I would like to thank everyone who has contributed to the success of the Institute over the past fifteen years and participated in the five events that mark our 15th Anniversary.

We began with Antitrust Marathon III: Antitrust and the Rule of Law, a roundtable discussion in Boston. The papers and transcript for the program are now published in the Loyola Consumer Law Review.

The next event was the 9th annual Loyola Antitrust Colloquium which took place on May 1st and brought together a diverse group of professors, practitioners, economists, judges, and policy makers for a day of papers and discussions on the cutting edge topics of competition policy.

The celebration continued with a two day conference on comparative monopolization law with Haifa University with the papers to be published in the Antitrust Law Journal.

After the summer break, the Institute co-sponsored the exciting conference on institutional design with the ABA Antitrust Section described in more detail on page 3 inside.

We concluded our formal birthday celebration with Antitrust Marathon IV: Marathon with Authority in conjunction with the Irish Competition Authority also described in more detail inside.

These are just the formal celebrations of an important anniversary, but the best is yet to come!

Spencer Weber Waller Professor and Director

Institute Welcomes New Fellows

The Institute welcomes three new student fellows for 2009-2010. Anna Hamburg-Gal (3L), Sarah Riddell (2L), and Michael Patterson (2L) begin the program this fall. They join returning fellows Bill Schubert (3L), Bill Tasch (3L), Thomas Weber (3L), and Jennifer Woods (3L). There have been more than forty five student fellows over the past ten years who have participated in the program and received stipends in excess of $200,000.

The Institute looks forward to the participation of the new fellows and the continuing to train the next generation of competition and consumer advocates.
Bjorn Lundquist Joins Institute as New Senior Research Fellow

The Institute is pleased to welcome Bjorn Lundquist, a veteran competition lawyer and academic as the 2010 Senior Research Fellow.

Mr. Lundquist joins the Institute after spending a semester at the University of Utrecht in the Netherlands, where he taught and conducted research on European competition law.

Mr. Lundquist recently completed a PhD at the European University Institute (Italy) in law and economics. He focused his research on the interaction of competition and intellectual property law from both economic and legal standpoints.

Mr. Lundquist’s dissertation is titled: “Voluntary transfer of knowledge between competitors: A comparative study of research and development agreements, patent pools and standards from a competition law perspective.”

Prior to attending the European University Institute, Mr. Lundquist practiced at DLA Piper in Sweden, FoxMandal Little in India, and the Swedish Department of Justice. Throughout Mr. Lundquist’s career, he has focused on competition law, intellectual property, and criminal law and has published widely.

Mr. Lundquist also drafted and updated a report on international intellectual property law and competition law for the United Nations’ Conference on Trade and Development.

Mr. Lundquist will bring his extensive knowledge of international competition and intellectual property law to Loyola in December. He will continue to research and write on the interaction between competition law and intellectual property law. In the spring semester, Mr. Lundquist will also teach a two-credit seminar on competition and intellectual property law.

Three 2009 New Summer Public Interest Stipends

The Institute is proud to continue its tradition of awarding summer stipends to Loyola law students who work in otherwise unpaid public interest or public sector jobs in the antitrust or consumer protection fields. This year the Institute awarded three summer stipends for full or part-time work to deserving students.

Wellington Lyons, a 2L, received a summer stipend to support his work for Citizens Works, a nonprofit consumer advocacy group.

Sarah Kregor, a third year student, received Institute support for her position with the Consumer Protection Bureau of the Illinois Attorney General’s Office.

Bill Schubert, a 3L and a Student Fellow of the Institute, received a grant to support his part-time work with the Antitrust Bureau of the Illinois Attorney General’s Office.

These three students discussed their summer work in the fall at the monthly lunches for the Institute student fellows in order to better familiarize the new fellows with public interest and public sector opportunities in the consumer protection and antitrust fields.

Antitrust Marathon IV: Marathon With Authority

The Institute, the British Institute of International and Comparative Law, and the Irish Competition Authority are preparing for the fourth Antitrust Marathon to be held October 27, 2009 in Dublin, Ireland. The event will be held in the beautiful Dublin’s Writers’ Museum across from the Authority’s headquarters.

Representatives from the UK Office of Fair Trading, the Canadian Competition Authority, the Irish Competition Authority, the French Authority, and universities and firms from around the world will participate in the roundtable discussion with the papers and transcript being published in the European Competition Journal.

