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Financial Patents and the Transparency Crisis

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Although many sources have been blamed for causing the crisis in the world's financial markets, attention has been repeatedly directed at two pervasive attributes of the most troubled financial products and practices—the high degree of innovation and limited transparency. Professor John F. Duffy will examine the law and policy governing secrecy and innovation in finance and the ongoing changes in business and law that might lead financial firms to shift toward patents and other legal mechanisms to foster both reliable innovation and transparency.

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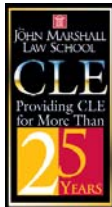
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