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Welcome to Volume 52, Issue Three of the *Loyola University Chicago Law Journal*. This Issue introduces four innovative articles and embodies months of hard work on behalf of both our authors and staff members. We are excited to again present scholarship that challenges the current legal landscape and provides concrete, thoughtful solutions.

This Issue begins with Professor Andrew Michaels exploring the intersection between retroactivity and the Appointments Clause. Michaels surveys the convoluted doctrinal landscape in this arena, analyzes *Arthrex, Inc. v. Smith & Nephew, Inc.*, and ultimately provides a framework for analyzing retroactivity in the Appointments Clause context that balances the need for a court's discretion and a desire to maintain consistency with foundational retroactivity principles. Next, Ramon Feldbrin challenges the long-accepted notion that our legal systems should have two general procedural categories: criminal and civil. After carefully tracing the historical roots of these procedural categories, he argues that this dichotomy is not capable of addressing every nuance in every case, but Feldbrin nonetheless seeks to create a common ground for proceduralists to rethink the current paradigm.

Professor Tiffany Li then presents the first comprehensive review of the implications of the COVID-19 pandemic in the privacy law sphere. Acknowledging that both public and private actors alike are using new technologies in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, Li seeks to open the conversation on how the privacy law landscape has changed in areas ranging from health care to education to government surveillance. Finally, Rachel Dalafave offers an empirical assessment of the efficacy of red flag laws. Dalafave's sobering, important work provides concrete numbers for a controversial topic, ultimately finding that red flag laws have a statistically significant effect on suicide rates—a finding that could garner bipartisan support for such laws moving forward.

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