

CENTER FOR JUSTICE & DEMOCRACY

Who We Are

The Center for Justice & Democracy (CJ&D) is the only national consumer rights organization in the country working around-the-clock to protect the civil justice system.

CJ&D raises public awareness about the value of our civil justice system and exposes the dangerous campaign to undermine it. CJ&D helps to protect legal rights and hold wrongdoers accountable in order to make the world a safer place.

What We Do

Through effective advocacy, groundbreaking research and grassroots mobilization, CJ&D is standing up to some of the country's most powerful, well-funded and aggressive special interests.

Documenting Attacks on Civil Justice

CJ&D's many publications and studies cover a wide range of critical civil justice issues and are widely distributed to opinion leaders, public officials, journalists and organizations across the country. CJ&D's website <http://centerjd.org> and our blog <http://ThePopTort.com> provide access to many of our materials.

Testifying and Speaking Out

At the national and state level, CJ&D works with public officials to protect the civil justice system and fight industries that want to escape accountability for their wrongdoing. CJ&D staff members are often asked to testify before Congress and state legislatures and conduct briefings on a range of civil justice issues.

Serving as a Key Media Resource

CJ&D studies, analysis and commentary are featured in newspapers nationwide, including: *New York Times*, *Washington Post*, *Chicago Tribune*, *Miami Herald*, *Wall Street Journal* and *Los Angeles Times*. In addition, CJ&D has appeared on many TV and radio networks as a civil justice expert, including: *ABC*, *CBS*, *CNBC*, *CNN*, *C-SPAN*, *Fox News*, *MSNBC*, *NBC*, *NPR* and *PBS*.

Giving Victims and the Public Interest Community a Voice

CJ&D organizes and maintains regular contact with a closely-knit network of people who have been hurt through no fault of their own, and leads collaborations with public interest organizations from around the country. Through press conferences and testimony, CJ&D helps the media and public officials understand the true costs of unsafe medical care and corporate misconduct.

Protecting Civil Justice at the State Level

CJ&D focuses much of its efforts at the state level, where battles to protect the civil justice system are most intense. CJ&D's Illinois office opened in 2005. CJ&D is the lead organizer for CURE-NY, a coalition of New York community groups and consumer advocates, and CJ&D's "Ten State Push" provides tailored support in states facing the country's toughest battles against special interests..

Additional Projects

CJ&D has formed two additional coalitions: Americans for Insurance Reform (AIR), with over 100 public interest groups fighting for better insurance industry oversight; and Civil Justice Resource Group (CJRG), a collaboration of over 20 scholars from universities and law schools nationwide.