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**SAMPLE ABSTRACT**

**Susan B. Haire and Laura P. Moyer, *Diversity Matters: Judicial Policy Making in the U.S. Courts of Appeals***

**Book Abstract**Until President Jimmy Carter launched an effort to diversify the lower federal courts, the U.S. courts of appeals had been composed almost entirely of white males. By 2008, a quarter of sitting judges were women and 15 percent were African American or Hispanic. Underlying the argument made by administration officials for a diverse federal judiciary has been the expectation that the presence of women and minorities will ensure that the policy of the courts will reflect the experiences of a diverse population. Drawing from oral histories and data on appellate decisions through 2008, the authors demonstrate that diversity on the bench affects individual judges’ choices and the overall character and quality of judicial deliberation and decisions. The first three chapters of the book trace the paths of minority and female judges to the bench and examine how group membership, status, and socialization forces shape individual judicial behavior. The next two chapters shift to consider how gender and racial diversity affect the collective behavior of small groups and institutions. Chapter 4 evaluates how the makeup of appellate panels drives decisional outcomes, while chapter 5 looks at the ways that changing norms and critical actors affected how individual courts experienced judicial diversification. Looking forward, the authors anticipate the ways in which these process effects will become more pronounced as a result of the highly diverse Obama appointment cohort.

**Book keywords:** judicial behavior**;** U.S. courts of appeals; women judges**;** minority judges**;** judicial diversity

**Chapter 4: Diversity on the Panel**   
This chapter examines how gender and racial diversity on appellate panels affects deliberative processes. One perspective on diversity suggests that stereotypes will shape expectations toward one’s colleagues and fuel processes that diminish the influence of women and minority judges. Although the analysis finds that white male judges’ voting behavior is more variable in the presence of nontraditional judges, they are no more likely to author a dissent in response to a majority opinion by a woman and/or a minority judge. Another perspective suggests the presence of nontraditional judges will enhance the robustness of information processing in deliberations. The analysis provides support for the premise that diverse panels yield opinions with more points of law when compared to those produced by panels composed of only white males. However, this effect held only if two of the three panel judges were nontraditional judges.

**Chapter keywords:** deliberations; nontraditional judges; majority opinion; appellate panels; gender and racial diversity

**SAMPLE ABSTRACT**

**James A. Jacobs, *Detached America: Building Houses in Postwar Suburbia***

**Book Abstract**

This bookexplores the quarter century between 1945 and 1970, when Americans crafted a new manner of living that shaped and reshaped how residential builders designed and marketed millions of detached single-family suburban houses. These dwellings were the basic building blocks and the single most important components of the explosive suburban growth during the postwar period, luring families to the metropolitan periphery from both crowded urban centers and the rural hinterlands. Favorable government policies, and sympathetic and widely available print media such as trade journals, popular shelter magazines, and newspapers, emboldened the residential building industry while informing the public of these new possibilities. A vast and long-lived collaboration involving government and business—and fueled by millions of middle-class homeowners—established the financial mechanisms, consumer frameworks, domestic ideologies informed especially by the notion of “casual living,” and the architectural precedents that permanently altered the geographic and demographic landscape of the nation.

**Keywords:** detached single-family houses; spatial evolution**;** consumer culture;casual living**;** middle class

**Chapter 1: The Housing Industry Reinvented**

Chapter 1 considers the residential building industry as it reorganized and expanded as a central part of the postwar period's energetic consumer culture. Residential builders and their industry attained a new level of national prominence and cohesion through energetic and unrelenting self-promotion and product marketing. Builders commenced their postwar activities in a manner closely circumscribed by government policies put into place by the Federal Housing Administration (FHA). The agency's far-ranging policies reduced the financial risk of conducting business, massively increased the number of prospective buyers through a softening of class- and income-based exclusion at the expense of racial inclusion, and raised the design and construction standards for new houses. This solid foundation permitted postwar builders on all scales of business to assertively market a suburban lifestyle to receptive American households using eye-catching advertisements, the modish interiors of furnished ”display” or “model” houses, annual events such as National Home Week, and new types of models.

**Keywords:** residential building industry**; F**ederal Housing Administration (FHA)**;** home advertisements**;** model houses**;** National Home Week