

The Sixth Annual Conference on Empirical Legal Studies

Northwestern University School of Law
375 E. Chicago Avenue, Chicago, IL 60611

Friday, November 4–
Saturday, November 5, 2011



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Friday, November 4

9:00 am **Registration and Continental Breakfast**
Atrium

9:45–10:35 am **Empirical Methods Lectures** **Room**
Track I Methods I: Matching and Reweighting RB150
Track II Methods II: Experiments RB140

10:35–10:50 am **Break**

10:50–11:40 am **Empirical Methods Lectures** **Room**
Track I Methods III: Assessing and Improving RB150
 Covariate Balance
Track II Methods IV: Bootstrapping RB140

11:40 am–12:30 pm **Lunch** **Atrium**

11:45 am–12:30 pm **Empirical Legal Studies and the Future**
of Law and Social Science at the NSF
RB140

12:30–2:30 pm **Session I** **Room**
Civil Procedure: Motions to Dismiss MC185/Sidley Hall
Contracts RB140
Courts and Judges I MC375/Smith Hall
Gun Control and Criminal Deterrence MC381/Cutting Hall
Law and Psychology I RB339/
 Schachtman Gordon
Securities Law I RB150
Lawyering LM317/Hoyne Hall

2:30–2:45 pm **Break**

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Corporate Governance I RB150
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 Schachtman Gordon
Medical Malpractice MC185/Sidley Hall
Mixed Studies I MC381/Cutting Hall

5:00–6:30 pm **Poster Session** **Atrium**

6:45–8:30 pm **Dinner** **540 Wieboldt Hall**
Keynote Speaker: Steven Drizin

Saturday, November 5

8:00–8:45 am **Continental Breakfast**
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Bankruptcy RB140
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Torts and Products Liability MC185/Sidley Hall

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 Schachtman Gordon
Methodology LM317/Hoyne Hall
Mixed Studies II MC195/Strawn Hall

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1:15–1:45 pm **Plenary Address** **Thorne Auditorium**
Address by: Andrew Gelman

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2:00–4:00 pm **Session V** **Room**
Antitrust Law LM317/Hoyne Hall
Banking/IP RB150
Courts and Judges III MC375/Smith Hall
Employment Discrimination MC185/Sidley Hall
Experimental RB339/
 Schachtman Gordon
Law and Politics IV MC381/Cutting Hall
Securities Law II RB140

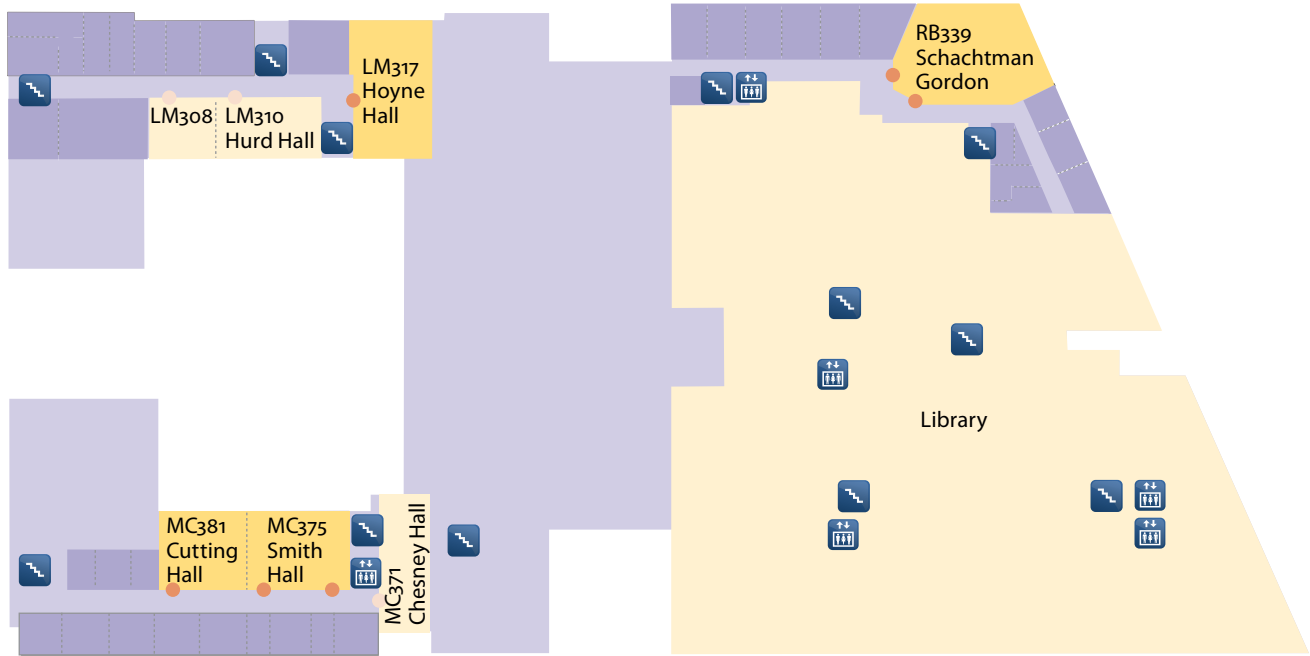
Post Conference Reception (at Bernie Black and Kate Litvak's house in Evanston): 5:00–7:00

