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ABOUT THE SEVENTH CIRCUIT REVIEW

Purpose

The SEVENTH CIRCUIT REVIEW is an online journal dedicated to the analysis of recent opinions published by the United States Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit. The SEVENTH CIRCUIT REVIEW seeks to keep the legal community abreast of developments and trends within the Seventh Circuit and their impact on contemporary jurisprudence. The articles appearing within the SEVENTH CIRCUIT REVIEW are written and edited by Chicago-Kent College of Law students enrolled in the SEVENTH CIRCUIT REVIEW Honors Seminar.

The SEVENTH CIRCUIT REVIEW Honors Seminar

In this seminar, students author, edit, and publish the SEVENTH CIRCUIT REVIEW. The REVIEW is entirely student written and edited. Students identify cases recently decided by the Seventh Circuit to be included in the REVIEW, prepare initial drafts of case comments or case notes based on in-depth analysis of the identified cases and background research, edit these drafts, prepare final, publishable articles, integrate the individual articles into the online journal, and “defend” their case analysis at a semester-end roundtable. Each seminar student is an editor of the REVIEW and responsible for extensive editing of other articles. Substantial assistance is provided by the seminar teaching assistant, who acts as the executive editor.
The areas of case law that will be covered in each journal issue will vary, depending on those areas of law represented in the court’s recently published opinions, and may include:

- Americans with Disabilities Act
- antitrust
- bankruptcy
- civil procedure
- civil rights
- constitutional law
- copyright
- corporations
- criminal law and procedure
- environmental
- ERISA
- employment law
- evidence
- immigration
- insurance
- products liability
- public welfare
- securities

This is an honors seminar. To enroll, students must meet one of the following criteria: (1) cumulative GPA in previous legal writing courses of 3.5 and class rank at the time of registration within top 50% of class, (2) recommendation of Legal Writing 1 and 2 professor and/or Legal Writing 4 professor, (3) Law Review membership, (4) Moot Court Honor Society membership, or (5) approval of the course instructor.
PREFACE

I had the honor of serving as the Executive Editor of the SEVENTH CIRCUIT REVIEW during the 2017–2018 academic year. The SEVENTH CIRCUIT REVIEW is an online journal dedicated to the analysis of recent opinions published by the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit. The SEVENTH CIRCUIT REVIEW seeks to keep the legal community abreast of developments and trends within the Seventh Circuit and their impact on contemporary jurisprudence. The articles appearing within the SEVENTH CIRCUIT REVIEW are written and edited by Chicago-Kent students enrolled in the SEVENTH CIRCUIT REVIEW Honors Seminar.

The SEVENTH CIRCUIT REVIEW Honors Seminar enables students to engage the legal process by actively critiquing recent and pertinent legal problems arising in the Seventh Circuit. This seminar is unique for this reason—students take an active role in engaging with the opinions of the Seventh Circuit in real time. Nowhere else in law school will you encounter such an opportunity. The articles appearing in this issue are as diverse as their authors. I learned a great deal working with these authors on a variety of topics, including transgender rights, the Second Amendment, Section 1983 prison claims, labor law, a class action suit regarding the Subway footlong sandwich being one inch too short, and more. Each author’s hard work and willingness to collaborate produced not only publishable articles, but also a legal reference for those who wish to learn the current state of Seventh Circuit law.

It was a privilege to work with the authors at every stage of the writing process, and I want to take this opportunity to thank them for their dedication. Their work has enabled this publication to continuously provide insightful and engaging discussions about the Seventh Circuit to the legal community. With a background in academics and as a former writing instructor, I found great joy in working with the seminar students on their publications. This
experience reminded me of the joy of the academic pursuit, and the joys of helping students in formulating ideas and polishing their writing. A special thank you to each of them for enabling me the chance to play academic and editor one more time before entering the working world.

And, finally, I want to personally thank Professor Morris for making my experience a memorable one. The continued success of this publication is all due to Professor Morris’s dedication and hard work. He continues to push his students, and his teaching assistant, to understand the complexities and nuances of the law—something not normally taught in law school. His classroom is interactive, and there is never a dull moment as he drills students, and his teaching assistant, with questions about the appeals process and legal formalities. I learned a great deal from working with Professor Morris during my time as Executive Editor, and I’m sure every seminar student would say the same.

Samuel Dixon will serve as the Executive Editor for the 2018–2019 academic year. Sam is a Senior Associate for the CHICAGO-KENT LAW REVIEW and President of the National Lawyers Guild Chicago-Kent student chapter. I had the great pleasure of working with Sam throughout my time in law school, as a colleague and student leader. I played an active role in selecting Sam for this position, and I know that he will ensure the continued success of the SEVENTH CIRCUIT REVIEW in the next year.

Very respectfully,

Katherine LaRosa  
Executive Editor, SEVENTH CIRCUIT REVIEW