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INTRODUCTION

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Over the past decade, the legal academy has been enriched by the influx of a wonderfully talented and diverse group of young scholars. This generation of academics brings a variety of new insights, both personal and professional, to the task of understanding the operation of the civil justice system. The past work of these scholars has already provided us surprising enlightenment based on such novel topics as adversarialism in Japan's tuna courts and the role of apology in the tort system. Here they provide us with an array of novel observations drawn from such disciplines as psychology, economics, history, and sociology.

This year's Clifford Symposium has brought together fifteen rising stars and asked them to provide us with their thoughts about various aspects of civil justice. The topics they have chosen, as well as the content of their analysis, speak volumes about where civil justice scholarship stands today and where it is headed tomorrow.

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