

Conclusion to Volume 52

Volume 52 of the *Loyola University Chicago Law Journal* has been unlike any year prior. During the 2020–2021 school year, our staff moved our work online due to the global COVID-19 pandemic. No longer were we able to meet for Orientation and get to know each other in person. Staff members couldn't simply swing by the library to get a copy of a source. Editors couldn't turn to each other in the Journal Office to discuss Bluebook rules (or, more accurately, to commiserate over said rules). Our annual symposium wouldn't be held in the hallowed halls of the Corboy Law Center.

But we persevered. We moved meetings and trainings online. We worked with the incredible librarians and library staff to get copies of the materials we needed. We had countless Zoom calls and email exchanges, hashing out everything from our vision for the scholarship published in Volume 52 all the way down to the most minute details over which punctuation mark and font were correct for a cite. Our symposium, “The Criminal Justice System in Review: Accountability, Reform, & Policy,” embraced the webinar format and brought together exceptional legal scholars to debate the most effective ways to improve the American criminal justice system.

And the global pandemic did not stop the brilliant minds of the thirty authors that contributed to Volume 52. Over four print issues and one online, those authors wrote twenty-seven articles covering everything from tax, antitrust, and securities regulation to free speech, conditions of confinement, healthcare, criminal justice, and more.

The key to all of Volume 52's success was the amazing group of people who constituted the *Journal*. Every single member contributed to the body of excellent scholarship that comprises this Volume. I am eternally grateful to our staff members, who diligently found and checked each source and navigated the pedantry of the Bluebook to perfect each footnote; to our article editors, who led teams of staff members in this process, troubleshooting the more challenging problems as they arose; to our student article editors, who guided staff members through the daunting experience of writing their own journal articles; and to our executive board editors who mastered the Chicago Manual of Style and provided invaluable feedback to each author, while also keeping the *Journal* running smoothly. I am also grateful to our predecessors in Volume 51 and earlier, who paved the way for this Volume, establishing

our reputation as a high-caliber publication. And, of course, this publication would not be possible without the guidance and support of our faculty advisor, Professor John Breen, and the support of the Loyola University School of Law faculty and administration.

I offer my deepest thanks to all the authors and staff, whose diligent efforts during difficult times made it possible to publish Volume 52, and I look forward to the future work of the *Journal* under the leadership of Volume 53's Executive Board.

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