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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 second issue of Volume XXIV: 2021 General Topics in the Public Interest.

Our authors address various topics of both recent and storied relevance. The issue begins with an intimate look at the way the justice system has been both temporarily and seemingly permanently affected by the Covid-19 pandemic. With many communities around the country removing monuments and renaming buildings, the issue explores the future of such decisions and the parameters of consideration. As race and national origin tensions continue to rise, the issue discusses the WWII era *Korematsu* decision and how the legal authority of the Executive to implement similar citizen detention remains. Next, the issue explores our country's troubled mental health system and the way in which swaths of patients are funneled into the criminal justice system as a result. Our issue also features student-written notes and commentary regarding increased diversity on corporate boards, statutory interpretation of the federal death penalty protocol, and the rehabilitation and decarceration of minor drug offenders.

This issue's publication would not have been possible without the excellent work of our Lead Articles Editors Julianna Meely and Kristen Tolbert. We also thank our authors John B. Taschner, Kevan F. Jacobson, Todd C. Peppers, Michael Mullan, Brianne Donovan, Julianna Meely, and Tyler Moses. We are grateful for the opportunity to feature their scholarly voices on our platform.

Yours,

Eudora F. S. Arthur

Editor-in-Chief