The two pieces submitted for the Early Career Scholars Medal exemplify this work, suggesting ways in which courts, regulators and private institutions can do more to vindicate the values the First Amendment is founded on. She is certain to continue to be a prominent national voice on these issues.

As shown in her Curriculum Vitae, Professor Douek is a very productive scholar, with articles appearing several times in the *Harvard Law Review*, and also published in *Columbia Law Review*, *California Law Review*, *Yale Law Journal Forum*, and *The University of Chicago Law Review Online*. In addition to her publications in scholarly fora, Douek has gained national prominence disseminating her work on law-and-tech issues to broader audiences—for example, as a regular contributor to *The Atlantic*, *Wired* and *Slate*, as well as the co-host of the podcast, *Moderated Content*. This range of engagement, across scholarly and popular venues reflects her exceptional skills as a communicator, which extends the reach and impact of her scholarship.

I should note that the students at Stanford Law regard her as one of the very top faculty members. She was selected by the 2024 graduating class for Stanford Law’s John Bingham Hurlbut Award for Excellence in Teaching and she was awarded the Barbara Allen Babcock Award for Excellence in Teaching (in the first-year curriculum).

While still a junior scholar, Professor Douek has already made a significant impact on scholarship, public debate and teaching. Moreover, her promise as an influential scholar and public figure is truly exceptional and it would be most fitting for the selection committee to recognize her with the Early Career Scholars Medal.

Thank you for considering this nomination.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "G. Triantis". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "G" and a stylized "T".

George Triantis