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# California Law Review Symposium

## Section 1983 and Police Use of Force: Building a Civil Justice Framework

April 14, 2023 8:30-4:30 pm | Warren Room

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**Panel 1:** Police Violence as Tort: Understanding the Health Impacts of Excessive Force on Individuals and Communities

**Panel 2:** What are the Problems in the Legal System that Make it So Difficult to Hold Police Accountable for Violence?

**Panel 3:** What Can We Learn from a Systemic Perspective?

**Panel 4:** How Do We Reform the Law in Light of What We Know?

**Speakers:** John Burris, Erwin Chemerinsky, Frank Rudy Cooper, Justin Feldman, George Gascon, Paul Hoffman, Erin Kerrison, Hedwig Lee, Ndjuoh MeChu, Naomi Murakawa, Osagie Obasogie, Derecka Purnell, The Hon. Carlton W. Reeves, Joanna Schwartz, Fred Smith Jr., Sarah Staszak, and Seth Stoughton

### About the Symposium

Conversations regarding police use of force have been persistent over the past several years. Section 1983 is the most often used mechanism to pursue civil suits against police officers for using excessive force that violates constitutional rights. This symposium will explore Section 1983 use of force litigation with a civil justice lens.

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