

Michael A. Livermore

Expert on the economics of environmental regulation and policy.



Michael A. Livermore is known for his thoughtful and refreshingly pragmatic approach to environmental and health issues, advocating for strong regulations that also make economic sense. Livermore began his career working for the New York Public Interest Research Group (NYPIRG). Working his way up to environmental campaigns director, he established himself as a leading voice of the state’s environmental community. But he also saw firsthand that environmental groups were losing key battles because they weren’t prepared to respond to industry’s cost-benefit arguments.

After graduating *magna cum laude* from New York University School of Law where he published scholarship on regulatory issues, he collaborated with Richard L. Revesz, the dean of NYU Law, on *Retaking Rationality: How Cost-Benefit Analysis Can Better Protect the Environment and Our Health* (Oxford University Press, 2008). Praised as “an important book” and “essential reading for the thinking environmentalist,” the book argues that properly conducted cost benefit analysis can be used to shape regulations that will create a clean environment—and a thriving economy.

He is now executive director of the Institute for Policy Integrity, a think tank and advocacy center he and Revesz founded at NYU Law in July 2008 to improve the quality of government decision-making. IPI conducts research and advocates for a wide variety of environmental, public health and safety reforms, from adding green standards in the stimulus bill to conducting an unbiased economic analysis of offshore oil drilling. Recently, IPI conducted a detailed legal analysis on EPA’s next steps for regulating greenhouse gases.

Livermore’s views on regulatory policy have been featured in *BusinessWeek*, *Forbes*, The Diane Rehm Show, *The Wall Street Journal*, *The Washington Post*, *The New Republic*, *Grist* and *Time*.