

## **INTRODUCTION**

I am pleased to help celebrate the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Illinois State Bar Association's collaboration with the Southern Illinois University Law Journal to produce the Illinois Law Survey. No one can accuse this legal scholarship of being irrelevant to practitioners. It is written largely by ISBA section members to help practicing lawyers stay abreast of developments in areas that have ranged over the years from administrative law to zoning. It is a valuable and one-of-a-kind annual project in which the ISBA is proud to participate.

I thank the ISBA lawyers and authors who contributed to this year's survey. I also want to thank and congratulate the student editors on the achievements that have brought you so far already. The legal community looks forward to welcoming you to our profession in this time of change and challenge. Know that the ISBA is redoubling its efforts to help new lawyers embrace that change and meet the challenges that lie ahead. We are here for you, but we cannot do it without you. We need your talent, ideas, and energy. Please join with us to build an even stronger association and profession.

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## FOREWORD

It is with great pleasure and privilege to present the 2014 Hiram H. Lesar Survey of Illinois Law. The 2014 Survey issue marks a very significant 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the joint endeavor between the various Illinois State Bar Association Sections and the Southern Illinois University School of Law Journal. For the last twenty years, this partnership in producing the Survey issue has greatly enhanced the quality of the issue by achieving the goal of providing the bench and the bar with yearly updates on recent developments in Illinois law. This partnership has shown to have an enormous value to the legal community, especially in Illinois.

I would like to take this chance to acknowledge those individuals who made this issue a possibility. I cannot express my gratitude for all of the authors who spent their own valuable time to produce high quality and in-depth articles for this issue. Each author showed great enthusiasm and passion for his or her practicing areas. I also want to thank all of the journal staff and article editors for their tireless work in producing an extensive and well-written issue. I could not have taken on this task without their help. Most importantly, Dean Frank Houdek and Susan Williams deserve endless amounts of praise for their ongoing support and assistance in compiling the issue and ensuring the production of this issue. They are the backbone to the SIU Law Journal. Finally, I want to acknowledge and thank my successor, Barry Doetch, who took the task of finishing the final steps of production on this issue.

As you read the 2014 Hiram H. Lesar Survey of Illinois Law, I hope you find the articles beneficial and thought provoking.

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