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# ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

In the May issue of each *University of Richmond Law Review* volume, the Editor-in-Chief writes an acknowledgment letter that reflects upon the many successes that the journal members have shared over the past year. I feel compelled to continue the tradition and reflect upon the fifty-first volume of our journal. For many of us, our tenure as Volume 51 leaders began back in February 2016. Even before that, the leadership and direction of Thomas DiStanislao and the Volume 50 Executive Board laid the groundwork for our successes. Our first thank you is to them for their faith and guidance.

This year, we continued the *Law Review's* strong tradition of publishing quality legal scholarship from prominent leaders in their fields, along with rising academics and practitioners. Stephanie Serhan, our Annual Survey Editor, solicited articles and managed editing our first issue of the year, the *Annual Survey of Virginia Law*. The Annual Survey is an honored tradition and widely-circulated practical guide to updates in Virginia law. As in past years, our Lead Articles Editor selected articles for the January and May issues; Alex Fraser aptly filled this role in selecting a total of nine articles, six comments, and one essay. Our Symposium Editor, Alex McDaniel, maintained the clever forethought to put on a particularly relevant symposium on matters of national security in the digital age. He continued his predecessor's example by selling out admission to it. Further, Alex amassed scholarship of the country's leading practitioners and professors in an effort to address the challenges of data collection and retention in practice and in the courtroom. Throughout the year, Rachel DeGraba managed an outstanding team of assistant online editors and published eleven articles on the Online Edition as Online Editor, a new executive board position this year. As a whole, the entire Editorial Board worked countless hours to ensure that we published the best work possible and that we set an example that would resonate with members of this journal for years to come.

We want to express our gratitude for all of the resources the University of Richmond School of Law provides us. We are fortunate to receive such strong support from Dean Wendy Perdue and the Dean's office staff. We especially thank our advisors, Professors Carl Tobias and John Douglass, for their counsel, dedication, and support. In addition to our advisors, we thank Associate Dean Jessica Erickson for her advice in her role as Dean for Faculty Development.

It has been a tremendous honor, one that is profoundly humbling, to lead this organization, comprised of the brightest and most successful students in our law school. Our members are not only dedicated to the advancement of legal scholarship, but they set out to leave the *Law Review* better than they found it. I would like to take this opportunity to offer my sincerest gratitude and admiration for my colleagues.

Glenice: Day after day, you put our hard work in perspective, reminding us that "we publish books." Without a doubt, you truly make the *Law Review* office the best place in the law school. We would not be able to accomplish what we do year after year, if it were not for your patience, guidance, and support. You have provided counsel and laughter in times of stress. You have celebrated our personal and professional successes. As many have said more eloquently than I can manage in this short space, thank you for your dedication to this journal and for your friendship.

Sylvia: From the moment we assumed our positions and met for the first time to talk about our goals for the journal, I knew that this year would be a success and that we would become great friends. You were the backbone of the *Law Review* with an unwavering sense of dedication, regardless of personal challenges. When the work was overwhelming, you made sure that we stayed on course, controlling the flow, direction, and timing of production. You mentored the second-year class, serving as a role model for what *Law Review* leadership should be. Thank you for being so willing to ensure that the *Law Review* office was an atmosphere of both work and collegiality.

Alex Fraser: You truly hit the ground running last year when we were elected, dedicating yourself to fill our January and May issues with novel and unique articles. Beginning the tradition of soliciting a full six months before publication, you ensured that

our editorial process ran as smoothly as it did. Serving as the face of our journal to prospective authors, I cannot imagine anyone who could have done a better job than you. In managing submissions, you led your team of articles and comments editors with an approachable leadership style that demanded the upmost respect. Thank you for contributing to Volume 51's success this year.

Stephanie: As the first and most important book, the Annual Survey is the most challenging issue to edit and publish, as most of it is managed over the summer. In tackling unexpected challenges and hurdles along the way, your natural leadership and talents made this year's book a success. While serving as editor for the first issue of Volume 51, you truly set the tone for the entire year. Beyond the Annual Survey, your presence in the office, mentoring the incoming class was unparalleled. You never failed to volunteer for any curve ball thrown our way. Thank you for all that you have done to make this journal better than when you found it. I am sincerely grateful for your dedication to *Law Review* and, most importantly, for your friendship.

