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INTRODUCTION: THE UAS DILEMMA:
UNLIMITED POTENTIAL, UNRESOLVED CONCERNS

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Throughout the past year, it was rare for a week to pass without a major headline about Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS). Some stories highlighted exciting potential while other stories cautioned of dangers. The regulation, use, public perception, and even the name\(^1\) of these machines are in a state of change.

The DePaul Law Review hosted its 25th Annual Symposium, The UAS Dilemma: Unlimited Potential, Unresolved Concerns, on March 13, 2015 to continue the ongoing discussion about the legal atmosphere surrounding the unlimited potential and unresolved concerns of UAS. Hosted in the DePaul Center in downtown Chicago, attorneys, industry members, professors, and law students from across the country attended the Symposium. Speakers in the morning session focused on Section 333 of the FAA Modernization & Reform Act of 2012\(^2\) and the FAA’s proposed rulemaking for small UAS.\(^3\) After discussing the regulations, the speakers and attendees explored some exciting uses of UAS in media, filmmaking, and prototype delivery systems, while also addressing privacy concerns. The Symposium ended with international issues—covering lawsuits regarding international drone strikes and the International Civil Aviation Organization’s important role in the future of UAS.

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1. Drones, unmanned aircraft systems, unmanned aerial systems, unmanned aerial vehicle, and remotely piloted vehicles, just to name a few.
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