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The 2012 election cycle and our location in the heart of a battleground swing state provided the original impetus for this year's Allen Chair topic. We decided to delve into the field of election law and examine the pressing issues of the field. Attorneys, experts, professors, and students gathered on October 5, 2012 at the University of Richmond to consider various election law topics. Lead by a collection of esteemed panelists, discussions focused on voter ID, military and absentee ballots, post-election disputes, campaign finance, ballot access, voter suppression, redistricting, and the Voting Rights Act.

The articles and essays contained in this issue are the culmination of a year of work in the election law field, and reflect the issues contemplated at the symposium. Special thanks to each of the authors: it was an honor working with each of you, and we appreciate you sharing your scholarship with us. I particularly want to thank Professor Joshua Douglas, Mr. Dale Ho, Professor Steven Huefner, Dr. Michael McDonald, Professor Michael Pitts, and Mr. Rob Richie for not only contributing to this issue, but also for joining our symposium and serving on panels. Thanks also to Dean Jocelyn Benson, Ms. Keesha Gaskins, Professor Rebecca

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Concluding this year of the Allen Chair, the *Law Review* is proud to present *Election Law Issues: Beyond the Red, Purple, and Blue*.

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