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In this column, Jenner & Block Partner Michael T. Brody observes that recent Seventh Circuit decisions reveal that courts “may follow a particular percolating issue, coordinate their decisions, and release opinions to address recurring issues or to clarify the law of the circuit.” In particular, he highlights a series of decisions relating to Article III standing to sue under the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act. “These cases poke a hole in the view of judges as independent actors toiling in isolation and issuing stand-alone opinions,” Mr. Brody writes. “Instead, in this coordinated series of cases, nine of the court’s members issued or joined opinions addressing a legal issue that is destined to recur in litigation before the court.”

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