

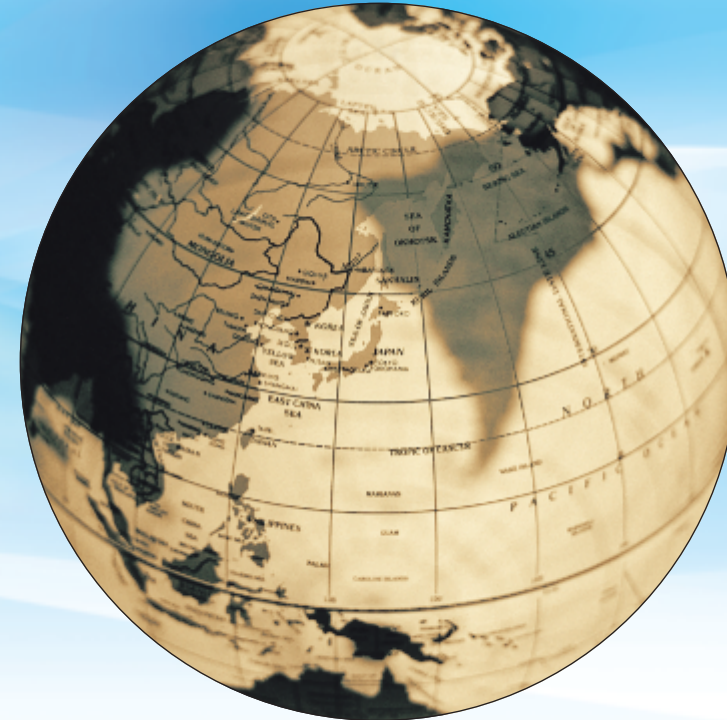
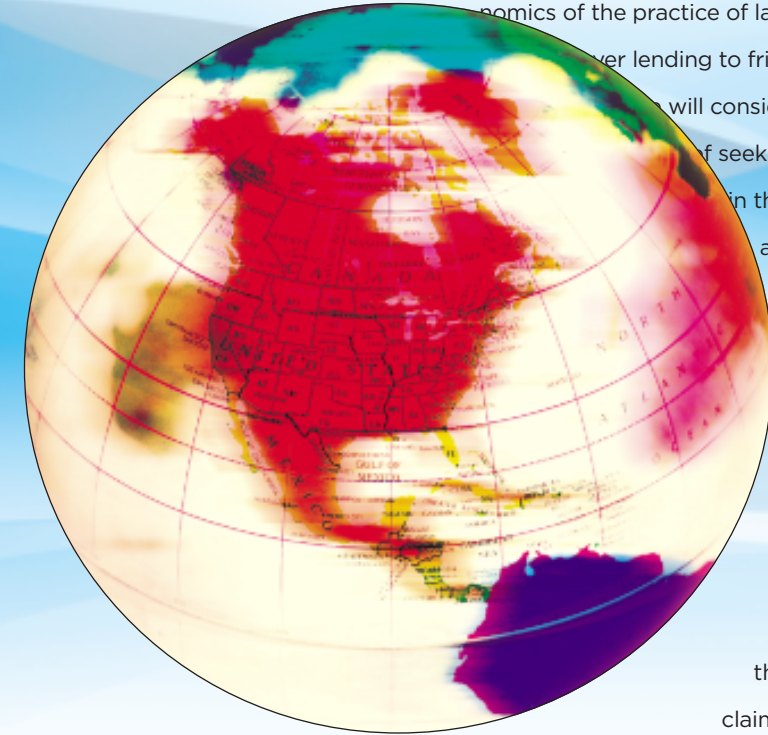
# A Brave

The winds of change are blowing

in the world of legal practice. The business of law is, to all appearances, undergoing a dramatic change. As is so often the case, money is a key change agent. This year's Clifford Symposium seeks to examine the financing of litigation. We will focus on an array of questions arising out of the economics of the practice of law from

over lending to frivolous litigation. We will consider the challenge of seeking class relief in the United States and elsewhere as well as real alternatives to the class action device. We will pursue normative and ethical questions associated with the alienation of claims and third party funding of cases. Finally,

we will turn our attention to the future of the legal profession in light of what is happening on the financial front. Our speakers will include some of the most distinguished legal academics, social scientists and economists in the United States and Canada.



THE 19TH ANNUAL  
CLIFFORD SYMPOSIUM ON TORT LAW  
AND SOCIAL POLICY

APRIL 18-19, 2013

DePaul College of Law

## THE CHANGING FACE OF LITIGATION AND LAW FIRM FINANCE

THURSDAY, APRIL 18, 2013

9:00 Registration and Continental Breakfast

10:15 Opening Remarks  
**Gregory Mark**, Dean, DePaul University College of Law  
**Stephan Landsman**, Robert A. Clifford Professor of Tort Law and Social Policy

