

# CLAIRE JOHNSON RABA

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## ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

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- University of Illinois Chicago School of Law** 8/16/22– Present  
*Assistant Professor of Law (tenure track)*  
Courses Taught: Civil Procedure, Consumer Law.
- University of California, Irvine School of Law** 8/1/19 – 6/27/22  
*Clinical Teaching Fellow, Consumer Law Clinic*  
Co-taught 6-unit direct representation and policy advocacy economic justice clinic.
- University of California College of the Law, San Francisco** 8/1/16 – 12/31/18  
*Adjunct Professor of Law, Consumer Law (part-time)*

## EDUCATION

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**University of California College of the Law, San Francisco**

Juris Doctor, Public Interest Concentration, 2010  
Senior Articles Editor, Women’s Law Journal

**California State University East Bay**

Bachelor of Arts, cum laude Political Science, 2007  
Editor in chief, *The Pioneer* campus newspaper  
Peralta Community Colleges transfer to CSUEB

## ARTICLES AND JOURNAL PUBLICATIONS

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- Johnson Raba, Claire, [Forfeiting Due Process: How Adjudicative Reform Fails Property Owners](#)  
Fordham Urban Law Journal, Forthcoming. 2023
- Johnson Raba, Claire, [Low-Income Litigants in the Sandbox: Court Record Data and the Legal Technology A2J Market](#) St. John's Law Review, Forthcoming. 2023
- Johnson Raba, Claire [Going Remote: Due Process and Unrepresented Debt Defendants During the Covid-19 Pandemic](#)  
Forthcoming in a Law and Society Association CRN 1 compendium of works. 2023

## OTHER PUBLICATIONS

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- [One-Sided Litigation: Lessons from Civil Docket Data in California Debt Collection Lawsuits](#)  
Pew-funded, peer-reviewed research report, Debt Collection Lab. 2023
- [The Unequal Burden of Debt Claims: Disparate Impact in California Debt Collection Cases](#)  
Pew-funded, peer-reviewed research report, Debt Collection Lab. 2023
- Guest Author: [UniCourt Blog](#)  
Three-part series on court record data and access to justice. 2021-2022

<a href="#"><u>Untapped Tools: The Power of State Debt Collection Laws to Protect Student Loan Borrowers</u></a>	
Research report, Student Borrower Protection Center.	2022
<a href="#"><u>Co-opting California Courts: How Private Creditors Have Turned the Judiciary into a Predatory Student Debt Collection Machine</u></a>	
Research report, Student Borrower Protection Center.	2021
Claire Johnson Raba and Desiree Nguyen Orth, <a href="#"><u>Unsettling: No Relief in Debt Settlement</u></a>	2021
California Low-Income Consumer Coalition research report.	
Raegan Joern, Claire Johnson Raba, and Rebekah Evenson, <i>Driving Change: Reforming Traffic Court Fines, Fees, and License Suspension through Strategic Impact Litigation and Policy Advocacy</i>	2017
Sargent Shriver National Center on Poverty Law Clearinghouse Review	
Claire Johnson and Lisa Greif, <i>Litigation Approaches to Challenging Subsidized Housing Denials Based on Applicants' Criminal Records</i>	2013
National Housing Law Project Housing Law Bulletin	

#### GRANT-FUNDED PROJECTS AND RESEARCH AFFILIATIONS

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##### **Pew Charitable Trusts** (Jun. 2023 – Jun. 2024)

State Debt Collection Reform Evaluation \$150,000  
Co-Principal Investigator

##### **American Bar Foundation/JPB Foundation** [Access to Justice Scholar](#) (2023-2024) \$60,000

Non-residential appointment as a research scholar. Appointment includes course buyout, summer salary, and research budget.

##### **State Bar of California Consumer Debt Grant, with Inland Counties Legal Services** (2023-2026)

Co-Principal Investigator

##### **The Debt Collection Lab** (Sept. 2022 – Present)

A project of the Princeton University Sociology Department  
Co-Principal Investigator

##### **Pew Charitable Trusts** (Nov. 2021 – Jun. 2024)

“Intentional Innovation: Using State Court Record Data in California Debt Collection Cases to Advance Access to Justice” \$257,511  
Co-Principal Investigators

Lead researcher on project. Grant application lead author.

##### **State Bar of California Partnership Grant, sub-grantee of Inland Counties Legal Services** (2021-2022)

“San Bernardino County Consumer Law Clinic Technology Automation” \$37,600  
Lead Researcher. Grant application lead author.

##### **Student Borrower Protection Center** (2021-2022)

“Private Student Loans in the California Courts 2008-2020” \$15,000  
Lead researcher on project. Grant application lead author.

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**LEGAL PRACTICE EXPERIENCE**

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**Bay Area Legal Aid***Senior Attorney / Consumer Law Unit Lead*

10/5/12 – 6/15/19

Created and led legal aid consumer law practice area. Legal practice focused on racial justice, economic justice, systemic reform, access to justice, and legislative and policy impact advocacy. Successfully sought and obtained grant funding and attorney's fees to grow the practice area from one to five attorneys.

