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Judith Resnik, Yale Law School, *Contracting Transparency: Public Courts, Privatizing Processes, and Democratic Practices*  
Nancy Marder, IIT Chicago-Kent College of Law, *Judicial Transparency in the Twenty-First Century.*

### **2014 • Forced Arbitration and the Fate of the 7th Amendment: The Core of America's Legal System at Stake?**

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 Georgene M. Vairo, Loyola Law School, Los Angeles, *Defending against Summary Justice: The Role of the Appellate Courts*

**2007 • The Least Dangerous but Most Vulnerable Branch: Judicial Independence and the Rights of Citizens**

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 Nicole Waters, National Center for State Courts, *Standing Guard at the Jury's Gate: Daubert's Impact on the State Courts*

**2005 • The Rule(s) of Law: Electronic Discovery and the Challenge of Rulemaking in the State Courts**

Discussions include state court approaches to rule making, legislative encroachments into that judicial power, the impact of federal rules on state court rules, how state courts can and have adapted to the use of electronic information, whether there should be differences in handling the discovery of electronic information versus traditional files, and whether state courts should adopt new proposed federal rules on e-discovery.

**2004 • Still Coequal? State Courts, Legislatures, and the Separation of Powers**

Discussions include state court responses to legislative encroachment, deference state courts should give legislative findings, the relationship between state courts and legislatures, judicial approaches to separation of powers issues, the funding of the courts, the decline of lawyers in legislatures, the role of courts and judges in democracy, and how protecting judicial power can protect citizen rights.

**2003 • The Privatization of Justice? Mandatory Arbitration and the State Courts**

Discussions include the growing rise of binding arbitration clauses in contracts, preemption of state law via the Federal Arbitration Act (FAA), standards for judging the waiver of the right to trial by jury, the supposed national policy favoring arbitration, and resisting the FAA's encroachment on state law.

**2002 • State Courts and Federal Authority: A Threat to Judicial Independence?**

Discussions include efforts by federal and state courts to usurp the power of state court through removal, preemption, etc., the ability of state courts to handle class actions and other complex litigation, the constitutional authority of state courts, and the relationship between state courts and legislatures and federal courts.

**2001 • The Jury as Fact Finder and Community Presence in Civil Justice**

Discussions include the behavior and reliability of juries, empirical studies of juries, efforts to blindfold the jury, the history of the civil jury in Britain and America, the treatment of juries by appellate courts, how juries judge cases in comparison to other fact-finders, and possible future approaches to trial by jury in the United States.

**2000 • Open Courts with Sealed Files: Secrecy's Impact on American Justice**

Discussions include the effects of secrecy on the rights of individuals, the forms that secrecy takes in the courts, ethical issues affecting lawyers agreeing to secret settlements, the role of the news media in the debate over secrecy, the tension between confidentiality proponents and public access advocates, and the approaches taken by various judges when confronted with secrecy requests.

**1999 • Controversies Surrounding Discovery and Its Effect on the Courts**

Discussions include the existing empirical research on the operation of civil discovery; the contrast between the research findings and the myths about discovery that have circulated; and whether or not the recent changes to the federal courts' discovery rules advance the purpose of discovery.

**1998 • Assaults on the Judiciary: Attacking the "Great Bulwark of Public Liberty"**

Discussions include threats to judicial independence through politically motivated attacks on the courts and on individual judges as well as through legislative action to restrict the courts that may violate constitutional guarantees, and possible responses by judges, judicial institutions, the organized bar, and citizens.

**1997 • Scientific Evidence in the Courts: Concepts and Controversies**

Discussions include the background of the controversy over scientific evidence; issues, assumptions, and models in judging scientific disputes; and the applicability of the *Daubert* decision's "reliability threshold" under state law analogous to Rule 702 of the Federal Rules of Evidence.

**1996 • Possible State Court Responses to American Law Institute's Proposed Restatement of Products Liability**

Discussions include the workings of the American Law Institute's (ALI) restatement process; a look at provisions of the proposed restatement on products liability and academic responses to them; the relationship of its proposals to the law of negligence and warranty; and possible judicial responses to suggestions that the ALI's recommendations be adopted by the state courts.

