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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.

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- antitrust
- bankruptcy
- civil procedure
- civil rights
- constitutional law
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#### **PREFACE**

The SEVENTH CIRCUIT REVIEW is the culmination of an exceptionally bright group of honors seminar students' hard work and dedication. I am honored to have served alongside those students as Executive Editor during the Fall 2018 semester. These students, who simultaneously served on law review, competed in moot court and trial advocacy, clerked throughout the city, and headed diverse student organizations, came together to create a practical, well-researched issue. Endlessly selfless and collaborative, they sacrificed time and energy for scholarship and have created a work that academics, practitioners, and judges can trust.

The SEVENTH CIRCUIT REVIEW's purpose is "to keep the legal community abreast of developments and trends within the Seventh Circuit and their impact on contemporary jurisprudence." The SEVENTH CIRCUIT REVIEW robustly fulfills that purpose by design. Each student chooses a Seventh Circuit decision from the most recent term as impetus for a case comment or note. Students carve out observations and conclusions that can illuminate new law, challenge prevailing legal trends, and offer creative solutions to controversial or difficult legal issues. Confining itself to only the most recent term, the SEVENTH CIRCUIT REVIEW embodies cutting-edge scholarship.

Student-run under the mentorship of a talented Chicago-Kent alumnus, the SEVENTH CIRCUIT REVIEW also presents a unique law school experience. Professor Hal Morris' approach allows students to flourish. By treating student authors and myself as partners in the issue's success and truly valuing our diverse opinions and voices, Professor Morris guarantees an issue that is both robustly useful and reflective of each students' talents and style. In turn, students have an outlet through Professor Morris' service and someone to champion their assets.

Student voices are invaluable to the legal community. We are often the passionate, eager, dedicated people who can push the law

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forward. We can bring a unique perspective and a diverse array of fresh experiences to legal scholarship. Through the SEVENTH CIRCUIT REVIEW, readers are not only gaining insight into advanced case analyses but are also putting a finger on the heartbeat of where new jurisprudence meets dedicated academia. And by making room for diverse student voices in case commentary, legal professionals are guaranteed to analyze legal issues that have real life consequences in a nuanced, careful, and equitable manner.

Respectfully, Samuel Dixon Executive Editor, SEVENTH CIRCUIT REVIEW