### 10:30 SESSION I: THE BUSINESS OF LAW

*Presenters:*

**Michael Abramowicz**  
Litigation Finance, Law Firm Finance and the Problem of Frivolous Litigation

**Michele DeStefano**  
Claim Finders and Commercial Claim Holders: A Common Interest or a Common Problem

**Nora Freeman Engstrom**  
Law Lending: Costs and Consequences

**Bradley Wendel**  
Litigation and Commodification

*Discussant:*

**Gregory Mark**

12:30 Lunch

### 2:00 SESSION II: THE FINANCIAL CHALLENGE OF CLASS RELIEF

*Presenters:*

**Deborah Hensler**  
Third Party Financing of Class Actions: What's the Big Deal?

**Myriam Gilles and Anthony Sebok**  
Operation Arbitration: Massing Individual Arbitrations in a Post-Class Action Era

**Samuel Issacharoff**  
Funding and Governing Mass Litigation



# New World

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## THE CLIFFORD SYMPOSIUM ON TORT LAW AND SOCIAL POLICY

In 1994, Robert A. Clifford (JD '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.



### SYMPOSIUM FACULTY

**Michael Abramowicz**  
George Washington University Law School

**Ronen Avraham**  
University of Texas School of Law

**Lynn Baker**  
University of Texas School of Law

**Michele DeStefano**  
University of Miami School of Law

**Nora Freeman Engstrom**  
Stanford Law School

**Myriam Gilles**  
Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law

**Andrew Gold**  
DePaul University College of Law

**Deborah Hensler**  
Stanford Law School

**Keith Hylton**  
Boston University School of Law

**David Hyman**  
University of Illinois College of Law

**Stephan Landsman**  
DePaul University College of Law

**Gregory Mark**  
DePaul University College of Law

**Morris Ratner**  
UC Hastings College of the Law

**William Rubenstein**  
Harvard Law School

**Rebecca Sandefur**  
University of Illinois

**Charles Silver**  
University of Texas School of Law

**Bradley Wendel**  
Cornell Law School

**Abraham Wickelgren**  
University of Texas School of Law

**Albert Yoon**  
University of Toronto Faculty of Law

DePaul College of Law

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FRIDAY, APRIL 19, 2013

9:00 Registration and Continental Breakfast

### 9:30 SESSION III: NORMATIVE AND ETHICAL CONSIDERATIONS IN THE FINANCING OF LITIGATION

*Presenters:*

**Ronen Avraham and Abraham Wickelgren**  
Why and How Third Party Litigation Funding Contracts Should Be Admissible in Court

**Lynn Baker**  
The Alienability of Mass Tort Claims

**Keith Hylton**  
Third Party Funding of Litigation and the Transfer of Legal Rights

**Charles Silver**  
Litigation Funding Versus Liability Insurance: What's the Difference?

*Discussant:*

**Andrew Gold**

11:30 Break

### 12:00 SESSION IV: THE FUTURE OF THE LEGAL PROFESSION

*Presenters:*

**David Hyman**  
How Does Tort Reform Affect Access to Justice?

**Rebecca Sandefur**  
Can Lawyers Afford to Do Public Justice?

**Albert Yoon**  
Competition and the Evolution of Law Firms

*Discussant:*

### PAST CONFERENCE TOPICS:

**2012**  
A Celebration of the Thought of Marc Galanter

**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

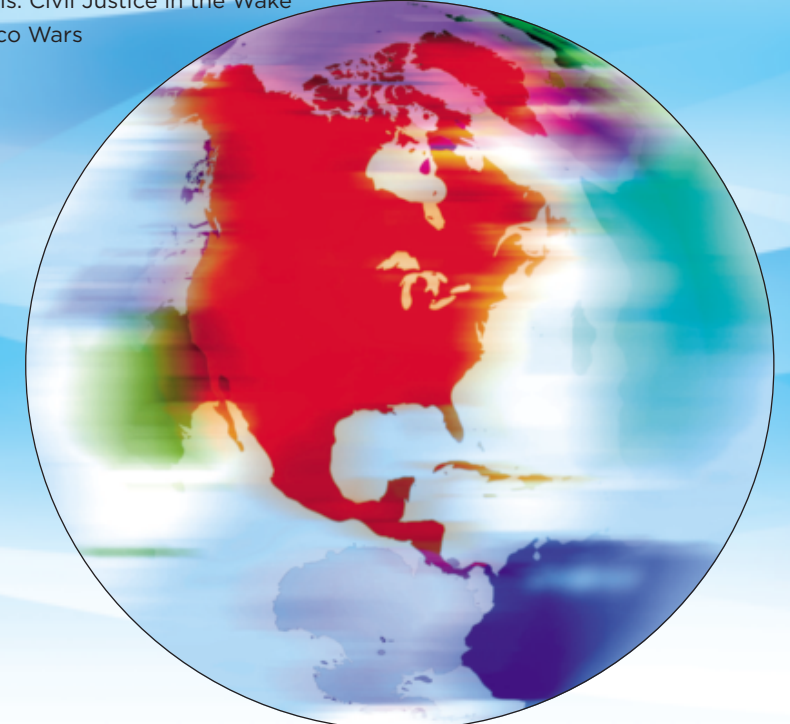


**2004**  
Starting Over: Redesigning the Medical Malpractice System

**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

### REGISTRATION

The Clifford Symposium is free and open to the public. Because of 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 15, 2013**. 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](http://law.depaul.edu/clifford).

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