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Volume 51 proudly presents Issue Four of the *Loyola University Chicago Law Journal*. In past volumes, this issue celebrated the retirement of Loyola's beloved Dean Nina Appel and remembered the notorious Chicago Eight Trial. This year Issue Four represents a return to tradition: it examines important legal developments in Illinois law.

Both Professor Jeffery Parness and a group of attorneys from Cooney & Conway authored pieces that argue recent legislative changes fall short of their goals. Professor Parness analyzes amendments to Illinois childcare parentage laws and suggests that they fail to adequately consider modern uniform laws and treatises on the subject. Next, Judith Conway, J. Devitt Cooney, Michael Cooney, and Megan Monty discuss abolition of the statute of limitations for civil claims based on childhood sexual abuse. They propose Illinois follow other states and allow victims with expired claims under old statutes to litigate without limitation.

The issue then features two articles that examine murky legislative language. Professor Alberto Bernabe discusses the different treatment of guardians ad litem based on their expectations defined under Illinois law. He notes that each applicable Act requires a guardian ad litem to perform a fundamentally different role, even though these roles are rarely clarified. Then, Alex Moe, a clerk with the Circuit Court of Cook County, explores an inconsistency in the Illinois Mortgage Foreclosure Law. He reveals that practitioners have miscalculated redemption periods for decades and proposes a simple resolution via general judicial order.

This issue concludes with two pieces that examine broader areas of the law. Robert Eggmann and Dormie Ko clarify the exemption status of inherited IRAs and discuss the Supreme Court's resolution of the matter. Finally, Katrina Lutfy's student comment explores the treatment of persons with epilepsy and argues that modern, but outdated, restrictions on their right to drive are misplaced and burdensome.

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