

## FOREWORD

Each year since 1994, the Illinois State Bar Association has partnered with Southern Illinois University School of Law to produce this survey of Illinois law. Named for the Law School's founding Dean, the annual *Hiram H. Lesar Survey of Illinois Law* has become required reading for those interested in obtaining a thoughtful overview of recent judicial decisions and statutory changes in Illinois.

Illinois' law schools produce numerous quality publications each year. What makes the *Illinois Survey* particularly valuable is its ability to identify and synthesize the critical legal issues of the day in a way that is accessible and useful to the full spectrum of legal professionals in Illinois, from general practitioners to legal scholars to members of the judiciary.

The 2013 issue of the *Illinois Survey* is a worthy successor to the outstanding editions that have preceded it. Its articles on health care, attorney-client privilege and statutory interpretation are certain to enhance the profession's understanding of the current state of the law regarding these timely and significant topics. I commend the contributors, the staff of the *Southern Illinois Law Journal*, and the Illinois State Bar Association for another exceptional publication.

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