



Editor's Note

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During the winter and early spring in Illinois, we can all experience a certain amount of malaise from time to time. The seemingly unending snow, ice and freezing temperatures can get the happiest of us down at times. As we trudge through these times, it is encouraging to have some positive news to lift our spirits. In this issue of the *Quarterly*, our authors provide us with some reasons to have a positive outlook.

In this issue, we have doubly good news for those defending professionals, specifically accountants. In his Civil Practice column, **Donald Patrick Eckler** of *Pretzel & Stouffer, Chartered*, discusses a recent decision favorably interpreting the statute of limitation applicable to accountants. And, in his Professional Liability column, **John F. Watson** of *Craig & Craig, LLC*, examines the application of an interesting causation defense that anyone defending professionals should consider. In his Insurance Law column, **Seth D. Lamden** of *Neal, Gerber & Eisenberg, LLP*, discusses a positive decision regarding the limitations period for actions against insurance producers. Last, but certainly not least, **Sheina Long** of *Foley & Mansfield, PLLP*, provides insight on the ways we can promote diversity within our firms and our profession.

Before you know it, warmer weather will be upon us. In the meantime, I hope that the efforts of our authors and contributors lift the spirits of all our readers. A sincere thanks to our wonderful authors and editorial staff for their continued contributions.

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