

Special Issue

The Other Side of Tort Liability: When the System Doesn't Seem to Work

Message from the Guest Editor

Dear Colleagues☒ We spend most of our lives discussing the doctrine of the law of torts, but in this Special Issue of *Laws* I want the articles to discuss how the law of tortious liability actually impacts on the people who go through the compensation systems, whether standard litigation, class actions, or workers' compensation systems. We know, for example, that the length of time litigation takes appears to affect the mental health of plaintiffs badly. We know that people are awarded damages, but that often those damages appear not to be enough. We also know that the increase of settlements which are confidential may be affecting the law. In this issue I would like to investigate the impact of the doctrines and procedures of liability in tort law further. I have contacted you because I know you have an interest in torts which goes beyond the doctrinal and extends to some aspect of how torts impacts in the real world. I very much hope you will be interested in contributing an article on some aspect of this topic. I'm very happy to discuss it with you to help shape it if you would like.

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