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PHILIP HAMBURGER, J.D.
Maurice and Hilda Friedman Professor of Law
at Columbia Law School

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Philip Hamburger states that there has been an expansion of the power of the administrative state during the past several presidential administrations. This sort of power, he notes, is often said to be unduly burdensome on business and an impediment to innovation and prosperity. But even more fundamentally, Hamburger says, administrative power raises constitutional questions and poses a serious threat to civil liberties. By recognizing how administrative power systematically undermines constitutional rights, Hamburger says that Americans can begin to push back against it.

Philip Hamburger is the Maurice and Hilda Friedman Professor of Law at Columbia Law School. Before joining Columbia, he held prestigious academic posts at the University of Chicago Law School, George Washington University Law School, and the University of Connecticut Law School. He has been a Visiting Professor at the University of Virginia Law School and at Northwestern Law School, where he was the Jack N. Pritzker Distinguished Visiting Professor of Law. Prior to his academic career, he practiced law in business and in corporate tax.

Professor Hamburger writes on constitutional law and its history, with particular emphasis on religious liberty, freedom of speech and the press, judicial office, administrative power, and unconstitutional conditions. He has authored several books, including Separation of Church and State (Harvard University Press, 2002), Is Administrative Law Unlawful? (University of Chicago Press, 2014), The Administrative Threat (Encounter 2017), and Liberal Suppression: Section 501(c)(3) and the Taxation of Speech (forthcoming 2018, University of Chicago Press).

He holds his BA from Princeton University and his JD from Yale Law School.