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ABOUT THE SEVENTH CIRCUIT REVIEW

Purpose
The SEVENTH CIRCUIT REVIEW is a semiannual, 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. During each semester, 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

In the 2012–2013 academic year I had the pleasure of serving as the Executive Editor of the SEVENTH CIRCUIT REVIEW. This unique experience proved to be far more rewarding than I could have imagined. In my role as Executive Editor I had the honor of working closely with fifteen students through every step of the writing process.

Authors of the REVIEW write about current and important issues facing the Seventh Circuit. Each student chose a topic he or she was personally interested in, thoroughly researched it, and dedicated a significant portion of the semester to writing a publishable article that expresses a distinct opinion. Additionally, each author served as an editor. Students exchanged papers multiple times throughout the semester, providing feedback and support to one another.

Each class meeting required significant participation from every student. I was consistently impressed with the level of openness and collaboration in the classroom, which helped every student explore issues more deeply, consider new perspectives, and improve writing skills.

The authors should take pride in their contributions to Volume 8 of the SEVENTH CIRCUIT REVIEW. I can confidently say that because of everyone’s hard work, these articles will be useful to the legal community in the Seventh Circuit. I would like to thank the authors for their dedication throughout the semester and for their trust in me. I would also like to thank Professor Morris for his ongoing commitment to the SEVENTH CIRCUIT REVIEW. Professor Morris teaches a unique class, somehow entertaining students while helping to build legal research and writing skills. The SEVENTH CIRCUIT REVIEW has come far since Volume 1, and it is clear that with Professor Morris’ openness to student feedback and his enthusiasm for innovation, it will continue to grow in importance.

Serving as the Executive Editor of the SEVENTH CIRCUIT REVIEW has been one of my favorite law school experiences. I dedicated many
hours working with students in every stage of the writing and editing process, but more important, I learned from other students about interesting legal issues and editing in general, and even made new friends along the way.

Kathleen Mallon will be the new Executive Editor for the 2013–2014 academic year. I played an active role in selecting her for this position, and I was also part of the CHICAGO-KENT LAW REVIEW Board that selected Kathleen to be one of its Executive Articles Editors. I have complete confidence in Kathleen. I know she will take this role and run with it. I am looking forward to reading the product of the new authors with Kathleen’s oversight in Volume 9 of the SEVENTH CIRCUIT REVIEW.

Very respectfully,
Jennifer Nimry Eseed
Executive Editor, SEVENTH CIRCUIT REVIEW