Lynn Stout, Distinguished Professor of Corporate and Business Law and Director of the Clarke Program on Corporations & Society at Cornell Law School, died April 16, 2018 in Ithaca, New York, at the age of 60. Born on September 14, 1957, Lynn received a B.A., summa cum laude, and a Master of Public Affairs degree from Princeton University, and she held a J.D. from Yale Law School.

Lynn began teaching law in 1986 at George Washington University Law School, and went on to teach at several leading law schools, including NYU Law School, Harvard Law School, Georgetown University Law Center, and UCLA School of Law, before joining Cornell Law School.

Among other positions, Lynn served as the Director of the Chartered Financial Analysts Institute and as a Committee Member to the Office of Financial Research with the U.S. Department of the Treasury. Lynn was also a Member of the Board of Advisors for the Aspen Institute’s Business & Society Program, Executive Advisor to the Brookings Institution Project on Corporate Purpose, Advisor to the Conference Board's Governance Center, and a Research Fellow for the Gruter Institute for Law and Behavioral Research.

Lynn also served as the principal investigator and founder of the UCLA-Sloan Foundation Research Program on Business Organizations, as a Member of the American Bar Association’s Task Force on the Changing Nature of Board/Shareholder Relations, as a Member of the Board of Directors of the American Law and Economics Association, as Chair of the American Association of Law Schools Section on Law and Economics, and as Chair of the American Association of Law Schools Section on Business Associations.

As one of the most cited and respected corporate law scholars worldwide, Lynn produced scholarship that had a profound impact both inside and outside of academia. Her pioneering work on corporate purpose and on derivatives is now canonical. As her colleague Robert Hockett
reiterated, Lynn was a uniquely brilliant, creative, courageous and energetic academic. Lynn was also renowned for her uncompromising ethics and morals, both values that informed not only her scholarship, but also all aspects of her life.

Lynn wrote and co-authored a number of books and scholarly articles. Her most prominent books include *Cultivating Conscience: How Good Laws Make Good People* (2011); and *The Shareholder Value Myth: How Putting Shareholders First Harms Investors, Corporations, and the Public* (2012). Her article with Margaret Blair, *A Team Production Theory of Corporate Law* (1999), is one of the most-cited articles of all time in corporate and securities law. Lynn’s dedication to her scholarship is exemplified by the fact that she devoted the last several weeks of her life working on another book, *Citizen Capitalism: How a Universal Fund Can Provide Influence and Income to All* (forthcoming 2019).

Lynn was a force of nature in her personal life as well: she lived boldly and practiced many sports. Lynn rode on the Princeton equestrian team, she was an avid runner, polo player, hiker, skier, biker, kayaker, and boxer. She enjoyed extreme sports such as heli-skiing and hot air ballooning, and she was an active member of the Ithaca Dragon Boat Club.

Lynn will forever be remembered for her humane values and qualities; she was a beloved constituent of the Ithaca community—where she excelled in bringing people together—as well as a generous and caring friend, a passionate teacher, and a supportive mentor. She is survived by her two beloved sons, David and Dan, her sister Kay, and her brother Warren.

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