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## ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

The *University of Richmond Law Review* proudly presents its 2020 Symposium Issue—Commemorating the 50th Anniversary of the Stonewall Riots: Reflecting on the Rise and Evolution of LGBTQ Activism and Rights in the Law. Annually, the *Law Review* hosts a Symposium that engages scholars and practitioners from the Richmond community and beyond in a robust discussion about current issues in the law. This year’s Symposium examined the rise and growth of LGBTQ rights from the momentous Stonewall Riots to present day.

On October 11, 2019, the *Law Review* hosted a group of incredibly intelligent and passionate scholars and practitioners to discuss the evolution of LGBTQ rights in four general areas of the law—education and employment law, public accommodations law, criminal law, and family law and reproductive rights. Bradley Sears, Executive Director of the Williams Institute provided the keynote speech. The day proceeded with four panels; a lunchtime address, delivered by Claire Gastañaga of the Virginia ACLU; and closing remarks, given by Shannon Minter, Legal Director of the National Center for Lesbian Rights. The *Law Review* is honored to have brought together such a broad array of prominent legal scholars and practitioners to speak on these important and timely topics. Each speaker highlighted just how far LGBTQ rights have come since the Stonewall Riots, while cautioning that there is still work to be done to obtain equality in the law. Thank you for spending your valuable time with us.

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The *University of Richmond Law Review* hopes you enjoy the Volume 54 Symposium Issue—Commemorating the 50th Anniversary of the Stonewall Riots: Reflecting on the Rise and Evolution of LGBTQ Activism and Rights in the Law.

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