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Bryce Buchmann

Dear Readers,

On behalf of the *Richmond Public Interest Law Review*, I am proud to present the first issue of this publication's twentieth volume. Authors, editors, staff members, and the Executive Board have devoted tireless efforts to publish this issue and, in doing so, several milestones have been reached for our law review.

First, this law review – originally named *Perspectives on Law and the Public Interest* – began publishing in 1996, which marks this year with particular significance as the twentieth year of publication. As the Volume XX Editorial Board, we intend to carry on this tradition of success by presenting valuable insights and analysis authored by renowned scholars, respected authorities, and contemplative legal minds of all varieties.

Second, this Editorial Board is responsible for enacting and carrying out this year's change in the name of our law review from *Journal of Law and the Public Interest* (JOLPI) to *Public Interest Law Review* (PILR). By a vote of all journal members last spring, this law review changed its name to reflect the quality of publication and usher in its twentieth volume with a new brand. Securing approval to change the name was an endeavor in itself, but the hard work that followed to bring the change to fruition required intense dedication by several people. Publications & Online Editor Blair Mathias, Publications & Design Editor Jacob Samuelson, Executive Editor Brent Ashley, Staff Members Alexandra Ellmauer and Snapper Tams, as well as our law school's Technical Services & Digital Resources Librarian Amy O'Connor were among the people whose hard work made print and online publication of the *Public Interest Law Review* possible.

Finally, last year's editors entrusted this Board with the duty to preserve an impressive legacy. The former Editor in Chief Kassie Schroth and the rest of the Volume XIX Editorial Board charted a new course for us by making this law review accessible online and we recognize and appreciate the responsibilities they handed down to us.

We hope you will enjoy the insightful pieces in this Winter Issue showcasing the diversity of topics covered by the *Public Interest Law Review*. Professor Mark Strasser summarizes the Supreme Court's complex and sometimes conflicting applications of equal protection to affirmative action; ABA Children's Immigration Law Academy Director Dalia Castillo-Granados and Senior Staff Attorney Yasmin Yavar express concerns with juvenile deportations in the United States; Professors David Schein, James Phillips and Caroline Rider examine legal and ethical concerns about public

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financing for sports stadiums; and UR Law graduate Cassie Powell presents troubling issues and the legal framework for prosecuting genocidal rape in the International Criminal Court.

Like all past volumes of this law review, Volume XX of the *Richmond Public Interest Law Review* examines a variety of legal issues affecting the public interest in many ways. We look forward to carrying on the traditions of our law review under a new name and bringing you stimulating educational publications.

Sincerely,

Bryce Buchmann

Editor-in-Chief

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