
LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

Dear Readers:

The Richmond Journal of Law and the Public Interest is pleased to present you with our annual winter issue. This issue is focused on health care—a topic that has long been at the forefront of political debate. By focusing on healthcare here, the Journal hopes to bring the topic to the forefront of the legal debate as well. The issue is divided into two parts: two independent articles and two student comments.

The first article, *Charting a New Course: Practical Considerations for Implementing an Electronic Health Records System* by Roy H. Wyman, Jr. and Amanda L. Kutz, discusses the increasing importance of making healthcare records available electronically. The second article, *Real Feminists for Motherhood Coalition, Petitioner v. Virginia*, by Bridget Leanne Welborn, a Journal alumnus, examines a hypothetical challenge to the holding in *Roe v. Wade*.

Scott St. Amand's comment, *Protecting Neglect: The Constitutionality of Spiritual Healing Exemptions to Child Protection States*, discusses our nation's controversial protection of spiritual exemptions to healthcare laws. Finally, Rhiannon M. Hartman's *An Ounce of Prevention: Why the Innocence Movement Should Focus on Proscriptive Pre-Conviction Measures Instead of Abolition of the Death Penalty* focuses on the importance of employing procedural safeguards to death penalty convictions.

We hope that reading this issue will provoke further thought about the legal implications on healthcare reform. Please check back with us soon for our upcoming issue on family law.



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