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I am proud to have been selected as the fifth Editor-in-Chief of this publication. I thank the Editorial Board and our Faculty Advisor for the hard work put into producing this volume. The *Race and Ethnic Ancestry Law Journal* (*R.E.A.L. Journal* formerly the *Race and Ethnic Ancestry Law Digest*) was founded four years ago at Washington and Lee University School of Law. The *Journal* was deeply rooted in the way American minorities were treated by the criminal justice system.

Over the years, the *Journal* has evolved into much more than a digest. Keeping the debate of a symposium alive, the *R.E.A.L. Journal* has broadened its focus. Two years ago, volume three branched out and included pieces on immigration and multiculturalism. Last year, the *Journal* continued its branching out by including a speech on "Civility" by Associate Justice Clarence Thomas. This year is not different. The *Journal* takes a closer look at other injustices with articles discussing the problems of chain gangs and discrimination in mortgage lending practices. The Case Notes portion of the *Journal* continues by examining *inter alia* key pieces of legislation such as the Civil Rights Act of 1991 and the Voting Rights Act. It is my hope and that of the *Journal* staff, that each reader will gain new insight regarding the topics discussed in the fifth anniversary issue of the *Race and Ethnic Ancestry Law Journal*.

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