

Forced Arbitration In The Workplace: A Symposium

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Please join The Employee Rights Advocacy Institute For Law & Policy (The Institute) and the *Berkeley Journal of Employment and Labor Law (BJELL)* on February 27, 2014 for **Forced Arbitration In The Workplace: A Symposium** at the University of California, Berkeley School of Law (Boalt Hall).

Convened by The Institute in collaboration with the *Berkeley Journal of Employment and Labor Law*, the Symposium is designed to bring together academics, practitioners, and others in the legal community to engage in a thoughtful dialogue and help raise awareness about forced arbitration of workplace disputes. Articles from the Symposium will be published in *BJELL*'s Spring 2014 issue.

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University of California, Berkeley School of Law
Boalt Hall (College Avenue and Bancroft Way)
Berkeley, CA

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Focusing on workers' access to the civil justice system, **Forced Arbitration In The Workplace: A Symposium** will include discussions on recent empirical research on employment arbitration outcomes, lack of representation at arbitration, arbitrator ethics, class action waivers and class arbitration, historical perspectives on the Federal Arbitration Act, the impact of arbitration law on contract law and federal preemption doctrines, and legal developments in enforcing or invalidating forced arbitration clauses.

Program highlights include a **keynote address by former Secretary of Labor Robert B. Reich**, the Chancellor's Professor of Public Policy at the University of California, Berkeley, and **concluding remarks by Commissioner Jenny R. Yang and General Counsel P. David Lopez of the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission**. Other distinguished speakers include:

- Sarah Belton, *Public Justice, PC*
- F. Paul Bland, Jr., *Public Justice, PC*
- Stephen McG. Bundy, *University of California, Berkeley School of Law (Boalt Hall)*
- Alexander J. S. Colvin, *Cornell University, School of Industrial & Labor Relations*
- Christopher R. Drahozal, *University of Kansas, School of Law*
- Catherine L. Fisk, *University of California, Irvine School of Law*
- Joseph D. Garrison, *Garrison, Levin-Epstein, Richardson, Fitzgerald & Pirrotti, PC*
- Mark Gough, *Cornell University, School of Industrial & Labor Relations*
- Michael Z. Green, *Texas A&M University School of Law*
- David Lipsky, *Cornell University, School of Industrial & Labor Relations*
- Cliff Palefsky, *McGuinn, Hillsman & Palefsky*
- Lindbergh Porter, *Littler Mendelson, PC*
- Michael Rubin, *Altshuler Berzon, LLP*
- Jean R. Sternlight, *University of Nevada, Las Vegas Boyd School of Law*
- Imre Szalai, *Loyola University New Orleans' College of Law*
- Barry Winograd, *University of California, Berkeley School of Law (Boalt Hall), Arbitrator/Mediator*

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Established as the related charitable public interest organization of the National Employment Lawyers Association, The Institute protects workers' access to the courts and promotes employee rights by influencing the broad, macro conversations that shape employment law. The Institute has embarked on a public education campaign to raise awareness about how forced arbitration harms individuals in the American workplace and shields businesses from accountability to their employees.

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The *Berkeley Journal of Employment and Labor Law* (formerly the *Industrial Relations Law Journal*) is a student-edited journal of the University of California, Berkeley School of Law (Boalt Hall) that presents current developments in the field of labor and employment law to scholars, practitioners, and students. *BJELL* addresses a range of legal issues, including employment discrimination, "traditional" labor law, public sector employment, wage-and-hour law, international and comparative labor law, employee benefits and leave, and workforce participation.

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