Bus leaves Northwestern Law at 4:15, returns to Chicago by 7:45

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Empirical Legal Studies and the Future of Law and Social Science at the NSF

Chair: Anna-Maria Marshall

Empirical Legal Studies and the Future of Law and Social Science at the NSF

Christian A. Meissner (program director for Law and Social Science at NSF), Robert M. Lawless, Anna-Maria Marshall, Thomas J. Miles

12:30–2:30 pm
MC185/Sidley Hall

Session I

Civil Procedure: Motions to Dismiss

Chair: Ronald Allen

Discussant:
Lonny Hoffman

Motions to Dismiss for Failure to State a Claim after Iqbal: Report to the Judicial Conference Advisory Committee on Civil Rules

Joe S. Cecil, George W. Cort, **Margaret S. Williams**, Jared J. Bataillon

Discussant:
Dawn Chutkow

The Problem of Measuring Legal Change, with Application to *Bell Atlantic v. Twombly*
William Hubbard

Discussant:
J. J. Prescott

Selection in Motion: Conceptual Challenges in Measuring, and Some Empirical Results On, the Effects of Heightened Pleading

Jonah B. Gelbach

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RB140

Session I
Contracts
Chair: Ezra Friedman

Discussant: **The Effect of Rule Determinacy on Deciding Contract Disputes: Experimental Data and Network Simulation**
Nicholas J. Schweitzer
Ted Wright

Discussant: **Usage in the Courts: The Flawed Evidentiary Basis of Article 2's Incorporation Strategy**
Eyal Zamir
Lisa Esther Bernstein

Discussant: **Financial Contracts in PIPE Offerings: The Role of Expert Placement Agents**
Joseph Gerakos
Ola Bengtsson, Na Dai

12:30–2:30 pm
MC375/Smith Hall

Session I
Courts and Judges I
Chair: Jonathan Kastellec

Discussant: **Inconsistency, Indeterminacy, and Error in Adjudication**
Michael Heise
Joshua B. Fischman

Discussant: **Ideology, Legitimacy and the Use of Precedent on the U.S. Supreme Court**
Nathaniel Beck
Jeremy D. Horowitz

Discussant: **Social Interactions and the Content of Legal Opinions**
James Lindgren
Jordi Blanes i Vidal, **Clare Leaver**

12:30–2:30 pm
MC381/Cutting Hall

Session I
Gun Control and Criminal Deterrence
Chair: Thomas Miles

Discussant: **Deterability by Age**
Bernard Trujillo
Gregory J. DeAngelo, Shawn D. Bushway, Benjamin Hansen

Discussant: **New Evidence in the 'More Guns, Less Crime' Debate: A Synthetic Controls Approach**
Jeffrey Lax
John J. Donohue III, Abhay Aneja

Discussant: **Profiling and Predicting Opinions on Gun Control: A Comparative Perspective on the Factors Underlying Opinion on Different Gun Control Measures**
Craig Burnett
Amy Semet, Stephen Ansolabehere

