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One of the stars of our faculty, Michael Yelnosky, is making quite a name for his empirical work on the judicial selection process. His initial focus was the state level, and a conference he organized critiqued the ways judges have been selected in Rhode Island, reaching some interesting, indeed controversial conclusions. <http://law.rwu.edu/story/professor-yelnosky-leads-judicial-selection-forum>

Now he has turned his focus to the federal level, with an op-ed in the Washington Post that shed light on the lack of diversity on the all-important ABA panel that pre-screens all nominees for positions on the federal trial and appellate benches. http://www.washingtonpost.com/opinions/the-bar-association-panel-should-diversify-its-representation/2013/08/15/b79c5a18-045f-11e3-88d6-d5795fab4637_story.html

The op-ed has gone viral with coverage from, among others, Nan Aaron, the influential head of the Alliance for Justice <http://www.afj.org/about-afj/leadership/biography-of-nan-aron.html>

The basis for the piece is an empirical project that will be published in the Roger Williams Law Review. Congratulations, Michael, for tackling a very important aspect of the legal profession.



