



## Welcome Address

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## Welcome Address\*

*Paul I. Mendelson\*\**

MR. MENDELSON: Good morning. Welcome. Distinguished faculty, students, members of the Commercial Law League of America (“CLLA” or “the League”), it is wonderful to be here this morning at the 74th Annual Midwest Convention of the Commercial Law League of America. On behalf of the Commercial Law League, I want to tell you we could have no better partner than the DePaul University College of Law (“DePaul”); you guys are just simply great. We have been working with you for over two years now. Everything has been positive. I hope the League has been advantageous to DePaul; you certainly help us. You make us look great, and it could not be a better affiliation. To be able to partner with DePaul in the publication of our claimed and heralded *DePaul Business and Commercial Law Journal* (“*Journal*”) is really something to make us proud. Your articles just seem to be better and better. I do not know who teaches. I have seen the names of those who teach writing courses at DePaul, and you are just excellent. The *Journal* will only climb to greater heights, I am sure of that. By our working together, I think it clearly signifies what DePaul stands for. Your law school has a mission to teach, and you certainly do that by the publication of the *Journal*. You have a sense of community and a commitment to service. You are serving not only the CLLA, but the entire commercial bar of the United States and its judiciary.

The CLLA was founded in 1895. It is America’s oldest organization of creditor’s rights and bankruptcy lawyers. Our objectives are very similar to yours, to elevate the standards and improve the practice of commercial law. DePaul helps us in many ways every day with the publication of the *Journal* to achieve this goal. We encourage an honorable course of dealing among our members and the legal profession at large, whether they are members of the League or not. The League promotes uniformity of legislation in matters affecting commercial and bankruptcy law. We have various committees throughout

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the League that testify before Congress as experts in legislation and in proposed legislation regarding commercial practice. At the present time, the League has two *amicus curiae* briefs pending before the United States Supreme Court. We would welcome DePaul's involvement in presenting these *amicus curiae* briefs. We take positions of both creditors and debtors to keep truly a fair playing field in commerce pending cases before the court. We have right now a panel of academia, of leading law professors throughout the country putting together a uniform legislation having to do with the assignment for the benefit of creditors. Again, that is an opportunity for DePaul to be involved, and we will be in contact with you and welcome your involvement and participation in that endeavor.

We foster among our members a feeling of fraternity and mutual confidence and with DePaul we can really see that coming to be. I want to invite each of you to all of our educational programs this weekend; feel free to come in. You are welcome and you are wanted. In addition, we will have many committee meetings, you can look at our brochures, some of which I hope will interest you and your future as you become lawyers and you contemplate commercial practice. I think it will be beneficial. You are welcome in those meetings. Any thoughts or suggestions you might have, you would be surprised, they might help us out. We would welcome them. We want to have the opportunity to meet each of you, to get to know you, to be with you and just build on this wonderful symposium. I think it is a great thing for us all, and we thank you so much for giving us the privilege and pleasure to work with your great law school. You have something to be very proud of. And I thank you so much, and I know this symposium is just going to be wonderful. Thank you.