12:30–2:30 pm
RB339/Schachtman Gordon

Session I
Law and Psychology I
Chair: **Janice Nadler**

Discussant:
Valerie Hans

'They Saw a Protest': Cognitive Illiberalism and the Speech-Conduct Distinction
Dan M. Kahan, David A. Hoffman, Donald Braman, Danieli Evans, Jeffrey J. Rachlinski

Discussant:
Dan Simon

Effect of Blinded Experts on Mock Jurors' Assessments of Credibility and Verdicts in Civil Trials
Christopher T. Robertson, David V. Yokum

Discussant:
Jeffrey Rachlinski

Damage Anchors on Real Juries
Shari Seidman Diamond, Beth Murphy, Mary R. Rose, John B. Meixner

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RB150

Session I
Securities Law I
Chair: **Susan P. Shapiro**

Discussant:
Cindy Alexander

Capital-Market Effects of Securities Regulation: The Role of Prior Regulation, Implementation and Enforcement
Hans Bonde Christensen, **Luzi Hail**, Christian Leuz

Discussant:
Dain Donelson

Disclosure Strategies and Shareholder Litigation Risk: Evidence from Earnings Restatements
Michael Furchtgott, Frank Partnoy

Discussant:
Frank Partnoy

Scandal Enforcement at the SEC: Salience and the Arc of the Option Backdating Investigations
Stephen J. Choi, **Adam C. Pritchard**, Anat Carmy Wiechman

12:30–2:30 pm
LM317/Hoyne Hall

Session I
Lawyering
Chair: **Meredith Rountree**

Discussant:
Neal Feigenson

Do Lawyers Really Believe Their Own Hype and Should They?: A Natural Experiment
Zev J. Eigen, Yair Listokin

Discussant:
David Webber

Cheap Talk and Credibility: The Consequences of Confidence and Accuracy on Advisor Credibility and Persuasiveness
Sunita Sah, Don A. Moore, **Robert MacCoun**

Discussant:
Thomas Cohen

How Much Difference Does a Lawyer Make? The Effect of Defense Counsel on Murder Case Outcomes
James M. Anderson, Paul Heaton

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Break

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Session II
Corporate Governance I
Chair: Eric Talley

Discussant:
Usha Rodrigues

The Market Hates a Monitor: The Adverse Selection of Independent Directors Who Oust a CEO
Mary-Hunter McDonnell, Brayden King

Discussant:
Alicia Davis

Tradeoffs between Internal and External Governance: Board Structure and Antitakeover Provisions
Lixiong Guo, Patrick A. Lach, **H. Shawn Mobbs**

Discussant:
Yair Listokin

Does the Director Election System Matter? Evidence from Majority Voting
Yonca Ertimur, Fabrizio Ferri

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LM317/Hoyne Hall

Session II
Criminal Justice I
Chair: Sonja Starr

Discussant:
Jason Nance

Race and Selective Enforcement in Public Housing
Jeffrey Fagan, Garth Davies, Adam Carlis

Discussant:
Sarath Sanga

Assessing Racial Discrimination in Parole Release
Stéphane Mechoulan, Nicolas Sahuguet

Discussant:
John Pfaff

The Market for Mules: Risk and Compensation of Cross-Border Drug Couriers
Caleb E. Mason, David Bjerk

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RB140

Session II
Intellectual Property
Chair: Shane Greenstein

Discussant:
Jay Kesan

Predicting Fair Use
Matthew Sag

Discussant:
Lee Petherbridge

Patent-Infringement Injunctions' Scope
John M. Golden

Discussant:
David Schwartz

Priority Rules: An Empirical Exploration of First-to-Invent Versus First-to-File
David S. Abrams, R. Polk Wagner

2:45–4:45 pm
MC375/Smith Hall

Session II
Law and Politics I
Chair: **Shelley Murphey**

Discussant:
Stefanie Lindquist

Cases, Judges, States, or Politics – What is it that Changes the Law? A Study of States' Supreme Courts Decisions to Accept or Reject the Loss of Chance Doctrine
Boaz Shnoor, Naomi Bacon-Shnoor

