

STAND YOUR GROUND

THE RACIAL IMPLICATIONS OF EVERYDAY LAWS



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The March 2012 shooting of 17 year old Trayvon Martin in Sanford, Florida sparked an internationally televised court battle. While George Zimmerman, the shooter, was eventually acquitted, the controversy over the verdict and the Florida self-defense law upon which the verdict was premised are still very much in the national dialogue. What role did race play in the Zimmerman verdict? What role does it continue to play in trials every day in every corner of the country?



Hon. Lora J. Livingston

Judge Lora Livingston presides over the 261st District Court at the Travis County Courthouse in Austin, Texas where she serves as the Chief Administrative Judge for the State of Texas. Off the bench, she has received dozens of awards for her work serving underprivileged populations in collaboration with various women's organizations and diversity groups. She attended law school at UCLA.



Lunch by Salt Lick BBQ

DATA & REGULATION

THE INTERSECTION OF SCIENCE AND GOVERNMENT



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As our collective knowledge of the physical world grows more sophisticated and the world faces increasingly daunting challenges, science will continue to play a greater role in helping us govern. But trying to regulate society with science in mind comes with its own perils. Lawyers often lack a nuanced understanding of the scientific method and scientists can be baffled by how regulations are written. Come hear a discussion of the intersection of science and government.



Dr. Rob Dungan

Dr. Rob Dungan is a research scientist with the Agricultural Research Service at the USDA. He has published over a hundred papers and consulted for governments around the world.



Wendy Wagner

Wendy Wagner is a specialist in environmental regulation. She has a Masters in Environmental Science and a law degree, both from Yale, where she was an editor on the law review.

NSA SURVEILLANCE

A DISCUSSION OF THE MOST POWERFUL COMPUTER IN HISTORY



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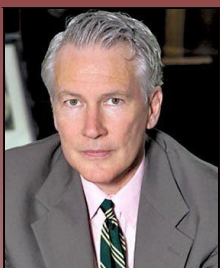
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EIDMAN COURTROOM

Join this highly specialized panel for a discussion on the data center that the National Security Agency recently built in the Utah desert for the purpose of monitoring all electronic communication on earth. Come hear an in depth analysis of the constitutionality of such high power surveillance.

Phillip Bobbitt

Professor at Columbia University



Shahid Buttar

Executive Director at BORDC



Robert Chesney

Professor at University of Texas

