

Selected Writings Referencing the Justice Index

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The National Center for Access to Justice at Fordham Law School has collected below a set of selected writings about the Justice Index that will be of interest to people concerned about the quality of access to justice in the United States.

These writings make use of the findings contained in the Justice Index in a variety of ways, such as: journalistic reporting on the American legal system, strategic planning conducted by courts and government agencies, training of public officials, evidence demonstrating legal system dysfunction, examples of best policies for increasing access to justice, scholarly study of the legal system.

Some of the writings show how the Justice Index is being used to support efforts to change the law, while others show how the Justice Index is being used to hold officials accountable to existing law.

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