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Welcome to Volume 48, Issue One of the *Loyola University Chicago Law Journal*. This is the first publication produced by our collaborative team, and the *Law Journal* members are excited to share a creative product containing the diverse voices of revered scholars from around the world. To get here, the Executive Board extensively reviewed numerous works of legal scholarship, and handpicked six articles that continued the *Law Journal's* tradition of publishing novel legal theories and provoking insightful discussions into topical and stimulating areas of law.

This Issue begins with a perceptive exploration of various forms of truth to which our justice system is exposed, and the potential harm effected by the filtering function of evidentiary rules. The next article discusses the risk-taking nature inherent in creativity and describes how intellectual property may not be as risk averse as scholars originally assumed. The third article continues the patent conversation by engaging the reader in a debate regarding whether technological innovation can guarantee an enhanced well-being. The fourth article presents a compelling proposal that standards of review, the lens through which courts view cases on appeal, are unlikely to drastically alter reversal rates of these cases due to the deeper roles of various legal institutions within the judicial system. The final article in this Issue examines the topical First Amendment by critiquing the ability of litigants to present “chilled” hypothetical expression as an injury before a court.

Issue One concludes with a student comment on a recent Supreme Court case, *King v. Burwell*, with particular emphasis on the muddled statutory interpretation that was arguably unwarranted by four plain words. This Article also incorporates a thought-provoking analysis into the impact and legacy of the late Justice Scalia's reliance on the interpretation principles of textualism and originalism.

The *Law Journal* offers a sincere thank you to each of our contributing authors for their incredible contributions, and for the pleasure it has been to work with them. Last, the Executive Board thanks the staff members of the *Law Journal*, whose tireless commitment and dedicated contribution to this Issue brought this publication to life.

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