**Bay Area Legal Aid***Equal Justice Works Fellow, sponsored by Arnold & Porter LLP*

10/5/10 – 10/4/12

Developed and implemented a two-year fellowship project representing domestic violence survivors in consumer law matters. Successfully demonstrated the viability of a consumer law practice to the largest provider of civil legal services in Northern California.

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**SELECTED RECENT SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS AND PAPER PRESENTATIONS**

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Work in Progress, "Uncivil Proceedings: Perceptions of Civil Debt Collection Lawsuits from Re-Entry."

2023 American Society of Criminologists Annual Meeting, forthcoming November 15, 2023.

Work in Progress, "Beyond Default Judgments: Self-Represented Litigants and Debt Cases in California."

2023 International Access to Justice Forum, October 12, 2023.

2023 Poverty Law Conference, March 11, 2023.

2023 Law and Society Annual Conference, June 1-4, 2023.

Legal Services Corporation Innovations in Technology Conference, "The Legal Services Toolkit: Collaboration and Innovation," January 21, 2023.

Pew Charitable Trusts Great Lakes Summit on Reimagining Debt Collection in the Courts, "Beyond Default Judgments," December 8, 2022.

Work in progress, "Forfeiting Due Process: How Adjudicative Reform Fails Property Owners."

2022 Chicagoland Junior Scholars Conference, September 30, 2022.

2022 Teaching Consumer Law Conference, "Teaching Law + Innovation, Improving Access to Justice for Unrepresented Consumers," May 20, 2022.

2022 National Legal Aid & Defenders Association Equal Justice Conference, "Academic Partnerships for Legal Aid Services Delivery," May 11-14, 2022.

2021 Law and Society Association Annual Conference, "Using Partnerships to Reduce Default Judgments, Empower Consumer Debtors, and Rethink Judicial Efficiency," May 27, 2021.

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"Low-Income Litigants in the Sandbox: Court Record Data and the Legal Technology A2J Market,"

2021 AALS Clinical Conference, WIP Session: Access to Justice Section, April 30, 2021.

2021 New York University Clinical Writers Workshop, October 4, 2021.

Webinar, National Lawyers Guild, "In the Red: What Happens When the Rent becomes a Debt - The Transformation of Covid-19 Rent Arrears to Consumer Debt in California," April 18, 2021.

Webinar, Equal Justice Works, "Taking Your Fellowship Project Remote: No-Code LegalTech App Development Best Practices," April 24, 2020.

Podcast, 2020 CodeX FutureLaw Conference, "No-Code Platforms for Lawyers, " April 9, 2020.

2020 Legal Services Corporation Innovations in Technology Conference, "Legal App Teardowns: Do's and Don't's of Designing Apps for A2J," January 15, 2020.

Webinar, Equal Justice Works, "Taking Your Fellowship Project Remote: No-Code LegalTech App Development Best Practices," April 24, 2020.

Podcast, 2020 CodeX FutureLaw Conference, "No-Code Platforms for Lawyers," April 9, 2020.

## COURT ADMISSIONS

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State Bar of Illinois, September 2023

State Bar of California, December 2010

U.S. District Court, N.D. Cal., December 2010

U.S. Bankruptcy Court, N.D. Cal., July 2012

U.S. District Court, C.D. Cal., October 2017

U.S. Bankruptcy Court, C.D. Cal., October 2017

## CODING AND LEGAL TECHNOLOGY PROJECTS

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*Scripting languages, databases, and data analysis:* R, Python, shell scripting, SQL, Tableau

*No-code platforms:* AfterPattern/NetDocuments, Josef Legal, Neota, HotDocs, A2J Author, Documate

Subject matter expert consultant to the Judicial Council of California on digital services redesign of self-help materials for unrepresented consumer debt defendants (2018)

### *Legal Technology Projects:*

San Bernardino County Debt Defense Clinic: DocAssemble-based collaboration with the court and Inland Counties Legal Services (2021-2022)

[California Debt Defender](#): Creates an answer, affirmative defenses, and fee waiver application for California debt collection defendants. (2018)

[Claim of Exemption Tool](#): Creates claims of exemption for bank levies and wage garnishments. (2018)

[Bay Area Legal Aid Debt Collection Defense Advocates Tool](#): HotDocs tool for creating responsive documents in debt collection lawsuits. (2014)

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**SERVICE AND PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS**

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Member, UIC Law Faculty Recruitment Committee, AY 2023-24

Member, UIC Law Student Engagement Committee, AY 2022-23

Equal Justice Works Alumni Advisory Council chairperson, August 2023-August 2025

Equal Justice Works Alumni Advisory Council member, August 2022-Present

Legal Services Corporation Civil Court Data Initiative, August 2022-Present

Pew Charitable Trusts Civil Court Data Researcher Cohort, November 2021-Present

Ad hoc manuscript peer reviewer for University of Denver *Journal of Law & Policy*, spring 2022

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**PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS, CERTIFICATIONS, AND LANGUAGES**

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R and Statistical Analysis, EdX, August 2020

Law and Society Association, Member 2020-present

National Association of Consumer Advocates, Member 2011-present

National Institute for Trial Advocacy Training, Basic Trial Skills, May 2012

National Institute for Trial Advocacy Training, Advanced Trial Skills, Dec. 2014

LawHelp Interactive HotDocs and A2J document automation programming course, Oct. 2017

Conversational Spanish