

# AMERICAN ACADEMY OF ARTS & SCIENCES

*Cordially invites you to a program on*  
*Science and the Legal System*

**Monday, October 29, 2018**  
9:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

**First Amendment Lounge, National Press Club**  
529 14th Street, NW  
Washington, D.C. 20045

Join us for an examination of the challenges and opportunities posed by the increasing role of scientific evidence in legal cases. As judges and juries struggle to evaluate scientific claims, what was once accepted in the courtroom as sound science has not always withstood the test of time or close scientific scrutiny. Yet the law can be slow to adapt and the procedures for presenting scientific evidence may impede rather than enhance judge or jury understanding.

These challenges as well as possibilities for improvement and reform will be addressed by a panel consisting of distinguished federal judges David Tatel and Jed Rakoff and former federal judge (now Harvard Law School professor) Nancy Gertner. Each is a contributor to a special issue of *Dædalus*, the Journal of the American Academy, on Science and the Legal System.

Hosting the panel will be *Dædalus* guest editors Professor Shari Diamond of Northwestern University Pritzker Law School and University of Michigan Law School Professor Emeritus Richard Lempert. The hosts will present some results from a first ever survey probing the reasons why distinguished scientists choose to be involved or resist involvement in legal matters, including the experiences of those scientists who participate in legal actions and reforms that might make scientists more likely to answer the call of the law when asked.

Information on the speakers is provided below. We hope to see you there.

## *Featuring*

### **Shari Seidman Diamond**

Howard J. Trienens Professor of Law and Professor of Psychology,  
Northwestern University Pritzker School of Law;  
Research Professor, American Bar Foundation

### **Richard O. Lempert**

Eric Stein Distinguished University Professor of Law and Sociology, Emeritus,  
University of Michigan

### **The Honorable Nancy Gertner**

Senior Lecturer on Law, Harvard Law School;  
former Senior United States District Judge, United States District Court for the  
District of Massachusetts

### **The Honorable Jed S. Rakoff**

United States District Judge for the Southern District of New York;  
Professor, Columbia Law School

### **The Honorable David S. Tatel**

Judge, United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit

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