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It is with great pride and enthusiasm that I present the forty-eighth edition of the Hiram H. Lesar Survey of Illinois Law, brought to you by the Southern Illinois University Simmons School of Law. Since its inception in 1987, the SIU Law Journal's Survey of Illinois Law has been a trusted source for legal practitioners, offering the latest updates, practical advice, and insightful critiques on Illinois law. We aim for the 2024 edition to continue this tradition and to expand on national legal updates that may impact Illinois law, serving as a valuable resource on the most recent changes.

I am incredibly proud of our dedicated editors and staff who have worked tirelessly to produce this year's issue. Their commitment and hard work have resulted in well-written articles that provide thorough legal analysis on current issues in Illinois law.

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