



DISAPPEARING CIVIL JURIES THREATENS DEMOCRACY



Less than 1% of civil cases are now resolved by jury trial.

“In this time when the future of American democracy is in greater peril than we have ever experienced in our lifetimes, which coincides with our slow emergence from the ravages of a life-changing and deadly pandemic, we cannot forget that jury service provides a form of public participation and grassroots governance that the Founders considered as important in maintaining a democratic republic as voting itself.”

Richard L. Jolly, Valerie P. Hans & Robert S. Peck, “The Civil Jury: Reviving An American Institution,”
Civil Justice Research Initiative, September 2021

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