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Dear Readers,

On behalf of the *Richmond Public Interest Law Review*, it is my honor to present the third issue of Volume XXVI. Our symposium this year focused on Domestic Violence and was held on Friday, February 3, 2023, at the University of Richmond School of Law. Within this corresponding publication, our authors address domestic violence and its intersections with the law from several different standpoints.

The issue begins with a transcription of our symposium, in which speakers and panelists address the impact of recent Supreme Court cases on domestic violence, highlight themes such as parental alienation in custody cases, and explore the intersection of emerging technologies with domestic violence. Following the transcription is our first article, authored by Courtenay Schwartz, Caitlin Bradley, and Jonathan Yglesias. This article explored the impact of *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization* on victims of intimate partner violence and presents a case for an amendment to Virginia's constitution to protect reproductive choice. The second article is written by Nancy Simpson, an Assistant Commonwealth's attorney in Chesterfield County. This article examines the benefits and drawbacks of evidence-based prosecution techniques in prosecuting domestic violence cases.

Our third article, a student comment written by our Executive Editor Kiana Gilcrist, presents a proposal to better protect black and brown victims of domestic violence. Finally, our fourth article, authored by Jessica King, outlines a policy solution to domestic violence in rural areas impacted by COVID-19.

I would like to acknowledge the hard work and dedication of our Symposium Editors, Jessica Rooke and Teresa Sun, who led the symposium event superbly and worked tirelessly on this issue's publication. Additionally, this issue's publication would not have been possible without the hard work of our staff, whom I sincerely thank for their efforts. I would also like to thank all of our authors, speakers, and panelists. On behalf of the *Richmond Public Interest Law Review*, I hope this issue contributes to the discourse on intimate partner violence for years to come.

Sincerely,

Carley Ruival

Editor-in-Chief