

Symposium: Debt in the Real World

Agenda

Thursday March 27, 2025

1:45 p.m.: **Registration and Coffee**

2:15-2:30 p.m.: **Introduction and Welcome**

[David D. Meyer](#), President, Joseph Crea Dean and Professor of Law

[Edward Janger](#), David M. Barse Professor of Law, Brooklyn Law School

2:30-3:45 p.m. **Panel I: Bankruptcy, Fairness, and Due Process**

[Melissa B. Jacoby](#), Graham Kenan Distinguished Professor of Law, UNC School of Law

[Edward Janger](#), David M. Barse Professor of Law, Brooklyn Law School

[John A.E. Pottow](#), John Philip Dawson Collegiate Professor of Law, University of Michigan Law School

3:45-4:00 p.m. **Coffee break**

4:00-5:15 p.m.: **Panel II: Sustainability and Homeownership**

[A. Mechele Dickerson](#), University Distinguished Teaching Professor; Arthur L. Moller Chair in Bankruptcy Law and Practice, The University of Texas at Austin School of Law

[Melissa B. Jacoby](#), Graham Kenan Distinguished Professor of Law, UNC School of Law

[Angela K. Littwin](#), Charles Sapp Chair in Banking, Financial, Commercial and Corporate Law Professor, The University of Texas at Austin School of Law

Friday, March 28

9:00-9:30 a.m. **Registration and breakfast**

9:30-11:00 a.m. **Panel III: Economic Risk and the Social Safety Net**

[Adam Levitin](#), Carmack Waterhouse Professor of Law and Finance, Georgetown Law

[Patricia A. McCoy](#), Liberty Mutual Insurance Professor of Law, Boston College Law School

[Katherine Porter](#), Professor, University of California, Irvine School of Law; Former United States Representative

[Vijay Raghavan](#), Associate Professor of Law, Brooklyn Law School

11:00-11:15 a.m.: **Coffee break**

11:15 a.m.-12:30 p.m.: **Panel IV: Empirical Perspectives on Consumer Debt**

[Dalié Jiménez](#), Professor of Law, University of California, Irvine School of Law

[Susan Block-Lieb](#), Professor of Law; Cooper Family Chair in Urban Legal Issues, Fordham University School of Law

[Deborah Thorne](#), Professor of Sociology, University of Idaho

12:30-1:30 p.m.: **Lunch break**

1:30-2:45 p.m.: **Panel V: Debt and Necessities**

[Abbye Atkinson](#), Professor of Law and Co-Director of the Center for Law and Economic Justice, University of California Berkeley Law School

[Pamela Foohey](#), Allen Post Professor of Law, University of Georgia School of Law

[Chrystin Ondersma](#), Professor of Law, and Judge Morris Stern Scholar, Rutgers Law School

2:45-3:00 p.m.: **Coffee break**

3:00-4:00 p.m. **Concluding Roundtable Discussion**

[Edward Janger](#), David M. Barse Professor of Law, Brooklyn Law School

[Robert M. Lawless](#), Max L. Rowe Professor of Law; Co-Director, Illinois Program on Law, Behavior and Social Science, University of Illinois College of Law

[Norman I. Silber](#), Boas-Claster Distinguished Professor in Civil Procedure, Hofstra University Maurice A. Deane School of Law; Visiting Professor of Law, Columbia Law School

Ensemble