

**Second Annual Conference on Empirical Legal Studies
New York University Law School**

9-10 November 2007

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Announcement & Call for Papers

The Second Annual Conference on Empirical Legal Studies will be held at New York University School of Law in New York. The conference will feature original empirical and experimental legal scholarship by leading scholars from a diverse range of fields.

The conference will start at 9:00 a.m. on Friday November 9, 2007. Paper presentations will conclude at 1:15 p.m. on Saturday November 10 in order to allow participants to return home that afternoon. For those staying on, there will be two methodology discussion sessions (one introductory and one advanced) from 2:30 to 4:00 p.m. and a reception from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. on Saturday.

The deadline for submission of papers is July 1, 2007. Details about submissions are included below.

There is a conference fee of \$60 (\$30 for students). This fee covers all activities including meals and refreshments. It also covers a one-year membership in the Society for Empirical Legal Studies (SELS) as well as a one-year subscription to the Journal of Empirical Legal Studies (JELS) (students paying the discounted fee will receive only the on-line version). We will not be reimbursing expenses (except presenters with special needs, as discussed below).

Scholars whose papers are accepted for presentation at the conference will be invited (but not required) to submit the work for possible publication in JELS. In addition, the JELS editors expect to publish abstracts of all presented papers (including poster session papers) in the special issue (with author consent).

Conference Objectives:

The conference's goals are: (i) to encourage and develop empirical and experimental scholarship on legal issues by providing scholars with an opportunity to present and discuss their work with an interdisciplinary group of people interested in the empirical study of law; and (ii) to stimulate ongoing conversations among scholars in law, economics, political science, demographics, finance, psychology, sociology, and other disciplines about research in this area. The conference's audience will include paper presenters, commentators, and other attendees, and will include many of the nation's leading empirical legal scholars. The goal is productive discourse on both particular papers and methodologies. We especially encourage submissions from junior scholars.

Paper Submission Instructions (submission deadline July 1, 2007):

To submit a paper for consideration for the Conference, please go to:

<http://hq.ssrn.com/conference=CELS-2007>

If you are not a registered SSRN user, you will need to create a login to SSRN. Please follow the submission instructions on this page. If you have problems submitting through this on-line system, please contact User Support at 877-SSRNHELP (toll free 877-777-6435 or Usersupport@ssrn.com, outside of the US call 00+1+585+4428170.

Please submit a paper, including an abstract, and specify the topic(s) for which you are submitting the paper (limit two topics). You **MUST** specify at least one topic for your submission to be complete. There is no specific form for submitted papers.

One author can submit more than one paper, but one person can present only one paper. If you are an author of more than one submitted paper, please email geoffrey.miller@nyu.edu and jennifer.arlen@nyu.edu and indicate who would present which paper if more than one is accepted. All papers will be refereed.

To be eligible for submission, the paper will still be at a revisable stage (neither published nor so close to publication that significant changes are not feasible) by the date of the conference.

We expect to notify authors about acceptances by approximately August 15, 2007. The number of accepted papers and the panel subjects will depend on the number, quality, and subject areas of the submitted papers. Papers will be accepted in two categories: for presentation in panels and for the poster session.

You are welcome to register for and attend the conference whether or not you submit a paper and whether or not your paper is accepted.

Tentative topic areas:

We welcome submissions of papers in all areas of empirical and experimental legal scholarship, including but not limited to the following. We will create sessions based on the papers we receive.

- administrative law
- antitrust law
- banking and financial institutions
- bankruptcy
- civil rights and discrimination
- contracts
- corporate governance
- corporate law

- courts and judges
- criminal justice
- empirical methodology
- environmental protection
- experimental
- family law
- health care (other than medical malpractice)
- intellectual property
- international relations
- juries, judges, and civil justice
- law and finance
- law and politics
- law and psychology
- law and society
- law and sociology
- law firms and legal profession
- mediation, arbitration, and other non-court dispute resolution
- medical malpractice
- other private law (not separately listed)
- precedent and citations
- securities law
- social benefits law
- tax and public finance
- torts and products liability
- venture capital and other private equity

Please direct suggestions for additional topic areas to Jennifer Arlen at jennifer.arlen@nyu.edu.

Reimbursement for presenters:

Funding for this conference is limited, and much of it will pay for meals and other expenses. Therefore as a general matter we cannot reimburse expenses.

However, we currently expect to be able to offer financial support to out-of-town paper presenters who inform us that they have attempted without success to obtain funding from their home institutions. For such paper presenters we anticipate being able to reimburse for expenses (not otherwise reimbursed), up to the following: (a) \$1,000 for participants from countries other than the U.S. and Canada; (b) \$800 for participants from more than 300 miles from New York; and (c) \$500 for participants from less than 300 miles from New York. Presenters must attend the entire conference to receive reimbursement and must by October 9, 2007 request reimbursement and confirm that they are unable to obtain reimbursement from other sources.

Registration information:

On-line registration will be made available on the conference Web Site.

2006 Conference:

Last year's conference, held at the University of Texas Law School, brought together more than 200 scholars from disciplines including economics, law, psychology, political science, sociology and other fields. Selected papers from that conference will be published in the Journal of Empirical Legal Studies (JELS).

The following scholars have already agreed to participate in the 2007 conference:

- * Jennifer Arlen, NYU
- * Neal Beck, NYU
- * Bernard Black, University of Texas
- * Christina Boyd, Washington University
- * Colin Camerer, Cal Tech
- * Joe Cecil, Federal Judicial Center
- * Stephen Choi, NYU
- * Thomas Cohen, Bureau of Justice Statistics
- * Frank Cross, University of Texas
- * Shari Diamond, Northwestern
- * John Donohue, Yale
- * Lauren Edelman, UC Berkeley
- * Theodore Eisenberg, Cornell
- * Lee Epstein, Northwestern
- * Sherry Glied, Columbia
- * Valerie Hans, Cornell
- * Michael Heise, Cornell
- * Marcel Kahan, NYU
- * Lewis Kornhauser, NYU
- * Herbert Kritzer, University of Wisconsin
- * Anup Malani, University of Chicago
- * Andrew D. Martin, Washington University
- * Michelle Mello, Harvard University
- * Geoffrey Miller, NYU
- * Tom Palfrey, Cal Tech
- * Jeffrey Rachlinski, Cornell
- * Roberta Romano, Yale
- * Daniel L. Rubinfeld, UC Berkeley
- * William Sage, Texas
- * David Studdert, Harvard University
- * Tom Tyler, NYU
- * Elizabeth Warren, Harvard
- * Nicole Waters, National Center for State Courts
- * Jay Westbrook, University of Texas
- * Kathryn Zeiler, Georgetown

Conference organizers:

The conference is jointly organized by Cornell Law School, NYU School of Law and the University of Texas School of Law. The 2008 Conference will be held at Cornell Law School, respectively. The conference organizers are: Jennifer Arlen (NYU), Bernard Black (Texas), Theodore Eisenberg (Cornell), Michael Heise (Cornell) and Geoffrey Miller (NYU).

For more information:

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