

Sentence Structure: The Elements of Punishment

Each spring the *Loyola University Chicago Law Journal* hosts a Special Symposium to promote the discussion of important topics affecting the legal community. Following the Symposium, the *Law Journal* publishes a special issue the next academic semester that features articles written by Symposium presenters.

On April 4, 2014, the *Law Journal* proudly presented “Sentence Structure: The Elements of Punishment.” This Symposium brought together legal scholars, judges, professors, and practitioners from across the country to discuss the elements and practicalities of criminal sentencing. Traditionally, the discussion around criminal sentencing has focused on the fundamental theories of criminal sentencing—rehabilitation, retribution, uniformity, deterrence, and incapacitation. At the Symposium, and in this issue, our authors discussed criminal sentencing by analyzing these theories in connection with economic theories, neuroscience, and prosecutorial discretion.

The remarks, articles, and essays that follow are the product of years of experience, research, and discussion. Each piece provides a unique insight into the many philosophies behind criminal sentencing. We anticipate that you will find the materials both informative and compelling. We hope that these articles continue the discussion and research regarding the manner in which criminal sentences are imposed.

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