Discussant:
Jason Yackee

Legislative Borrowing
Katerina Linos

Discussant:
Mathew McCubbins

Exposing Malfeasance: Transparency Laws and Government Corruption
Abby K. Wood

2:45–4:45 pm
RB339/Schachtman Gordon

Session II
Law and Psychology II
Chair: **Dan Simon**

Discussant:
Terry Maroney

When Does Knowledge Become Intent?: Perceiving the Minds of Wrongdoers
Pam Mueller, Lawrence M. Solan, John M. Darley

Discussant:
Andrea Chandrasekher

Sorting Guilty Minds
Francis X. Shen, Morris B. Hoffman, Owen D. Jones, Joshua D. Greene, Rene Marois

Discussant:
Yuval Feldman

Probable Cause, Probability, and Hindsight
Jeffrey J. Rachlinski, Andrew J. Wistrich, Chris Guthrie

2:45–4:45 pm
MC185/Sidley Hall

Session II
Medical Malpractice
Chair: **Ronen Avraham**

Discussant:
M. Todd Henderson

Curb Your Premium! Evaluating State Intervention in Medical Malpractice Insurance
Veronica Grembi, Sofia Amaral-Garcia

Discussant:
Juan Pantano

Settlement with Insurer Duty to Settle: Structural Model and Evidence from Malpractice Claims
Kowsar Yousefi, Bernard S. Black

Discussant:
Y. Yang

Will Tort Reform Bend the Cost Curve? Evidence from Texas
Myungho Paik, Bernard S. Black, David A. Hyman, Charles M. Silver

2:45–4:45 pm
MC381/Cutting Hall

Session II
Mixed Studies I
Chair: **Matthew Sag**

Discussant: **Empiricism and the Rising Incidence of Coauthorship in Law**
Theodore Eisenberg Tom Ginsburg, **Thomas J. Miles**

Discussant: **Predicting Premeditation: Future Behavior is Seen as More Intentional than Past Behavior**
Jessica Salerno **Zachary Burns**, Eugene M. Caruso, Daniel M. Bartels

Discussant: **How Effective Are Limited Legal Assistance Programs? A Randomized Experiment in a Massachusetts Housing Court**
Max Schanzenbach D. James Greiner, **Cassandra Wolos Pattanayak**, Jonathan Philip Hennessy

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Poster Session
Chair: **Theodore Eisenberg**

Case Selection and Dissent in Courts of Last Resort: An Empirical Study of the Israel Supreme Court
Theodore Eisenberg, Talia Fisher, Issachar Rosen-Zvi

The Effectiveness of the 2008–2010 Housing Tax Credit
Jonathan Brogaard, Kevin Roshak

CEO Compensation Contagion: Evidence from an Exogenous Shock
Frederick L. Bereskin, David C. Cicero

‘Good’ and ‘Evil’: The Relationship Between Corporate Social Responsibility and Corporate Political Activity
Brian Kelleher Richter

Activism and the Move Away from Staggered Boards
Tom Nohel

Are You Green Yet? – On the Diffusion of Constitutionally Protected Environmental Rights
Jerg Gutmann, Sina Imhof, Stefan Voigt

Race in the U.S. Federal Courts: Examining the Possibility of Racial Bias in Appellate Review
Maya Sen

Judicial Retention Elections
Greg Casey, James W. Endersby, Jennifer A. Dube

The Politics of Federalism: Self-Interest or Safeguards? Evidence from Congressional Control of State Taxation
Brian D. Galle

The Politics of ‘Suggestions of Immunity’: An Empirical Analysis of the State Department’s Sovereign Immunity Decisions from 1952 to 1977
Adam Chilton

A Legal and Empirical Assessment of Random, Suspicionless Student Searches Conducted by Public School Officials
Jason P. Nance

Who’s Better at Defending Criminals? Does Type of Defense Attorney Matter in Terms of Producing Favorable Case Outcomes
Thomas H. Cohen

Judging Styles
Corey Rayburn Yung

Corporate Litigation and Corporate Governance Restructuring
Chelsea Liu

Can Mandatory Disclosures Curb Consumers’ Optimism About Successfully Redeeming Mail-In Rebates?
Molly Mercer, Ahmed Taha

