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Baar has for over 40 years specialized in the field of judicial administration. In the process, he has written or coauthored 5 books and monographs, 25 technical reports, and over 80 refereed articles, book chapters and professional articles.

After taking early retirement in 2000, he began a new career as an international rule-of-law and caseload management consultant in Asia, Africa, Eastern Europe and the Caribbean, taking him to Peshawar, Pakistan, the week before 9/11 and Karachi while Daniel Pearl was held captive there.

Baar's brush with Canadian adversarial legalism occurred in 1990 when the Supreme Court of Canada applied his research on court delay to *Regina v. Askov*, resulting in the dismissal of over 51,000 criminal charges within the next year and the creation of a new verb still heard in the criminal courts today.

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Professor Jacobs' recent articles include: "Privacy Rights Mobilization Among Marginal Groups in Canada: Fulfilling the Mandate of PIPEDA" (March 2011), for the Office of the Privacy Commissioner of Canada; "Strengthening Access to Justice: Canada Country Report, Vance Center for International Justice, New York Bar (March 2011), (with Kaitlyn Matulewicz), "Protecting Privacy Rights in the Emerging Digital Economy: Canada's Regulatory Scheme, Its Adaptability, and Its Future" (December 2010), for the Industry Canada/SSHRC Presidential Initiative on the Emerging Digital Economy; "Canada's System of Regionally Extended and Differentiated Employment Insurance Benefits: An Equal Employment Opportunities Approach" (October 2010), for the Employment Insurance Task Force; Keith Banting, Chair (with Lorne Foster), "Shared Citizenship as the Context for Competing Human Rights Claims: Towards a Social Policy Framework," Canadian Diversity, vol. X (Summer 2010), 10-14; "Equality, Adequacy and Stakes Fairness: Retrieving the Equal Opportunities in Education Approach", Theory and Research in Education, 8.3 (November 2010), 1-20; "CHINA PAPERS No. 12: China's Capacity to Respond to the H1N1 Pandemic Alert and Future Global Public Health Crises: A Policy Window For Canada" (Toronto: Canadian International Council, June 2010), (with Brenda Jacobs); "Multidisciplinary Paths to Family Justice: Professional Challenges and Promising Practices" (Toronto, Law Commission of Ontario, June 2010); "Mapping the Legal Consciousness of First Nations Voters: Understanding Voting Rights Mobilization", (in English and French) (Ottawa, Elections Canada, May 2009), reprinted in Julie Peters and Jerry White, editors, Aboriginal Policy and Research in Canada (Toronto: Thompson Educational, Jan 2011).

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