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Paul Collins' research focuses on bias and inequality in the legal system, the selection and work of judges and social movement litigation.

Biography

Paul M. Collins investigates the factors that shape the selection and decision-making process of U.S. Supreme Court justices and interest group litigation. His research and commentary have appeared in a host of popular media outlets, including CNN, the National Law Journal, National Public Radio, The New York Times, New Yorker, San Francisco Chronicle, Wall Street Journal and the Washington Post. He has also authored articles in SCOTUSblog, Slate, The Conversation, The New York Daily News and the Washington Post. Collins has been awarded twice with the C. Herman Pritchett Award from the Law and Courts Section of the American Political Science Association. The awards recognized Collins' 2023 book "Supreme Bias: Gender and Race in U.S. Supreme Court Confirmation Hearings" and his 2019 book, "Friends of the Supreme Court: Interest Groups and Judicial Decision Making."

Expertise

Bias in Judicial Appointments, Judicial Appointments, Public Law, Inequality in the Legal System, American Politics, Judicial Ethics, Judicial Elections, Supreme Court Confirmation Hearings

Affiliations

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Education

Binghamton University (SUNY)

Ph.D. Political Science

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