

Emory Law School's Center for International and Comparative Law, and
the American Society of Comparative Law
Present:

David J. Bederman Symposium 2026
Access to Global Justice:
National Justice Systems as Engines of International Law

Thursday March 26th, 2026, Emory Law School, Atlanta,
Tull Auditorium
and on Zoom
8:45am – 6:00pm, reception following the Symposium

PROGRAM

8:30 a.m. — Breakfast

8:45 a.m. — Welcome

9:00 a.m. — Keynote Address

Advocate General Laila Medina
Court of Justice of the European Union

10:00 a.m. — Panel 1

**Reimagining Access to Justice: Constitutional Foundations and Digital
Innovation**

Topics

- Access to justice, due process, and judicial independence in comparative constitutional perspective
- Domestic courts as venues for enforcing international and transnational rights
- Procedural design, equality of arms, and effective remedies
- Public interest litigation and the role of lawyers and civil society
- The financial dimension of due process
- Court reform, institutional capacity building, and rule of law promotion

- Digital justice: online courts, AI, and automated decision-making
- Due process, transparency, bias, and trust in technology-enabled adjudication

Moderator: Magdalena Tulibacka (Emory Law School)

Panelists:

- Theo Broodryk (Stellenbosch University, South Africa)
- Eric Ini (Minnesota Center for Environmental Advocacy)
- Xandra Kramer (Erasmus University, the Netherlands) – *Zoom*
- Judy Perry Martinez (World Justice Project)
- Alan Uzelac (University of Zagreb, Croatia)
- Leanne Webster (Carter Center Rule of Law Program)
- Tadeusz Zembrzuski (University of Warsaw, Poland)

11:30 a.m. — **Lunch**

1:15 p.m. — Keynote Address

The Honorable Lee Rosenthal
U.S. District Judge, Southern District of Texas

2:00 p.m. — Panel 2

**Innovations in Rights Enforcement: Strategic Litigation, Group Claims,
and ADR**

Topics

- Group litigation and class actions across legal systems
- Public vs. private enforcement in large-scale disputes
- Strategic litigation as a tool for structural reform and rights protection
- Representative actions, opt-in/opt-out regimes, and judicial oversight
- Arbitration, mediation, and hybrid ADR mechanisms
- Procedural fairness, participation, and legitimacy in mass claims
- Transnational challenges: jurisdiction, enforcement, and coordination

Moderator: Stacie Strong (Emory Law School)

Panelists:

- Maria José Azar-Baud (Paris-Saclay University, France)
 - Nikki Chamberlain (University of Auckland, New Zealand)
 - Nick Diamand (Liefv Cabraser, New York)
 - Chris Hodges (UK Government; University of Oxford) – *Zoom*
 - Jagna Mucha (University of Warsaw, Poland)
 - Ianika Tzankova (Rubikon Impact & Litigation; Tilburg University, the Netherlands) – *Zoom*
 - Stefaan Voet (KU Leuven, Belgium)
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3:30 p.m. — Coffee Break

3:45 p.m. — Panel 3

Financing Access to Justice: Public Funding, Private Capital, and the Future of Rights Enforcement

Topics

- Legal aid and public funding models for access to justice
- Institutional and foundation support for public interest litigation
- Private financing tools: contingency fees, insurance, third-party funding, crowdfunding
- Ethics, incentives, and regulation of litigation finance
- Transparency, disclosure, and judicial oversight
- Funding structures, costs, and equality of arms
- Financing collective, high-risk, and socially significant claims
- Emerging hybrid and impact-oriented funding models

Moderator: Stefaan Voet (KU Leuven, Belgium)

Panelists:

- Peter Cashman (Third Floor Wentworth Chambers, Sydney, Australia)
- Adrian Cordina (Erasmus Law School, the Netherlands)
- James Sandman (University of Pennsylvania)
- Anthony Sebok (Cardozo Law School)

- Magdalena Skibińska (University of Zielona Góra, Poland)
 - John Sorabji (University College London, United Kingdom) – *Zoom*
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5:45 p.m. — Conclusion

6:00 p.m. — Reception