Is Disclosure an Effective Cleansing Mechanism? The Dynamics of Compensation Peer Benchmarking

Michael W. Faulkender, Jun Yang

Deconstructing the Taxation of Packaged Financial Strategies

Thomas J. Brennan, Robert L. McDonald

Findings that Resonate: The Role of Race in Capital Charging and Sentencing in North Carolina, 1990-2009

Catherine M. Grosso, Barbara O'Brien, George G. Woodworth

Determinants of Map Violations

Ayelet Israeli, Eric Anderson, Anne T. Coughlan

Networks, Hiring, and Attainment: Evidence from Law Firm Dissolutions

Christopher I. Rider

Ideological Congruity between Appointing Presidents and Supreme Court Justices, 1937-2008

Hemant Sharma, Colin Glennon

Judicial Selection Methods in the American States: The Values of Merit Plans

Hossein Alikamar Abbasi

Labor Law and Union Strength in 21 OECD Countries

Matthew Dimick

Assessing the Crime Impact of Sexually Violent Predator Laws

Tamara Rice Lave, Justin McCrary

Limits of the Law: The Story of the Popela Community

Bernadette Atuahene, Sanele Sibanda

Substantive Justice: How the Substantive Law Shapes Perceived Fairness

David Lovis-McMahon, N. J. Schweitzer

The Effect of the 2003 Dividend Preference on Portfolio Allocation of Stock

Elizabeth Chorvat

Lay Judgments of Legal Decision-Making: The Ineffectiveness of General-Interest Intermediaries

Dan Simon, Nicholas Scurich

The Hog-Cycle of Law Professors

Christoph Engel, Hanjo Hamann

Tenancy in 'Anticommons'? A Theoretical and Empirical Analysis of Co-Ownership

Yun-chien Chang

Has Direct Democracy Created Constitutional Dilettantes Out of Voters? A Reassessment of When Voters Use Cues in Initiative Elections

Craig M. Burnett, Mathew D. McCubbins

A Difficulty in the Concept of Affirmative Action: Evidence from Females in Legislatures

Dino Falaschetti

The Divergence in Appellate Courts' Reactions to Larger Workloads

Adam Chilton, Rachel Crouch, Shay Lavie

Private Policing of Mergers and Acquisitions: An Empirical Assessment of Institutional Lead Plaintiffs in Transactional Litigation

David H. Webber

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540 Wieboldt Hall

Dinner and Address
Introduction by Shari Seidman Diamond

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The Use of Social Science to Exonerate and to Advance Reform: *State v. Henderson* and Other Successes

Steven A. Drizin, Legal Director, Center for Wrongful Convictions

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RB140

Session III
Bankruptcy
Chair: **Douglas Baird**

Discussant:
Robert Lawless

Long-Term Income Stagnation Among the Bankrupt
Daniel Sullivan, **Frank McIntyre**

Discussant:
Barry Adler

The Brazilian Bankruptcy Law Experiment
Aloisio Pessoa de Araujo, **Rafael de Vasconcelos Xavier Ferreira**, Bruno Funchal

Discussant:
Sudheer Chava

Debt Covenants, Bankruptcy Risk, and Issuance Costs
Sattar Mansi, Yaxuan Qi, **John K. Wald**

8:45–10:45 am
MC375/Smith Hall

Session III
Constitutional Law
Chair: **Tom Ginsburg**

Discussant:
Christian Davenport

Do Constitutions Matter? A Preliminary Inquiry into the Relationship between De Jure and De Facto Rights Protection
James Melton, Tom Ginsburg

Discussant:
Paul Heald

The Transnational Origins of Constitutions: An Empirical Investigation
Benedikt Goderis, **Mila Versteeg**

Discussant:
Abraham Bell

The Economic Impacts of Eminent Domain
Daniel L. Chen, **Susan Yeh**

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RB150

Session III
Corporate Governance II
Chair: **Dharmika Dharmapala**

Discussant:
Dino Falaschetti

Learning and the Disappearing Association between Governance and Returns
Lucian A. Bebchuk, Alma Cohen, **Charles C. Y. Wang**

