

2017 FORUM FOR STATE APPELLATE COURT JUDGES

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Jurisdiction: Defining State Courts' Authority

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The Forum is a one-day complimentary judicial education conference. Judges travel and attend as guests of the Institute, at no cost to themselves or to their courts. Registrations are accepted on a first-come, first-served basis.

HOLD THE DATE: SATURDAY, JULY 22, 2017, BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS

Program and travel are complimentary for sitting state appellate judges.
Space is limited: Reserve your spot at www.poundinstitute.org.

DEFINING STATE COURTS' AUTHORITY

Saturday, July 22, 2017, Boston, Massachusetts

In recent years citizens bringing civil actions have faced challenges to jurisdiction in cases which courts would have routinely retained a decade ago. For example, defendants are arguing, in some instances, that they can only be subject to jurisdiction in states where they are incorporated or have their principal place of business. Jurisdictional challenges pose immediate, concrete, practical, and potentially dispositive problems for citizens who seek redress, as they can disable litigants from even stating, let alone proving, their cases. This recent stumbling block for litigation is the latest phase of a decades-long trend of limiting access to civil justice, about which the state judiciary might justifiably be concerned. Judges who have not seen such cases already should expect to encounter them soon.

At the 2017 Judges Forum, nationally-recognized legal scholars will examine the increased use of jurisdiction challenges in litigation, and explore the question of when the Constitution does, and does not, limit state courts' authority over foreign individuals and corporations.

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