

THINKING ABOUT LAW & ACCESSING CIVIL JUSTICE



Legal Consciousness, Dispute Processing, and Civil Legal Needs Today

Problems with civil legal implications are incredibly common in everyday life. Yet only a fraction of individuals who experience a civil legal problem will engage legal actors or institutions to address it. While some individuals are able to obtain satisfying and just outcomes without recourse to law, others are not. How do individuals' knowledge and beliefs about law and legal institutions influence their behavior? How are these beliefs formed? What does this tell us about things we can do to enhance access to civil justice? This conference will bring together leading scholars to address these questions about how individuals think about law and the implications for access to civil justice.

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