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The *Washington and Lee Journal of Civil Rights and Social Justice* is a research and reference publication focusing on race and ethnicity as they intersect with class, gender, ability, sexuality, and the law. Conceived as neither leftist nor conservative, but in a spirit of openness, the *Journal* explores how minorities are classified, ignored, and singled out. The *Journal* seeks to speak on behalf of minorities by reaching out to the larger community, to educate them, and to grow with them. To that end, the *Journal* endeavors to provide a space for scholars of all persuasions to expand and develop a theoretical, critical, and socially relevant discourse. The articles published in the *Journal of Civil Rights and Social Justice* will be the building blocks for understanding the issues that face society today.

Though our name has recently changed, the JCRSJ remains true to its commitment while growing in scope and stature. Originally an annual publication, the JCRSJ now publishes two issues per year. In addition to publishing articles by nationally recognized scholars, legal practitioners, and activists, JCRSJ also publishes the work of Washington and Lee law students.

In the future, fall issues of the JCRSJ will contain articles resulting from the annual JCRSJ symposium, along with Notes written by Washington and Lee law students. The spring issue will contain scholarly articles, student Notes, and analytical casenotes. After the spring 2006 issue, JCRSJ will publish student Notes only from Washington and Lee University School of Law students.

As this issue marks the beginning of a tradition, I would like to take the opportunity to extend a warm thanks to the editors, especially Johnny Lo, who have worked hard to make this goal a reality. The *Journal* is indebted to Professor Blake Morant and the Francis Lewis Law Center as well as Dean Sidney Evans for their support of the annual symposium. I would also like to thank Professors Louise Halper, Dorothy Brown, and Ronald Krotoszynski, Jr. for their encouragement and guidance, and Dean David Partlett for his respect and support.

We at the JCRSJ are proud of who we are and what we do. We look forward to any questions and comments.

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