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ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

As yet another chapter of the *University of Richmond Law Review* comes to an end, I am impressed to reflect on what has been both an incredibly busy and successful year. It has been a tremendous honor, and one that is profoundly humbling, to lead this organization, comprised of the brightest and most successful students in our law school.

This year has been one of change and transition. We have laid the groundwork through which Volume 50 can usher the *Law Review* into a new era. Sarah Bennett and her crew slaved away this last summer creating a much needed, new-and-improved Spading Manual (#3ManueL). Nick Dantonio volunteered to do some considerable research into preparing for possible accreditation changes. Sarah Padway helped revamp our image with the other journals with the Law Review Luau, and subsequent interactions. We took the administration's challenge and reorganized how we run the Unified Journal Competition. Leah Stiegler took a challenge from Dean Perdue and completely rethought the Allen Chair Symposium, trying to increase exposure for our journal and school. We made substantial improvements to our 2L orientation. We got the ball rolling for the *Law Review* to move further into the technological age by setting the foundation for a website overhaul, and the creation of a permanent technology editorial component.

Because of the diligent work of countless individuals, the *Law Review* is in good hands to enter its fiftieth anniversary. I would like to take the opportunity and recognize some of these individuals personally.

Glenice: Regardless of whatever praises I could give, or whatever words I could write, they would be insufficient in capturing what you mean to the *Law Review*. The experience and wisdom that you bring to the organization is unmatched. I know that the entire Executive Board is immensely grateful for your hard work,

and for the sacrifices that you make to ease our burdens and lighten our loads. And knowing that you've faced some daunting obstacles outside of *Law Review* this year, Volume 49 can truly appreciate how selfless this service was. Notwithstanding, what you mean to the *Law Review* goes far beyond what you do from a publication standpoint. I am personally grateful—and I know my fellow Executive Board members feel the same way—for your friendship, your genuine interest in my academic progress, my future career, and my family life. You are the real captain of the ship.

Zee: From the moment that we assumed our positions, and even from the moment of our first Executive Board meeting, I knew that we had a shared vision about how we wanted the organization to run, and what we wanted the *Law Review* to become—and this, notwithstanding the fact that we had never before spoken to each other. You made everything run. And it not only ran; it ran smoothly. I can't thank you enough for that. With every decision that the *Law Review* was faced with, whether large-scale in nature or whether it was about italicizing commas, you were willing to hear me out and see my point of view. Thank you for being so willing to ensure that the *Law Review* was an atmosphere of both work and collegiality. I am very grateful for your dedication, and for your friendship.

Rina: With the changing landscape of legal publications, you were undeterred in finding incredibly novel and unique articles for our journal. For each article we considered, you were thorough in identifying the advantages and disadvantages. For me, whose time was often spent in overseeing editorial details, this was immensely helpful. You were always professional in communications with the authors, and maintained the good repute of our journal. Also, if there was ever a grammatical question, I knew that I could come to you for a quick and correct answer. Your keen eye in the publication process was much appreciated. Thank you.

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your wheelhouse, you recognized the need to make this year's Allen Chair something to be remembered. Because of your efforts, the *Law Review* was able to bring to Richmond Law some of the nation's leading scholars in one of the legal profession's hottest fields. This year's Allen Chair featured dynamic discussion and unique perspectives. It will be a very tough act to follow.

Tara: Thank you for all your efforts with the Annual Survey. Knowing that the Annual Survey is, in many respects, our most important issue, you were always up for the task and willing to put in the work. However, your value to the *Law Review* went far beyond the Annual Survey. You were a *Law Review* workhorse, and had the competence to match your work ethic. Even when your main duties were in the rearview mirror, you stepped up and tackled any difficult task we needed, no questions asked. Glenice, Zee, and I could always count on you to come through when we called, and knew that the job would not only get done, but get done well. I am very grateful for this.

Sarah: No amount of work is too much work for you, Sarah. That's a quality that was immensely valuable to the *Law Review*, and is a quality that will undoubtedly serve you well throughout your career. You were a fantastic administrator of the Unified Journal Competition and were always diplomatic in your dealings with competition participants, the administration, and the other journals. You laid the foundation for the competition's, and *Law Review's*, future success with your self-motivation and initiative. In everything *Law Review*-related, you went the extra mile—always willing to do things that you weren't required to do. Not to mention, you coined the infamous motto that epitomizes what we are all about: "Every day is a business day on *Law Review*." Thanks for your diligence.

Derek: From our very first event, the Law Review Luau, I knew that I didn't have to worry about any logistics or finances. You had it covered. Thank you for handling the budget and event logistics in a straightforward and organized manner. Though you had a very demanding schedule this year, you always completed your tasks with thoroughness and exactness. Whenever I asked for updates on your articles, you were always one-step ahead of me. I'm grateful for your hard work. The *Law Review* is better because of your efforts.

Manuscripts Editors (Sarah B., Jill, Fran, Jeff, Scott, Hank, and Sarah R.): Thank you all for your diligent review of our articles and your scrupulous attention to detail. The MEs are historically the *Law Review's* strongest spaders and Bluebookers, and Volume 49 was certainly no exception. Your efforts in ensuring that our articles were in the best possible shape made our lives considerably easier as Final Editors, and for that, I am very thankful.

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Faculty Advisors: I personally believe that the hallmark of a good faculty advisor is one that is willing to talk and willing to discuss any issue that arises, regardless of its nature. That's exactly what we have with Professor Douglass and Professor Tobias. Whether it concerned larger administrative issues, or whether

it concerned the pros/cons of publishing a certain article, you both were always willing to draw from wisdom and experience and advise us appropriately. And outside of *Law Review* matters, you took a personal interest in our own paths and opportunities. For that, I am very grateful.

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It has been a considerable honor to serve as the *University of Richmond Law Review's* forty-ninth Editor-in-Chief; and it is now my honor to present the fourth and final issue of Volume 49.

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