**1995 • Preserving Access to Justice: Effects on State Courts of the Proposed Long Range Plan for Federal Courts**

Discussions include the constitutionality of the federal courts' plan to shift caseloads to state courts without adequate funding support, as well as the impact on access to justice of the proposed plan.

**1993 • Preserving the Independence of the Judiciary**

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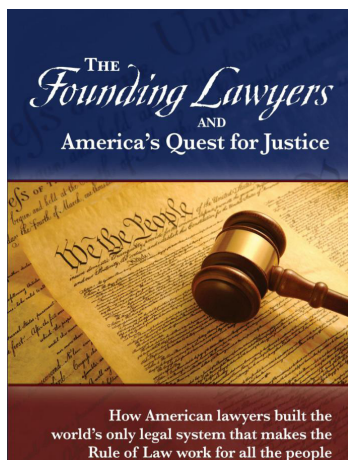
**1992 • Protecting Individual Rights: The Role of State Constitutionalism**

Discussions include the renewal of state constitutionalism on the issues of privacy, search and seizure, and speech, among others. Also discussed was the role of the trial bar and academics in this renewal.

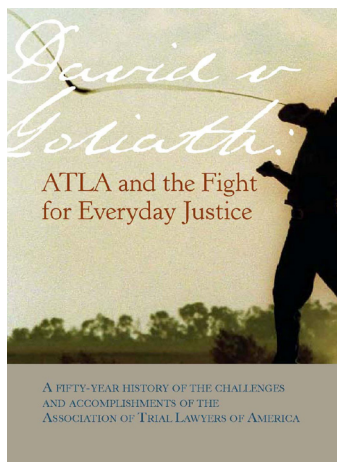
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- 2021 • **The Internet and the Law: Legal Challenges in the New Digital Age**, Hastings Law Journal, Vol. 73, No. 5
- 2019 • **Class Actions, Mass Torts, and MDLs: The Next 50 Years**, Lewis & Clark Law Review, Vol. 24, No. 2
- 2017 • **The Jury Trial and Remedy Guarantees: Fundamental Rights or Paper Tigers?** Oregon Law Review, Vol. 96, No. 2
- 2016 • **The Demise of the Grand Bargain: Compensation for Injured Workers in the 21st Century**, Rutgers University Law Review, Vol. 69, No. 3
- 2015 • **The “War” on the U.S. Civil Justice System**, Emory Law Journal, Vol. 65, No. 6
- 2005 • **Medical Malpractice**, Vanderbilt Law Review, Vol. 59, No. 4
- 2002 • **Mandatory Arbitration, Law and Contemporary Problems**, Vol. 67, No. 1 & 2, Duke University School of Law

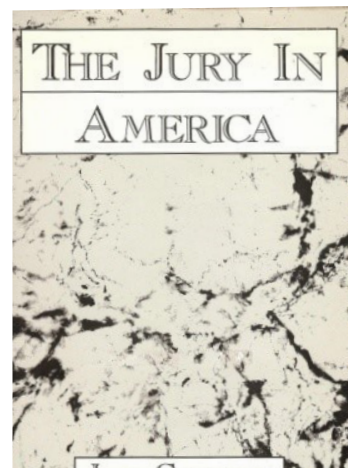
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by Stuart M. Speiser (2010)



*David v. Goliath: ATLA and the Fight for Everyday Justice*  
by Richard S. Jacobson & Jeffrey R. White (2004)



*The Jury In America*  
by John Guinther (1988)

## RESEARCH MONOGRAPHS

**Demystifying Punitive Damages in Products Liability Cases: A Survey of a Quarter Century of Trial Verdicts.** This landmark study, written by Professor Michael Rustad of Suffolk University Law School with a grant from the Institute, traces the pattern of punitive damages awards in U.S. products cases. It tracks all traceable punitive damages verdicts in products liability litigation for a quarter century and provides empirical data on the relationship between amounts awarded and those actually received.

**The Pound Connective Tissue Injury Research Project: Final Report, by Valerie P. Hans, Ph.D.** Each year, automobile accidents account for a substantial number of deaths and other personal injuries nationwide. Lawsuits over injuries suffered in auto accidents constitute the most frequent type of tort case in the state courts. The Institute supported a series of research studies on the public's views of whiplash and other types of soft tissue and connective tissue injuries within the context of civil lawsuits. The 2007 final report presents and integrates key research findings and identifies some of their implications for trial practice.

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