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Welcome to Volume 49, Issue One of the *Loyola University Chicago Law Journal*. Our first publication is the result of the efforts of a diverse range of distinguished legal scholars along with all the staff members of the *Law Journal*. We are excited to share fresh perspectives on developments in the law, and are proud to celebrate innovation in our field by publishing an all-female lineup of contributors in this Issue. To arrive at this final product, the Executive Board reviewed hundreds of scholarly works and selected five that far exceeded our expectations. We trust that the thought-provoking analysis in this Issue will accomplish our goal of stimulating fruitful discussions about a variety of legal topics.

Issue One opens with a compelling proposal to address the law's inability to adequately remedy problems faced by individuals whose expunged criminal records remain accessible to the public on online news sources and other forums. The next Article discusses social attitudes toward money outside the purely economic sphere of incentives and sanctions, and examines potential applications and implications of those attitudes in our legal system. The third Article analyzes the shortcomings of myriad factors that courts consider to determine whether an implied private right of action is created based on a public statute.

Issue One concludes with two student Articles, each analyzing a recent Supreme Court decision. The first student Article contends that the majority decision in *Heffernan v. City of Paterson, N.J.*, improperly lessens the burden of proof on Section 1983 claims in a way that contradicts the plain language of Section 1983 and Supreme Court precedent. The second student Article argues that the *Williams v. Pennsylvania* majority decision is a positive step toward developing a much-needed constitutional standard of judicial impartiality that promotes public confidence in the legitimacy of the court system.

The *Law Journal* thanks its talented authors for choosing to include their valuable contributions and unique insights in our publication. It was an immensely rewarding experience working with each and every one of them. Finally, the Executive Board thanks the staff members of the *Law Journal*, whose dedication was instrumental in bringing Issue One to life.

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