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Brendan Roediger is a professor of law at Saint Louis University, where he supervises the Civil Litigation Clinic and teaches in the areas of civil rights, consumer, and poverty law. An experienced civil litigator, Roediger previously served as a lecturer of law and managing attorney for the Civil Justice Clinic at Washington University School of Law.

Roediger earned his bachelor's degree in Chicano Studies from the University of Minnesota in 2002. After law school, he joined Land of Lincoln Legal Assistance in Illinois, litigating issues of housing preservation, predatory lending, domestic relations, and welfare rights.

Roediger's Civil Advocacy Clinic focuses on court reform, racial justice, and representation of low-income individuals in the St. Louis region. With his law students, Roediger is active in litigation and advocacy directed at eliminating racial profiling, revenue-based policing, and unconstitutional court practices in Ferguson and throughout the St. Louis region. His work has been featured in national media sources like the New York Times, ABC, MSNBC, The Economist, The Nation, the Wall Street Journal, and National Public Radio.

Roediger is a founding member of the Ferguson Legal Defense Committee and the National Law for Black Lives Collective. Through these organizations, he helped formulate the legal response to the events in Ferguson, working on the ground with local and national organizations to coordinate strategies, provide legal representation to activists, and monitor and combat human rights violations. In recognition of his work on these and other issues, he has been awarded the St. Louis Bar Foundation Spirit of Justice Award, the Missouri Lawyers Legal Champion Award, the Legal Services of Eastern Missouri Client Service Award, and the Saint Louis University Student Government Faculty Award for Social Justice.