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Chapman and BMO Partner with Chicago Appleseed on Court Recording Project

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Low-income and pro se litigants' right to an appeal is often of little or no real value because there is no record of the legal proceeding. Attorneys and legal professionals from BMO Financial Group and Chapman are partnering with the Chicago Appleseed Fund for Justice and the Chicago Council of Lawyers to study the extent to which tenant eviction proceedings are being conducted across the US without a record and comparing the differences between those unrecorded proceedings and recorded proceedings. They are also researching practical and user-friendly recording technologies that may provide a feasible, low-cost solution. The result of their work will be offered to tenant advocacy groups across the country to support their efforts to make the right to an appeal more meaningful.