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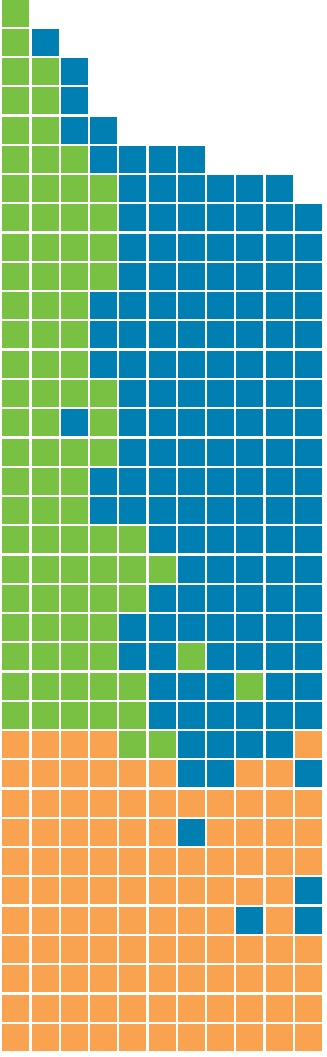


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Tuesday, February 15, 2011

4:00 p.m.—6:00 p.m.

185 West Broadway, Room W520



The RECAP project takes the movement surrounding using the Internet to foster greater government transparency to the judicial branch. Today, the U.S. government puts federal court records online in a system called PACER: Public Access to Electronic Court Records. PACER keeps documents behind a pay-wall and suffers many usability shortcomings. Fortunately, these public documents are not eligible for copyright, so once a document has been retrieved from PACER, it may be freely shared and reproduced. RECAP enables citizens to easily share federal court documents. The goal of this project is to publish an extensive archive to the public for free.

Founders, **Steve Schultze** and **Tim Lee**, will discuss both the technical workings of RECAP, as well as the policy implications of the project. In particular, they will report on the current status of the collection, legal issues they have encountered thus far, and the larger policy context for RECAP.

If you are interested in attending, please RSVP to [naomi.allen@nyls.edu](mailto:naomi.allen@nyls.edu).