

Standing Committee on Federal Judicial Improvements &  
Standing Committee on Judicial Independence  
Present the 2013 ABA CLE Centre Showcase Program:

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**Are Courts Dying? The Decline of Open and  
Public Adjudication**

During the twentieth century, courts were transformed into venues in which all persons become eligible for “equal justice under law.” But the twenty-first century may become known for a retrenchment – marking courts’ decline and rendering obsolete the constitutional guarantees of “open” and “public” courts for both civil and criminal litigants. In this program, state supreme court justices and federal judges will discuss why open, public, independent courts remain important and how to respond to a combination of pressures – decreased court funding despite a growing number of litigants without resources, the cost of lawyers, contracts mandating outsourcing adjudication to arbitration, and other efforts to privatize decision making. This is a complimentary CLE program.

**Confirmed Panelists:**

**Hon. Tani Cantil-Sakauye**, Chief Justice, Supreme Court of California  
**Hon. W. Royal Furgeson, Jr. (Ret.)**, U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Texas  
**Hon. Wallace B. Jefferson**, Chief Justice, Supreme Court of Texas  
**Hon. Jonathan Lippman**, Chief Judge, State of New York, New York Court of Appeals  
**Hon. Norma L. Shapiro**, Judge, U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania  
**Hon. Jeffrey S. Sutton**, Judge, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit

**Moderator:** Judith Resnik, Arthur Liman Professor of Law, Yale Law School

**Date & Time:** Thursday, August 8, 2013, 10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

**Location:** Moscone Center West, Second Floor, Rooms 2014/2016  
800 Howard Street (Corner of Fourth and Howard Streets), San Francisco, CA 94103

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**1.5 CLE Credits**



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