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Foreword I

Health care in America is characterized by a patchwork of providers, regulators, and consumers who function in a highly complex and diverse system. Recent changes have profoundly altered the boundaries of this system in areas of regulation, financing, organization, management, and technology. These changes in health care have raised new issues, increasing the involvement of the legal community with health endeavors. The evolution of our constantly changing health system has been the primary catalyst for the development of the health law field. This second annual Loyola Law Journal Health Law Symposium is indicative of the breadth and diversity of health law. This volume contains four articles written by health law practitioners, as well as student-written works, representative of some of the most current areas of activity in the field. For example, Robert Zimmerman introduces the impact of the Tax Reform Act of 1986 on health care bond financing, a highly technical area of health law practice. Jack Rovner discusses the impropriety of the application of monoposony in the context of the health care market place. Thaddeus Nodzinski addresses due process in medical staffing decisions. Phillip Snelling discusses the issue of discrimination against children with special health care needs, drawing attention to the human rights concerns that arise in dealing with the health care of particular population groups in our society.

Not only do the articles and notes contained in this volume offer vivid and significant examples of many facets of health law, the volume itself attests to Loyola Law School's commitment to this growing area of law. While the field that has come to be known as health law is hardly new, it has only been in recent years that law schools have begun to recognize the need for specific courses and research efforts in health law. We at Loyola Law School look forward to future efforts in health law, and invite others, scholars and practitioners from the law and the health sciences, to join us in this exciting endeavor.

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