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PREFACE

This year marks the tenth anniversary of the *Allen Chair* edition of the *University of Richmond Law Review*. Since 1993, the Allen Chair Symposium has attracted scores of the nation's top academics to write on a range of provocative legal topics, including human rights, bioethics, environmental regulation and free speech. The latest installment of the *Allen Chair* issue presents the most controversial (and timely) issue to date: *Political Assassination as an Instrument of National Policy—An Inquiry into Operations, Expediency, Morality, and Law*.

Contributors to this year's *Allen Chair* issue include noted professors William C. Banks and Peter Raven-Hansen, who provide perhaps the most authoritative and substantive treatment of the domestic law of assassination yet endeavored in their co-authored work *Targeted Killing and Assassination: The U.S. Legal Framework*. In addition, Professor Jeffrey F. Addicott examines the role of one of the principal components of the domestic law of assassination—Executive Order 12,333—and calls for a revision of the order in light of present-day practicalities in *Proposal for a New Executive Order on Assassination*. In his essay *It's Not Really "Assassination": Legal and Moral Implications of Intentionally Targeting Terrorists and Aggressor-State Regime Elites*, Professor Robert F. Turner presents a multi-faceted exposition into the moral, ethical, practical and semantic issues surrounding the debate, drawing upon his personal experiences in war and the law of self defense. Lastly, National Public Radio ("NPR") Ombudsman Jeffrey A. Dvorkin provides a brief respite from the legal study of assassination and conducts an examination into the popular language employed by journalists and academics in the War on Terror in his essay *Reporting on Terrorism: Choosing Our Words Carefully*.

In keeping with previous editions of the *Allen Chair* issue, the *Law Review* has included two articles unrelated to the topic of the symposium. These include Professor Leonard M. Baynes's *Racial Stereotypes, Broadcast Corporations, and the Business Judgment*

Rule and Professor Margaret Gilhooley's Drug Regulation and the Constitution After Western States.

The *Law Review* again wishes to thank the Allen family for their generous support of this symposium. Since establishing the George E. Allen Chair in 1976, the Allen family has remained devoted to the continuing success of the law school. It is with gratitude that the *Law Review* publishes this tenth edition of the *Allen Chair* issue.

I would personally like to thank the staff of the *Law Review* for their tireless effort and almost unhealthy interest in the topic of assassination. In addition, I would like to thank Larry Parker, Georgia Hamilton, and Glenice Coombs. Their patience, attention to detail, and impeccable comedic timing were integral to the publication of this book. Lastly, I would like to thank Erin Oliff and her staff for their invaluable assistance and good cheer.