

Interrupted paper trails - Analyzing decision making on the Norwegian Supreme Court

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Social science analyses of judicial decision making on the Norwegian Supreme Court started with a small exploratory analysis in 2007-2008 with researchers compiling a data file consisting of fifteen justices casting a total of 163 votes in eleven non-unanimous plenary decisions on constitutional issues between 2000 and 2007. Today, the judicial behavior research project administers a relational database that includes more than 17,000 decisions and more than 70,000 justices' votes as well as a complementary text data base using R. The paper demonstrates the degree of overlap between extant research data and the overall decision making on the Court.