

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 48.

On April 8, 2016, the *Law Journal* presented “Decisions, Decisions: Exploring Factors that Affect the Judicial Decision-Making Process.” The 2016 Symposium brought together professors, legal scholars, and practitioners to discuss various facets of the judicial decision-making process. The Symposium’s esteemed speakers gave compelling presentations on whether our legal order constitutes a bureaucracy; the general factors that influence the judicial decision-making process; the relevance of oral arguments; the judicial decision-making process in intellectual property cases; and how a decision maker’s prior cases might encourage litigants to seek that decision maker in the future.

The first eight articles and essays are scholarship produced by panelists and moderators who took part in the Symposium. We hope the Issue promotes both dialogue and understanding of current topics surrounding the judicial decision-making process. Accompanying the Symposium material is a general-topic article that elegantly applies the concept of “security theater” to the health care field and explores the innovative topic of “health theater.”

The *Law Journal* extends its sincerest appreciation to all of our contributing authors for their scholarship. For those authors who took part in the *Law Journal*’s Symposium, we thank you once again for your enthusiastic participation. We would also like to thank those who made the event possible, including Loyola’s administration and all of the attendees. Furthermore, the *Law Journal* would like to extend a special thank you to Anna Leahy, J.D., Loyola University Chicago School of Law, and Professor Barry Sullivan for 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 48.

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