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Dear Reader,

We proudly introduce Volume 14, Issue 1 of the University of the District of Columbia Law Review. This issue reflects the hard work of the outstanding Senior and Associate Editors of the Law Review. Our goal this year is to produce multiple issues of the Law Review, as well as introduce our new website. These resources will provide cutting-edge scholarly work from some of the most prominent and progressive legal minds in the country, and to reflect the new direction of our publication.

First, we would like to thank the 2009-2010 Editorial Board. The majority of this issue is a continuation of the materials accepted and reviewed by the previous Board. At 450+ pages, Volume 13, Issue 2 (Summer 2010) was one of the largest editions ever released by our Law Review. We will strive to maintain their level of enthusiasm and productivity in Volume 14.

Volume 14, Issue 1 begins with a transcript of Attorney General Eric H. Holder, Jr.'s June 17, 2010 delivery of the 18th Annual Joseph L. Rauh, Jr. Lecture. With over 500 Washingtonians in attendance, the Attorney General lauded the University of the District of Columbia David A. Clarke School of Law (UDC-DCSL) as a model for legal education and a point of inspiration for law schools across the country. Accordingly, it seemed fitting to follow the Attorney General's speech with an article providing empirical analysis on UDC-DCSL's successful efforts to increase law students' bar passage rates over the past five years.

As the only public law school in the District of Columbia, our Law Review has a duty to provide relevant information pertaining to the livelihood of District residents. The next two articles do exactly that: one explores a new approach for achieving equal representation for the District of Columbia, and the other examines D.C.'s procurement law and the efforts aimed at reform.

In 2010, D.C. became the most recent jurisdiction to allow same-sex marriages. The fifth article in this issue explores the constitutionality of same-sex marriages.

The three articles that follow examine the ever-increasing interaction between technology and the law. The first article discusses the evolution of personal jurisdiction and the need for the law to recognize that the Internet accommodates a new variety of personal contacts. The second article contemplates the viability of a centralized source containing illustrations of laws and legal concepts that can be distributed through new technological outlets. The third article reviews the Child Online Privacy Protection Act and the balance between protecting children's privacy and their freedom of expression in the Internet context.

The last two articles in this issue focus on international human rights. One article presents a case against Georgian President Mikheil Saakashvili for crimes against humanity stemming from the country's August 2008 conflict with Russia. The final article compares China's use of the law as a means for oppressing Tibetans with similar practices carried out by the U.S. over Native Americans.

Finally, we extend our sincere gratitude to the 2010-2011 Senior and Associate Editors, who contributed a great deal of time and effort in bringing this issue to publication. We also would like to thank our faculty advisors, Helen Frazer and William McLain, as well as Joe Libertelli and Dean Katherine S. Broderick, for their continued guidance and support.

Sincerely,

Evan Mascagni & Matthew Perdoni

*On behalf of the 2010-2011 University of the
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