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Jeff Trexler has served since 2020 as Interim Director of the Comic Book Legal Defense Fund, a nonprofit organization dedicated to protecting free expression and the legal rights of the comics community. He has extensive experience providing strategic advice to educators, librarians, retailers, publishers, creators, legislators, and even law enforcement on responding to attempts to restrict access to graphic novels. An attorney himself, he is also the first CBLDF director since its founding in 1986 to provide direct legal representation in censorship cases, most notably the successful defense of *Gender Queer* against an unconstitutional attempt to prohibit the book's sale or distribution in Virginia.

Prior to joining CBLDF, Jeff served for a decade as Associate Director of the Fashion Law Institute, held a chaired professorship in social entrepreneurship, and was a member of the board of directors of the Museum of Comics and Cartoon Art. He holds a J.D. from Yale Law School and a Ph.D. from Duke University, and he is admitted to practice before the U.S. Supreme Court and in New York.