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The Richmond Journal of Law and the Public Interest has had a very successful—if very busy—year. At the end of the summer, we published *The General Assembly in Review*, which was the Journal's first issue published in print. In the fall, we published an issue dedicated to campaign finance reform to correspond with the presidential election. We also hosted a public symposium on this topic, with two experts debating the merits of recent campaign finance reform measures. In the winter, we published an issue dealing with health care reform. And in the spring, we published an issue focused on family law, dedicated to one of the University's most respected professors, Robert E. Shepherd, Jr. Now, we end this volume with our annual publication of *The General Assembly in Review*, which details the 2009 session of the Virginia General Assembly.

The Journal's successes this year would not have been possible without the tireless dedication of its Editorial Board and Staff. Many thanks to: Executive Editor Theresa Young who kept the Journal running on time and in the right direction; General Assembly Editor Chelsea Dunn who tackled the Journal's largest issue with enthusiasm; Managing Editor Lauren Pozefsky who kept us out of the red despite funding shortages; Publications Editor Emilee Hasbrouck who worked tirelessly to create our first printed issue, Sarah Minner for recruiting one of school's the largest classes of journal members; Manuscripts Editors Bethany Ingle and Jonathan Sumrell who worked through some of the most complex edits in the Journal's history; Lead Articles Editors Matt Dahl, Kim Lane, and Amanda Lavin who sorted through articles to select those for publication; and Symposium Editor Tiffany Mansfield for orchestrating a phenomenal community event. Thanks also to our graduating staff members Neisha Gray and Jessica Yoke for their hard work over the past two years.

I am confident that the Journal will continue to be successful long after our departure from the Law School. The incoming Editors have already displayed great enthusiasm and gusto for its mission and goals. If, at the end of next year, they are half as proud of the Journal's progress as I am today, they are lucky indeed.

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