Alex McDaniel: As we have discussed (at length), the symposium editor position is one of the most difficult Executive Board positions on the journal. From the moment you received your position, you have approached it with enthusiasm and creativity that was unmatched. This year's symposium topic contributed to a national discussion on the legal impacts of data security law and policy that was meaningful well beyond our office's walls. Your dedicated effort led to a sold-out Symposium and a March book filled with some of the most prominent speakers and writers from the around the country. Thank you for everything you did to make this year a success.

Kerrigan: From the beginning, you transformed the Managing Editor position to one that managed all aspects of the *Law Review*: from budget and event logistics to symposium planning and subscription list management. The commitment to step in and help out with anything that was beyond the scope of your duties truly made you one of the most integral pieces of Volume 51. Your presence in the office brought light and laughter every day. The commitment and enthusiasm that you brought to your position set an example for our successors.

Rachel: Serving as the first online editor was no easy feat. From when you assumed the position last year, you tackled every challenge with optimism and creativity that so perfectly encapsulates the passionate person that you are. Your dedicated work over the summer to revamp the website left a lasting impression on our journal. The Online Edition and *Law Review* website has received more traffic and interest because of the timely pieces that you single-handedly solicited. The relationships that you fostered with rising academics and practitioners in the community made the *Law Review* more accessible and interesting to those on the ground. Spanning the gamut from the death penalty drug cocktail controversy to the historical relevance of Confederate state habeas petitions, the second volume of the online edition went above and beyond what I believed was capable this year. Thank you for your lasting contribution to our online presence.

Micaylee: Thank you for serving as the bridge from 1L year to *Law Review* in your fantastic administration of the Unified Journal Competition. You ensured collegially amongst the journals and set an example to students considering *Law Review*. Further, you kept the second-year comment writers on track through the year, encouraging them to challenge themselves to produce top-notch scholarship. Thank you for your commitment to the journal.

Manuscripts Editors – Kaitlyn, Hunter, Lauren, Eryn, Rebecca, and Megan: Thank you for your diligent review of our articles throughout the year. From tedious Bluebook exam grading to full edits of three hundred footnote articles in each of our issues, your contributions and attention to detail defined the quality of our editorial process. I know that I speak for all of the Executive Board members when I say that we truly enjoyed working with each of you this year.

Articles Editors – Mallory, Jim, Erin, Alex, Dustin, Chris, John, and Kaitlyn: Thank you for the time that you dedicated to each article. Since you met your teams at orientation, your commitment to the second-year members of this journal paved the way for their success. Volume 52 is a team of well-prepared editors because of your guidance and leadership.

Articles & Comments Editors – Bret, Katie, Angilee, and Chelsea: Thank you for your efforts in filling our January and May issues and for mentoring the second-year staff members in writing

their comments. Although your positions require you to largely work “behind the scenes,” pouring over the hundreds of articles that we receive for consideration, our publication potential and relevance as a journal rests on your shoulders. Thank you for your diligence and hard work this year.

Assistant Online Editors – Amanda and Clay: Thank you for your efforts in continuing the momentum of our Online Edition. You two were the foundation of the Online Edition this year, stepping up to do everything and anything necessary to publish eleven topically relevant articles and essays this year. Serving as the first assistant online editors was a challenge, but I cannot think of two better natured people to fill that role. Most importantly your presence in the office made the *Law Review* a wonderful place. Thank you both for making the second volume of the Online Edition such a success.

2L Staff Members: Your diligence and exceptional abilities astonished me this year. Your consistent fervor and passion to learn more about the editorial process fostered a collegial and dynamic environment that encouraged the third-year class to work harder. Thank you for the hours spent spading, working in office hours, and writing your student comments. It has been an honor to work with each of you. To Emily and the rest of Volume 52, good luck next year; I leave knowing the future of *Law Review* is in great hands.

On a personal note, I would like to thank my family for supporting me on this long journey of college and law school. To Frankie and Nancy Adams, thank you for your patience and support over the past three years. You two are my home away from home, and I thank you for welcoming me into your family. Emily, while I have had my nose in the books this year, you have accomplished so much. I am proud to call you my sister, and I know Adelina is proud to call you her mom. To Mom and Dad, thank you for your love over the past twenty-seven years. With every chance taken and every decision made, your unwavering support has meant the world. Thank you for instilling a passion for reading and writing in me and for raising Emily and I in an environment full of laughter and learning.

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In closing, it has been an honor and privilege to serve as the Editor-in-Chief of Volume 51. On behalf of those involved and those that have come before us, the *University of Richmond Law Review* proudly presents the fourth and final issue of Volume 51.

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