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Antitrust Symposium

Last year, the John M. Olin Program in Law and Economics and *The University of Chicago Law Review* collaborated to publish a colloquium issue on Intellectual Property. The Essays in that collection grew out of a small, low-key conference held at the Law School in late June 2003. Building on that success, this past June the Olin Program and the *Law Review* renewed their collaboration, turning their attention on this occasion to Antitrust Law. As with the earlier effort, the group consisted only of the presenters and invited guests. The presenters each had forty-five minutes to introduce and discuss their basic thesis on a topic of their own choosing. (It is only by coincidence that so many of the Essays focus on § 2 of the Sherman Act and the Third Circuit's recent decision in *LePage's Inc v 3M*.) In most of these sessions the conversations spilled over into the coffee and dinner breaks. The thoughts that were left incomplete at that moment have been completed since then, and the Essays contained in this issue represent the fruits of those deliberations, which we hope will serve as a springboard for future discussions on antitrust law and related topics.

Endeavors of this sort do not just take place, and we would like to thank the various individuals whose efforts made this event possible. These include Merck & Co., Microsoft, Pfizer, PhRMA, Verizon, and Visa. We also wish to thank on yet one more occasion Marjorie Holme for handling all of the logistics of this conference with good cheer and great dispatch.

We hope you enjoy the Essays in this volume, and we are happy to announce that we shall continue this tradition next year with a symposium ambitiously titled "Homo Economicus, Homo Myopicus, and the Law and Economics of Consumer Choice," which will be organized by Douglas Baird, Richard Epstein, and Cass Sunstein.

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