Discussant:
Roberta Romano

Vulnerability to the Financial Crisis: The Roles of Firm- and Country-Level Governance Mechanisms in Europe
Peter-Jan Engelen, Marc van Essen

Discussant:
Simi Kedia

Corporate Governance and Corporate Political Activity: What Effect Will Citizens United Have on Shareholder Wealth?
John C. Coates, IV

8:45–10:45 am
LM317/Hoyne Hall

Session III
Criminal Justice II
Chair: Andrea Chandrasekher

Discussant:
Victoria Stodden

Measuring Racial Profiling
Katherine Y. Barnes

Discussant:
Justin McCrary

Do Sentencing Enhancements for Drunk Driving Decrease Recidivism? A Regression Discontinuity Approach
Miguel de Figueiredo

Discussant:
Dylan C. Penningroth

The Birth of the Organized Crime? The American Temperance Movement and Market-Based Violence
Emily Greene Owens

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RB339/Schachtman Gordon

Session III
Juries
Chair: Pam Mueller

Discussant:
Jeff Yates

Are Juries More Likely to Second-Guess Auditor Judgment Under Imprecise Accounting Standards?
Kathryn Kadous, **Molly Mercer**

Discussant:
Corey Yung

A Verdict on the Reporters: The Representativeness and Accuracy of Commercially Published Jury Verdict Reports
Cynthia G. Lee, Nicole L. Waters

Discussant:
Mary Rose

To Dollars from Sense: Qualitative to Quantitative Translation in Jury Damage Awards
Valerie P. Hans, Valerie F. Reyna

8:45–10:45 am
MC381/Cutting Hall

Session III
Law and Politics II
Chair: Robert Mikos

Discussant:
John Lott

Priming Ideology? Electoral Cycles Without Electoral Incentives Among U.S. Judges
Carlos Berdejo, **Daniel L. Chen**

Discussant:
Geoffrey Miller

Change in State Supreme Court Elections: Is Voting Becoming More Partisan?
Herbert M. Kritzer

Discussant:
Hossein Abbasi

Judges, Elections, and the American Mass Public: The Net Effects of Judicial Campaigns on the Legitimacy of Courts
James L. Gibson

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MC185/Sidley Hall

Session III
Torts and Products Liability
Chair: **David Schwartz**

Discussant:
Ronen Avraham

Learning from Variation in Abnormal Returns in Litigation Event Studies: The Case of Trial Verdicts in Medical Products Mass Torts
Steven Garber, Ying Liu

Discussant:
Ezra Friedman

Tort Liability and the Market for Prescription Drugs
Eric A. Helland, Darius Lakdawalla, Anup Malani, Seth A. A. Seabury

Discussant:
David Hyman

Patients' Responses to Medical Error Disclosure – The Roles of Explanation, Apology, and Compensation Offers
Lindsey Murtagh, Thomas H. Gallagher, Penny Andrew, **Michelle M. Mello**

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MC185/Sidley Hall

Session IV
Administrative Law
Chair: **David Dana**

Discussant:
Joshua Fischman

Agencies as Litigation Gatekeepers: An Empirical Analysis of DOJ Intervention Under the Qui Tam Provisions of the False Claims Act
David Freeman Engstrom

Discussant:
Brian Galle

Presidents and the Politics of Centralized Control: Regulatory Auditing at the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs
Alex Acs, **Charles M. Cameron**

Discussant:
Matthew Spitzer

Unaccountable Midnight Rulemaking? Evidence from Public Comments
Edward Stiglitz

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RB150

Session IV
Corporate Law
Chair: **Roberta Romano**

Discussant:
Darius Palia

How Much Can We Learn from Regressing Corporate Characteristics Against the State of Incorporation?
Kate Litvak

Discussant:
Stephen Choi

Litigation in Mergers and Acquisitions
C. N. V. Krishnan, Ronald W. Masulis, **Randall S. Thomas**, Robert B. Thompson

Discussant:
Martin Gelter

Harmonizing Takeover Laws: Lessons from the EU Takeover Directive
Mark Humphery-Jenner

