

## Introduction to Issue Two

Each year, the *Loyola University Chicago Law Journal* proudly hosts a Symposium to promote conversation of pertinent, thought-provoking legal topics. The *Law Journal* is proud to continue the tradition of publishing a special issue dedicated to Articles and Essays written by Symposium presenters in Volume 49.

On April 7, 2017, the *Law Journal* presented “Moving Toward a ‘Global Super Court’?: Examining and Reshaping Investor-State Arbitration.” The 2017 Symposium brought together professors, legal scholars, and practitioners from around North America to discuss various facets of the controversial international trade practice of investor-state dispute settlement (“ISDS”). The Symposium’s esteemed speakers gave compelling presentations regarding the benefits and pitfalls of ISDS, the effect that this system has on foreign investors and host countries, how the system fits within the broader context of bilateral trade agreements and how proposed ratification to these agreements might affect the future of ISDS, and the many proposed modifications to help improve the equitable treatment of both foreign investors and host countries.

The eight Articles and Essays contained in this special issue are scholarship produced by the panelists who took part in the Symposium. We hope the Issue promotes both dialogue and understanding of current topics, controversies, and proposals surrounding ISDS.

The *Law Journal* extends its sincerest appreciation to all of the panelists who participated in the *Law Journal*’s Symposium and, for those panelists who contributed their scholarship to this special issue, we thank you once again for your enthusiastic participation. We would also like to thank those who made the Symposium possible, including the moderators, Loyola’s administration, and all of the attendees. Furthermore, the *Law Journal* would like to extend a special thank you to Professor Cynthia Ho and Professor James Gathii for bringing together such prestigious speakers and for their assistance in planning such a memorable event. In closing, we would like to express our gratitude to all of the members of the *Law Journal* for their continued commitment and contributions to this Issue and Volume 49.

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