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## **Levin Center's 2021 Award for Excellence in Oversight Research Announced**



Professor Kevin Stack and Professor Michael Vandenberg from Vanderbilt Law School

12/14/2021 - Professor Kevin Stack and Professor Michael Vandenberg from Vanderbilt Law School are the Levin Center's 2021 Excellence in Oversight Research Award recipients. Their winning paper, *Oversight Riders*, is compelling, timely, and an original thesis on an important appropriations mechanism overlooked as a way to create personal incentives for executive branch officials to comply with congressional information requests. This winning paper was selected among several excellent candidates for the award by a committee of oversight scholars. The paper is scheduled for publication in the Notre Dame Law Review in early 2022.

The Levin Center Award for Excellence in Oversight Research is designed to encourage, acknowledge, and heighten visibility of scholarly papers examining important oversight issues. The award helps promote constructive research into oversight by legislatures, a core value of the Levin Center.

The Levin Center at Wayne Law is named in honor of former U.S. Sen. Carl Levin, Michigan's longest-serving U.S. senator who retired in 2015 after 36 years in the Senate conducting fact-based, bipartisan oversight investigations. The center's mission is to promote high quality oversight in Congress and the 50 state legislatures through oversight workshops, research, events, commentary, and other activities. While the Levin Center is affiliated with Wayne State University Law School, its views do not present the institutional views, if any, of Wayne State University or the Law School.

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