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**The Jacob Burns Center for
Ethics in the Practice of Law
invites you to:**

***If Multidistrict Litigation is the New
Normal, Do Lawyers Need New Rules?***

Originally established in 1968 via federal statute, multidistrict litigation is now a dominant force reshaping the legal landscape in the United States. According to a recent study, by the end of 2018, multidistrict litigation (MDLs) made up approximately 52% of the civil caseload at the federal level. On paper, MDLs are not class actions, but the reality is that they give a lot of power to a small groups of lawyers.

This panel will discuss what the "new normal" of MDLs looks like from the perspective of defendants, plaintiffs, and their lawyers. Is it sustainable? Can our current approach to legal ethics handle this new world, or does something need to change?

Thursday, February 13, 2020
5:30 - 7:00 p.m.
Reception to follow

Jacob Burns Moot Court Room
Cardozo School of Law

**55 Fifth Avenue
New York, NY**

This event is open to the public, please register to attend.

Register here

Panelists:

- **Moderator: Anthony Sebok**, Professor of Law, Cardozo School of Law
- **Elizabeth Chamblee Burch**, Fuller E. Callaway Chair of Law, University of Georgia School of Law; Author, *Mass Tort Deals: Backroom Bargaining in Multidistrict Litigation* (Cambridge UP 2019)
- **Sheila Birnbaum**, Partner, Dechert LLP; Co-Chair of Dechert's Product Liability and Mass Torts Practice
- **Howard Erichson**, Professor of Law, Fordham University School of Law
- **Chris Seeger '90**, Founding Partner, Seeger Weiss LLP; Cardozo Distinguished Alumnus of the Year 2009
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