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### **Dangerous Secrets: Confronting Confidentiality in Our Public Courts**

July 11, 2020, Washington, DC.

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## 2020 Forum for State Appellate Court Judges

Sponsored by the Pound Civil Justice Institute

July 11, 2020, Washington, D.C.

### Dangerous Secrets: Confronting Confidentiality in Our Public Courts

A considerable range of American legal proceedings, and certain out of court agreements, are kept secret—sometimes with deadly results. During civil litigation, information is frequently sought from or about prior suits to save time and expense in discovery, to test the veracity of defense filings, and to assist similarly affected clients. Typically, defendants do not want adversaries to be able to share information produced in discovery, and they sometimes try to keep secret even the fact that there has been litigation. While secrecy proponents argue that their purpose is merely to protect the parties' privacy, often it veils dangerous products and practices, to the detriment of consumers and workers. In some cases, parties' demands can resemble extortion or criminal compounding. The news media have a great aversion to secrecy, and frequently petition to have court secrecy orders vacated, while consumer, civil rights, and employment advocates often ask courts to open their files so that they can gain information about, and publicize, dangerous products and practices.

At the 2020 Judges Forum, legal scholars, judges, practitioners, and members of the news media will discuss the nature and extent of secrecy in our publicly-financed American courts and in the larger environment of negotiation, and will consider means to combat dangerous secrecy in civil litigation.

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*The Pound Institute invites all sitting state appellate judges to attend its 1-day educational program. Pound pays all travel and program costs for attending judges, allowing them to attend despite budgetary constraints. We must raise much of our program budget each year. Please consider making a **tax-deductible donation** to help us accommodate all judges wishing to attend the 2020 Forum. Donors are listed in materials distributed to attending judges, on Pound's website and in the final Forum report. [See reverse](#) for levels of support.*

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*"Far and away the best – consistently excellent."*

*"Continual first-class conferences."*

*"Pound has one of the most informative and balanced programs I have attended."*

*"Rarely have I received such a comprehensive education in a one-day seminar."*

*"Our out-of-state budget has been zero for years, so the Pound and DRI seminars are our only opportunities to listen to a discussion of current national issues. I appreciate that opportunity."*

*"The topics discussed have provided me with new and additional perspectives in my career as a jurist."*

*"Gives us an opportunity to hear from the experts on the cutting edge of these issues."*