Each Antitrust Marathon takes place around the time of the host city’s annual marathon race. Dublin’s marathon will take place on October 26th and will feature the Institute’s own Professor Waller and five roundtable participants.
On May 17th 2009, the Class of 2009 graduated from Loyola University Chicago School of Law. This included Institute Fellows Pete Bergan, Dawn Goulet, Patrick Polcari, and Matt Showel.

Dawn Goulet leads the way with having served as a Student Fellow for all four years of her studies as a part-time student at Loyola. Following the completion of the bar exam, she will join Wexler Wallace LLC as an associate where she has been working as a paralegal throughout law school.

Pete Bergan will be returning to Michigan to join the Bloomington Hills law firm of Plunkett Cooney where he previously worked as a summer associate.

Matt Showel will continue at Keeley Asset Management where he has clerked for the past year.

Pat Polcari will be returning to Loyola in the fall as a Graduate Fellow of the Institute helping to coordinate the Loyola-ABA September 11th conference on comparative antitrust institutions and working on various Institute research projects.

While the graduates studied for the bar, the returning student fellows had a busy summer working on antitrust and consumer matters at the Law Offices of David Balto; the SEC; the City of Chicago Law Department; Corboy & Demetrio; the Antitrust Bureau of the Illinois Attorney General’s Office; and the Illinois Pollution Control Board.

Loyola and ABA Antitrust Section Co-host Symposium

On September 11, 2009, the Institute, in conjunction with the American Bar Association Section of Antitrust Law, hosted a conference of leading antitrust scholars from around the world to analyze the enforcement of antitrust law throughout the world and to develop effective, efficient, and fair antitrust enforcement regimes.

The symposium, held in Loyola’s new Ceremonial Courtroom, featured a keynote address by FTC Commissioner William Kovacic. Commissioner Kovacic’s lecture stressed the importance of jurisdictions creating antitrust regimes that best fit their jurisdictions’ legal, cultural, and economic structure and resources.

In addition to Commissioner Kovacic’s comments, the symposium centered around three panel discussions: Analyzing Competition Regimes; Analyzing Competition Law Outcomes; and Comparative Institutional Analysis and Competition Law.

Each panel featured several leading antitrust scholars and practitioners from around the world. Following a discussion by each of the panel members, the floor was opened for questions and comments by attendees of the symposium.

Notable international participants included Melanie Aitken, Commissioner, Canadian Competition Bureau; Professor Michal Gal from Haifa University in Israel, and former Australian Competition and Consumer Commission Chairman, Allan Fels.

The subject of designing antitrust structures around the world is a subject many participants noted as overlooked. However, attendees exhibited optimism that September 11th’s symposium would boost discussion of this important topic.

The papers and comments from the symposium will be published in the upcoming issue of the Loyola Law Journal.

The Institute thanks the Loyola Law Journal and the ABA for their participation and support.
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The Institute promotes a comprehensive, inclusive view of the benefits of competition law and policy that includes, yet goes beyond, narrow notions of economic efficiency. The Institute fulfills its mission by sponsoring symposia, academic colloquia, research, publication, and a unique student fellowship.

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In October, the students and staff of the Institute took a break from classes and scholarship to attend and then discuss the new antitrust related film “The Informant!”

Directed by Steven Soderbergh and starring Matt Damon, “The Informant!” tells the story of Mark Whiteacre, who blew the whistle on the agricultural giant Archer Daniels Midland (ADM) for price-fixing during the 1990s. The film is based on the best selling book by the same name (minus the exclamation point) by New York Times reporter, Kurt Eichenwald.

The high-ranking ADM executive confessed to FBI officials that he and other ADM executives had been involved in a scheme to fix the price of lysine, a food additive. To gather evidence, Whiteacre taped hundreds of hours of audio and video over several years. The tapes included meetings from around the world and eventually gave the FBI enough evidence to raid the company and prosecute executives and the company for the conspiracy.

The film is a dark comedy that focuses on the character of Whiteacre and chronicles how Whiteacre also spent years in prison for unrelated fraud and tax evasion committed during the very same period he cooperated with the FBI on the antitrust case.

The movie break and discussion was a chance for new and returning student fellows to mingle and the first movie event for the Institute since the 2001 film “Antitrust.”