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JUDICIAL FEDERALISM AND CIVIL PROCEDURE: THE DISTINCT ROLE OF STATE COURTS

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Although the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure do not formally bind state courts, federal procedural rules and doctrines have long influenced practice in the states. Many states, for example, have considered whether federal approaches to pleading and summary judgment are appropriate for their own courts, whether to adopt or depart from jurisdictional principles like standing developed under Article III of the U.S. Constitution, and whether aspects of the federal rulemaking process provide a useful model for state systems. These questions highlight the distinct authority and responsibility of state courts to shape rules, procedures, and standards responsive to their own constitutions, laws, traditions, and the needs of those they serve.

At the 2027 Forum, participants will (1) examine the many ways state courts are responding to federal procedural innovation, and (2) consider when adopting, adapting, or departing from these innovations best serves the distinct role of state courts in America's civil justice system.



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