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The *Loyola University Chicago Law Journal* proudly presents the annual Illinois Judicial Conference Symposium Issue. Through this forum, we strive to provide Illinois judges, practitioners, and academics with a source of scholarship regarding significant trends in Illinois law.

In an effort to further our goals, we are pleased to introduce the Mentorship Article. Jeffrey Hammer, a Loyola law student, authored the article under the direction of Judge Curtis Heaston, Presiding Judge of the Juvenile Justice Division of the Circuit Court of Cook County and Diane Walsh, Legal Officer for the Juvenile Justice Division of the Circuit Court of Cook County. Two other articles in this issue also have benefited from a mentoring relationship; without any provocation from the Law Journal, two professor-authors named student co-authors.

The Introduction to this issue highlights the importance of mentorship in legal education, and places it in the proper historical context. Mr. Terrence Lavin brings his many years of practice as a trial attorney as well as his own mentorship experience with Mr. Philip Corboy, a distinguished Illinois practitioner and Loyola alumnus. Mr. Lavin served as president of the Illinois State Bar Association. During his tenure, he made mentorship a priority of the association, and helped to establish the MentorCenter, a resource for young or inexperienced lawyers to find help with their questions of substantive law, professionalism, and other realities of practice.

We hope to continue the Mentorship Article in future years, as the article benefits from blending the wisdom of the bench with the fresh perspective of a student and facilitates experiences that supplement traditional classroom learning, ultimately providing the community with a better-prepared graduate. The Law Journal remains committed to its tradition of producing both an academic and practical resource to support the Illinois legal community.

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