

FOREWORD

It is my honor to present the 2015 issue of the Hiram H. Lesar Survey of Illinois Law. For this year's Survey, I have had the privilege of completing the work of my predecessor, Barry Doetch, as Survey Editor-in-Chief.

Since 1987, the *Southern Illinois University Law Journal* has published the Hiram H. Lesar Survey of Illinois Law edition annually, with the enduring goal of providing the Illinois bench and the bar information on the continually evolving status of Illinois law. This publication of the Survey would not have been possible without the partnership of the Illinois State Bar Association.

This partnership has greatly enhanced the quality and influence of the Survey, and the SIU Law Journal is grateful for the crucial participation of the Illinois State Bar Association. Passing our 20th anniversary in 2014, the SIU Law Journal looks forward to carrying on this partnership for years to come.

In 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 2015 edition. I would like to thank Frank Houdek and Edward Dawson, the Law Journal's Faculty Advisors, for their ongoing support and counsel which appreciably improves the quality of our journal. I would also like to thank Susan McLaren, the Business Manager of the Law Journal, for working tirelessly to make sure that we produce the best journal that we can.

I would like to thank the 2015-2016 SIU Law Journal Staff for their efforts in preparing these articles for publication, it would not have been possible without your efforts. Finally, I would like to express my appreciation to the subscribers who receive this publication. I sincerely hope that you find this issue helpful in your practice.

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