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The Civil Justice Research Initiative (CJRI) is a think tank founded and chaired by Erwin Chemerinsky, Dean of Berkeley Law School and Founding Dean of the UC Irvine School of Law. Its mission is to systematically identify and produce highly credible, unbiased research on critical issues concerning the civil justice system, including expanding access to justice.

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**What's Happening in
Federal Court?**

**Recent findings and research
strategies for the future**

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Bancroft Hotel
Great Hall
2680 Bancroft Way
Berkeley, CA 94704

8:30 – 9:00 **Registration and Continental Breakfast**

9:00 – 9:30 **Welcome and Introduction**

Erwin Chemerinsky, Dean, Berkeley Law; Chair, Civil Justice Research Initiative

9:30 – 10:45 **Plaintiff's Falling Win Rate in Federal Court**

Alexandra Lahav, **Peter Siegelman**

Comments: **Jonah Gelbach**, **Sean Farhang**,
Marc Galanter

Moderator/Discussant: **Robert S. Peck**

10:45 – 11:00 **Break**

11:00 – 12:15 **Other Court Outcomes Research**

Gbemende Johnson: Federal Administrative Agencies and Deliberative Process Privilege Claims in US District Courts

Christina Boyd: Social Security Appeals in Federal Trial Courts

Herbert M. Kritzer: Polarization in the Federal Courts?

Sean Farhang: EEOC Prosecuted Litigation Outcomes

Moderator/Discussant – **Herbert M. Kritzer**

12:15 – 1:15 **Lunch**

1:15 – 2:00 **Evaluating the Effects of Recent Rule Changes**

Shahin Talesh: Have Changes in Procedural Rules Made Substantive Relief in Federal Court Problematic?

Morgan Hazelton: Have Recent Supreme Court Decisions on Federal Pleading Standards Changed the Way Litigants State Their Claims?

Moderator: **Henry Hecht**

Discussant: **Joe S. Cecil**

2:00 – 2:15 **Break**

2:15 – 3:30 **Recent Research on Complex Litigation**

Brian Fitzpatrick: Empirical Research on Class Actions

Andrea Cann Chandrasekher: Data Issues in Empirical Arbitration Research

Eric Helland: The Rand MultiDistrict Litigation Data Project

Moderators/Discussants: **Andrew Bradt**, **Margaret Williams**

3:30 – 3:45 **Break**

3:45 – 5:00 **Research Strategies for the Future**

Joe S. Cecil, **Robert S. Peck**, **Margaret Williams**, **Marc Galanter**, **Jennie Lee Anderson**

Moderator: **Anne Bloom**

5:00 – 7:00 **Closing Remarks; Reception**