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LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

Eudora F. S. Arthur

Dear Readers,

On behalf of the Richmond Public Interest Law Review, it is my honor and privilege to present the first issue of Volume XXIV: our 2020 edition of General Assembly in Review.

Following a historic blue wave, 2020 promised to be a momentous year for the Virginia legislature and the legislature delivered. The coronavirus pandemic caught the heel of the progressive session and required the legislators to reconvene for a special session later that summer. Our issue opens with a survey of significant legislation considered by the General Assembly throughout both the regular and special sessions, including an overview of Virginia's response to the nationwide racial reckoning prompted by the murders of George Floyd, Breonna Taylor, and countless others. This issue also discusses Virginia's long-awaited ratification of the Equal Rights Amendment, the Commonwealth's redistricting plan, the Virginia Values Act, marijuana reform, and the impact coronavirus had on the state's budget.

This issue's publication would not have been possible without the informed and stellar work of our General Assembly Editor and survey author, Samantha Galina. We also thank our authors Sarah Warbelow, Cathryn Oakley, Jenn Michelle Pardini, Cassidy Crockett-Verba, Henry Chambers, Michelle Kallen, Jessica Merry Samuels, Morgan Maloney, Valerie L'Herrou, Cassie Baudeán Cunningham, and Sa-laam Bhatti. We appreciate, not only the time and expertise they have lent us in curating this issue, but their dedication to the betterment of the Commonwealth.

Yours,

Eudora F. S. Arthur

Editor-in-Chief