

Lecture Series at the College of Law



Foreclosure Proceedings in Lawyerless Courts

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In mortgage enforcement proceedings, borrowers risk losing their homes. The law provides limited protections to them, which in some Canadian provinces includes mandatory court oversight of the foreclosure proceedings. Yet, many borrowers do not take part in the court process. Building on American scholarship that examines how judges manage proceedings in lawyerless courts, where both litigants are unrepresented, this talk will consider the question of how judges ensure fairness in proceedings where one party, the borrower, is commonly absent.