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MC375/Smith Hall

Session IV
Courts and Judges II
Chair: **Carolyn Shapiro**

Discussant: **Why Do Plaintiffs Lose Appeals? Biased Trial Courts, Litigious Losers, or Low Trial Win Rates?**
Scott Barclay Henry S. Farber, **Theodore Eisenberg**

Discussant: **The Selection of Thirteenth-Century Disputes for Litigation**
James Pfander **Daniel M. Klerman**

Discussant: **Loss Aversion, Omission Bias, and the Burden of Proof in Civil Litigation**
David Yokum **Eyal Zamir**, Ilana Ritov

11:00 am–1:00 pm
RB140

Session IV
Law and Finance/Tax
Chair: **Thomas Brennan**

Discussant: **The Law and Finance of Share Repurchases in Europe**
Dharmika Dharmapala **Mathias M. Siems**, Amedeo De Cesari

Discussant: **Do the Fiscal Rules Matter? A Difference-in-Discontinuities Design**
Benjamin Alarie **Tommaso Nannicini**, Ugo Troiano, Veronica Grembi

Discussant: **Why Do U.S. Securities Laws Matter to Non-U.S. Firms? Evidence from Private Class-Action Lawsuits**
Thomas Brennan Amar Gande, **Darius P. Miller**

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MC381/Cutting Hall

Session IV
Law and Politics III
Chair: **Tonja Jacobi**

Discussant: **Compliance in Federal Systems**
Stephan Landsman **Robert A. Mikos**

Discussant: **Crack Down at the Border or Staff Up? The Effect of Federal Vacancies and Caseloads on Immigration Enforcement**
Traci Burch **Lydia Brashear Tiede**

Discussant: **Forecasting Elections: Voter Intentions Versus Expectations**
James Endersby David M. Rothschild, **Justin Wolfers**

11:00 am–1:00 pm
RB339/Schachtman Gordon

Session IV
Law and Psychology III
Chair: **Mary-Hunter McDonnell**

Discussant: **Trusting Your Beliefs: Understanding Beliefs and Behavior in a Trust Game**
Richard McAdams Mathew D. McCubbins, **Nicholas Weller**

Discussant: **'How Did You Feel?' Increasing Child Sexual Abuse Witnesses' Production of Evaluative Information**
Richard Wiener **Thomas D. Lyon**, Nicholas Scurich

Discussant: **Crime, Tort, Anger, and Insult**
Tess Wilkinson-Ryan **Kenworthy Bilz**

11:00 am–1:00 pm
LM317/Hoyne Hall

Session IV
Methodology
Chair: **Daniel Ho**

Discussant: **Penal Transportation in Eighteenth-Century London: Death Penalty Replacement or Netwidening Innovation?**
Nicola Persico **Ashley T. Rubin**

Discussant: **An Empirical Evaluation of Public Health Law Approaches to Youth Overweight and Obesity**
Michael Frakes **Sara E. Abiola**, Michelle M. Mello

Discussant: **The Measure of a MAC: A Quasi-Experimental Protocol for Tokenizing Force Majeure Clauses in M&A Agreements**
Matthew Taddy **Eric L. Talley**, Drew O'Kane

11:00 am–1:00 pm
MC195/Strawn Hall

Session IV
Mixed Studies II
Chair: **Valerie Hans**

Discussant: **Coerced Debt: The Role of Consumer Credit in Domestic Violence**
Margaret Friedlander Brinig **Angela K. Littwin**

Discussant: **Tarasoff, Duty to Warn Laws, and Suicide**
Christopher Slobogin **Griffin Sims Edwards**

Discussant: **Pursuit of Justice and Systematic Sexual Violence: An Exploration of the Victims' Views from Bosnia and Herzegovina**
Sonja Starr **Sanja Kutnjak Ivkovich**, John Hagan

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Plenary Address
Visualization of Empirical Data
Andrew Gelman

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LM317/Hoyne Hall

Session V
Antitrust Law
Chair: David Hyman

Discussant:
Daniel Rubinfeld

The Price Effects of a Large Merger of Manufacturers
Matthew Weinberg, Orley C. Ashenfelter, Daniel S. Hosken

