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Perspectives on the future of Chicago and Milwaukee

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The future of the economy in Milwaukee and the broader region is a continuing interest of the public policy initiative of Marquette University Law School. In July 2012, the Law School and the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel sponsored a conference in Eckstein Hall, “Milwaukee’s Future in the Chicago Megacity,” with support from the Law School’s Lubar Fund for Public Policy Research. Mike Gousha, distinguished fellow in law and public policy, led the Law School’s work. The following three articles further explore the conference’s subject. Lance Pressl, an advocate of regional cooperation, said, “What you [Marquette Law School] have done in taking a leadership role has set the bar high for the other parts of the region.”

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