

A Celebration of the Thought of Marc Galanter

Professor Marc Galanter has, since the 1960s, been one of the most insightful and influential analysts of America's civil justice system. Harnessing the power of social science tools, he has cast new light on a wide range of topics. He has debunked the "litigation explosion" myth, explored the nuances of access to justice, charted the shifting tides of development in civil legal practice, weighed the import of the "vanishing trial," and repeatedly cast a scholarly eye on the shibboleths surrounding our legal system. In more than half a dozen books and literally hundreds of speeches and articles, he has analyzed and dissected our adjudicatory processes and what we say about them. He has made us laugh at lawyer jokes and shown us the heart of darkness where the "haves" almost always come out ahead. Marc also has been our guide to legal India. He is a towering scholar with a twinkle in his eye.

Marc has long been a friend of the Clifford Symposium. He was there virtually from the start as an advisor, has contributed numerous articles and spoken at more than a dozen programs. It is with the greatest pleasure that we seek to honor our dear friend, mentor and colleague at the 2012 Clifford Symposium on Tort Law and Social Policy.

Past conference topics

- 2011 Festschrift for Robert Rabin
- 2010 The Limits of Predictability and the Value of Uncertainty
- 2009 Rising Stars: A New Generation of Scholars Looks at Civil Justice
- 2008 The Challenge of 2020: Preparing a Civil Justice Reform Agenda for the Coming Decade
- 2007 Distortions in the Attorney/Client Relationship: Threats to Sound Advice?
- 2006 Is the Rule of Law Waning in America?
- 2005 Who Feels Their Pain? The Challenge of Non-Economic Damages in Civil Litigation
- 2004 Starting Over: Redesigning the Medical Malpractice System
- 2003 After Disaster: The September 11th Compensation Fund and the Future of Civil Justice
- 2002 Export Import: American Civil Justice in a Global Context
- 2001 Smoke Signals: Civil Justice in the Wake of the Tobacco Wars
- 2000 Civil Litigation and Popular Culture
- 1999 Judges as Tort Lawmakers
- 1998 The American Civil Jury: Illusion and Reality
- 1997 Contingent Fee Financing of Litigation in America
- 1996 Tort Law and the Science of the Twenty-First Century
- 1995 ADR and Torts: Implications for Practice and Reform

Symposium Faculty

- Richard Abel, University of California Los Angeles School of Law
- Tom Baker, University of Pennsylvania Law School
- Anne Bloom, University of the Pacific McGeorge School of Law
- Paul Carrington, Duke University School of Law
- Shari Diamond, Northwestern University School of Law and American Bar Foundation
- Theodore Eisenberg, Cornell Law School
- David Engel, University at Buffalo Law School
- Eric Feldman, University of Pennsylvania Law School
- Lawrence Friedman, Stanford Law School
- Marc Galanter, University of Wisconsin Law School
- Michele Goodwin, University of Minnesota Law School
- Robert Gordon, Stanford Law School
- Valerie Hans, Cornell Law School
- Herbert Kritzer, University of Minnesota Law School
- Stephan Landsman, DePaul University College of Law
- Sida Liu, University of Wisconsin Department of Sociology
- Gowri Kanahandran, Southwestern Law School
- Ann Southworth, University of California Irvine School of Law
- Shahin Talesh, University of California Irvine School of Law
- Brian Tamaha, Washington University School of Law



The Clifford Symposium on Tort Law and Social Policy

In 1994, Robert A. Clifford ('76) endowed a faculty chair in tort law and social policy. The chair gives meaningful expression to his belief that the civil justice system serves a number of vital interests in American society. The Clifford Chair at DePaul provides a vehicle for exploration of the civil justice system in an intellectually rigorous fashion. Professor Stephan Landsman is the current holder of the chair.

In addition to providing support for faculty research and teaching, the endowment makes possible an annual symposium addressing a timely issue in the civil justice area. The purpose of the symposium is to bring the latest scholarship and advances in legal practice to lawyers and scholars who specialize in tort law, civil justice and related fields.

Thursday, April 26, 2012

- 9:00 Registration and Continental Breakfast
- 10:00 Opening Remarks
Stephan Landsman, Robert A. Clifford Professor of Tort Law and Social Policy
- 10:15 **SESSION I: The Impact of Institutional Arrangements on the Delivery of Justice**
Presenters:
Tom Baker
The Preference for Arbitration in Reinsurance Disputing
Michele Goodwin
When Institutions Fail and the Rule of Law Is Undermined: The Case of Underage Marriage in India
Shauhin Taleh
How the 'Haves' Come Out Ahead in the Twenty-first Century: Understanding the Relationship Between Law, Organizations and Dispute Resolution Systems
Robert Gordon
How the 'Haves' Stay Ahead: The Legal System's Protection of Oligarchy
Discussant:
Herbert Kritzer
- 11:45 Break
- 12:00 **SESSION II: Access to Justice**
Presenters:
Gowri Ramachandran
Law Panic: Lawyers as "The Great Social Evil"
Eric Feldman
Fukushima: Catastrophe, Compensation and Justice in Japan
Brian Tamanaha
Another Look at Dispute Resolution Mechanisms
Discussant:
Stephan Landsman
- 1:15 Lunch
- 2:00 **SESSION III: The Changing Organization and Structure of the Bar**
Presenters:
Paul Carrington
The War on Poverty and Guaranteed Student Loans: The Impact on the Profession
Sida Liu
The Tournament of Lawyers and Firms: How Large Law Firms Expand in China
Ann Southworth
What Is Public Interest Law? Empirical Perspectives on an Old Question
Discussant:
Richard Abel
- 3:30 *Remarks*
Marc Galanter, Professor of Law Emeritus, University of Wisconsin
- 4:00 Concluding Remarks

Friday, April 27, 2012

- 9:00 Registration and Continental Breakfast
- 9:30 *Remarks*
Richard Abel, Michael J. Connell Distinguished Professor of Law Emeritus, UCLA
- 10:00 **SESSION IV: Vanishing Trials**
Presenters:
John Meixner and Shari Diamond
Do Criminal Trial Rates Influence the Vanishing Civil Trial?
Theodore Eisenberg
Litigation Rates and Economic Development
Herbert Kritzer
So What Is It That We Understand to Be a Trial?
Discussant:
Paul Carrington
- 11:15 Break
- 11:30 **SESSION V: The Impact of Rhetoric and Perception on the Civil Justice System**
Presenters:
Anne Bloom
The Radiating Effects of Torts
David Engel
Interpretive Practices at the Threshold of Tort Law
Lawrence Friedman
Through a Glass Darkly: Law, Culture and the Media
Valerie Hans
Jury Jokes
Discussant:
Michele Goodwin
- 1:00 Concluding Remarks by Marc Galanter



Registration

The Clifford Symposium is free and open to the public. Due to space limitations, however, those interested in attending are encouraged to register in advance. Registrants will be given preference with regard to attendance, luncheon and distribution of materials. Registration must be completed no later than Monday, April 23, 2012. Walk-ins are welcome, but space is not guaranteed.

Reservations are accepted by phone at (312) 362-5292 or online at law.depaul.edu/clifford.

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