Discussant:
Valerie Suslow

Evaluating Leniency and Modeling Cartel Durations: Time-Varying Policy Impacts and Sample Selection
J. Zhou

Discussant:
Michael Salinger

Monopoly and Regulation in Industrializing England: Evidence from the Infrastructure Sector
Daniel E. Bogart

2:00 pm–4:00 pm
RB150

Session V
Banking/IP
Chair: Geoffrey Miller

Discussant:
Elizabeth Chorvat

Race, Redlining, and Subprime Loan Pricing
Ruben Hernandez-Murillo, Andra C. Ghent, Michael Owyang

Discussant:
Michael Simkovic

Competition in Financial Services: Evidence from British Mutual Funds
A. Joseph Warburton

Discussant:
Stuart Graham

Veggie Tales: Dangerous Myths about Patents, Innovation, and Crop Diversity in the Twentieth Century
Paul J. Heald, Susannah Chapman

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MC375/Smith Hall

Session V
Courts and Judges III
Chair: **Robert Burns**

Discussant: **Muslims and Religious Liberty in the Era of 9/11: Empirical Evidence from the Federal Courts**
Kristen Stilt **Gregory C. Sisk**, Michael Heise

Discussant: **Racial Diversity and Judicial Influence on Appellate Courts**
Maya Sen **Jonathan P. Kastellec**

Discussant: **Racial Disparities, Judicial Discretion, and the United States Sentencing Guidelines**
Emily Owens Joshua B. Fischman, **Max M. Schanzenbach**

2:00 pm–4:00 pm
MC185/Sidley Hall

Session V
Employment Discrimination
Chair: **John Donohue**

Discussant: **Bias in the Legal Profession: Self-Assessed versus Statistical Measures of Discrimination**
Daniel Ho **Eric A. Helland**, Heather Antecol, Deborah A. Cobb-Clark

Discussant: **Protection Through Proof of Age: Birth Registration and Child Labor in Early 20th Century USA**
C. Bleakley **Sonja Fagernäs**

Discussant: **Subjective and Objective Indicators of Racial Progress**
Richard Brooks **Betsey Stevenson**, Justin Wolfers

2:00 pm–4:00 pm
RB339/Schachtman Gordon

Session V
Experimental
Chair: **Zev Eigen**

Discussant: **The Power of Focal Points is Pervasive: An Experimental Study of Strategy Labels in Coordination Games**
Donald Braman Richard H. McAdams, **Janice Nadler**

Discussant: **Symmetric vs. Asymmetric Punishment Regimes for Bribery**
Lawrence Solan **Christoph Engel**, Sebastian J. Goerg, Gaoneng Yu

Discussant: **Framing Contracts: Why Loss Framing Increases Effort**
David Hoffman Richard R. W. Brooks, Alexander Stremitzer, **Stephan Walter Tontrup**

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2:00 pm–4:00 pm
MC381/Cutting Hall

Session V
Law and Politics IV
Chair: **Daniel Chen**

Discussant:
Tonja Jacobi

The Power of the Chief Justice: Choosing Panels on the Supreme Court of Canada
Benjamin Alarie, **Andrew James Green**

Discussant:
Yun-chien Chang

Political Influence and Career Judges: An Empirical Analysis of Administrative Review by the Spanish Supreme Court
Nuno M. Garoupa, Marian Gili Saldaña, **Fernando Gomez-Pomar**

Discussant:
Carolyn Shapiro

All in Moderation? Measuring the Senate's Influence Over Supreme Court Appointments, 1838-2009
Christine Kexel Chabot

2:00 pm–4:00 pm
RB140

Session V
Securities Law II
Chair: **Kate Litvak**

Discussant:
Jennifer Arlen

The Deterrence Effects of SEC Enforcement and Class Action Litigation
Jared N. Jennings, **Simi Kedia**, Shivaram Rajgopal

Discussant:
Kate Litvak

Regulatory Induced Performance Persistence: Evidence from Hedge Funds
Douglas J. Cumming, Na Dai

Discussant:
Brian Broughman

Private Enforcement of Securities Laws and Financial Reporting Choices
Justin Hopkins

5:00–7:00 pm

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