

FOREWORD

The *Southern Illinois University Law Journal* has published the Survey edition annually since 1987, with the continuing goal of providing the Illinois bench and the bar information on the continually evolving status of Illinois law. This year, I have the unique privilege of completing the excellent work of my predecessor as Survey Editor-in-Chief, Angela Rollins. Angela's mentorship and guidance were sorely needed and always appreciated. I am humbled and pleased to present this most recent issue of the Hiram H. Lesar Survey of Illinois Law.

Nineteen years ago, the Illinois State Bar Association joined the SIU Law Journal in its endeavor to publish the annual Survey issue. This partnership greatly enhanced the quality and influence of the Survey and is now an indispensable facet of the publication. Everyone at the SIU Law Journal is grateful for the crucial participation of the Illinois State Bar Association and we look forward to continuing this partnership for years to come.

Having completed this issue, I am filled with anticipation as we look forward to next summer's issue along with my successor, David Sanders. I know that we will strive to provide excellent and timely treatments of interesting topics of Illinois law.

Before closing, I would like to recognize those individuals who made this publication possible. First, I would like to thank the contributing ISBA authors for the highly informative articles they submitted to the 2012 edition. Frank Houdek, our Faculty Advisor, provides ongoing support and counsel and appreciably improves the quality of our journal. Susan Williams, Business Manager of the Law Journal, works tirelessly to make sure that we produce the best journal that we can.

I would like to applaud the 2011-2012 SIU Law Journal Staff for their exemplary efforts in preparing these articles for publication. Your assistance made this edition possible and is greatly appreciated. Finally, I would like to express my appreciation to the subscribers who receive this publication. We sincerely hope that you find this issue helpful in your practice.

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