THE EDITORIAL BOARD RECENTLY RECEIVED TWO IMPORTANT JOURNAL UPDATES THAT WE WOULD LIKE TO SHARE WITH DIVISION 41.

In June, Clarivate Analytics’ (formerly Thomson Reuters’) Social Science Citation Index released LHB’s impact factor for 2017 and it has increased for the third year in a row. Measuring the average number of times articles from the journal published in 2015 and 2016 were cited in 2017, the impact factor rose to 2.867. This is LHB’s highest impact factor ever! The journal’s 5-year impact factor, measuring the average number of times articles from the journal published between 2012 and 2016 were cited in 2017, also rose to 3.245.

LHB’s ranking in the law category was 9 out of 147 and the journal was outranked by only one other psychology title, European Journal of Psychology Applied to Legal Context, which is an open access journal. In the social psychology category, LHB ranked 11 out of 64.

This month APA Journals released its annual publishing report for LHB. The rate of submissions to the journal in 2017 was about 6% lower than in 2016 and the rate is about 4% lower still so far this year. We need your best work! The rejection rate increased to 85% last year, but is back to 80% so far in 2018. Editorial lag, or time between submission and first decision, remained under six weeks.

The impact of LHB, combined with the steady submission rate and a rejection rate that hovers around 80%, suggests the journal remains very healthy. Please join me in congratulating Outgoing Editor-in-Chief Margaret Bull Kovera and her Associate Editors Dave DeMatteo, Amy Bradfield Douglas, Patty Zapf, and (awkwardly) myself for a job well done!