LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

Dear Readers,

I am happy to present to you the first issue of Volume XIX of the *Richmond Journal of Law and the Public Interest*, the 2015 edition of the General Assembly in Review. This issue has been several months in the making and is the product of the hard work of the Editorial Board and Staff of the *Richmond Journal of Law and the Public Interest* (JOLPI). I would like to thank Samantha Sedivy for her tireless work on this issue, always showing initiative and vigor in her duties as General Assembly Editor. I would also like to thank Katherine Lent and the Executive Board of Volume XVIII. This group of leaders provided a model that the Executive Board of Volume XIX hopes to emulate.

This first issue of Volume XIX of JOLPI brings insight into some of the important topics of the 2015 General Assembly. We sincerely hope that our articles and comments will provide you with a valuable tool to help in your practice areas. We encourage you to use this issue as a starting point to create a healthy dialogue about the political process in our beloved Commonwealth.

As this is the first issue of Volume XIX, we hope you will find this is only the beginning of a series of quality issues that we look forward to publishing for you this year.

Sincerely, Katherine R. Schroth *Editor-in-Chief* x RICHMOND JOURNAL OF LAW AND THE PUBLIC INTEREST [Vol. XIX:i