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LETTER FROM THE EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

On February 21, 2003, the DePaul Journal of Health Care Law convened a successful half-day symposium entitled, "Medical Malpractice: Innovative Practice Applications." It was well attended by practicing attorneys, law professors, other professionals and law students.

The Symposium was held at the DePaul Center in Chicago, Illinois. We easily found that the Symposium topic was compatible with the logistics, since we did not have to look far to find esteemed speakers in the field of health law and medical malpractice. In addition to being home to some of the most eminent attorneys who represent the interests of patients, insurance companies, doctors and hospitals, Chicago also serves as headquarters to many medical associations including the AMA, AOA and ADA. Some of the nation's finest hospitals are also located here.

The Symposium dealt with three issues specific to medical malpractice: mediation, trial practice and tort reform. In a collegial and strikingly friendly atmosphere, we were fortunate to hear from panelists that are well respected locally and nationally as leaders in their respective fields of mediation and trial practice. The day concluded with a discussion on medical tort reform with a presenter who offered interesting insights as both a practicing surgeon and a practicing lawyer.

The first round of thanks is offered to our speakers for the time and energy they committed in making the Symposium informative and enlightening. I would also like to thank the Association of Trial Lawyers of America for their financial support of the event, and to the DePaul College of Law Health Law Institute, Faculty and Administration. Another round of thanks goes to my Editorial Board and Staff Writers for their constant work contributing to the success of the event. Lastly, I offer thanks to Alex Dychter, my Symposium Editor, who worked on this program all year and brought everything together. Thank you.

This special issue contains the edited transcripts from the Symposium, and will undoubtedly be relevant to practitioners, risk managers, legal scholars and law students across the country in discussions regarding the issues associated with medical malpractice. I hope the words from the Symposium will enlighten our readers, as they did to all of us who attended. Thank you for your continued support.

Carolina S. Chang, *Editor-in-Chief*
April 28, 2003

