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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. 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. For me personally, this experience has allowed me to grow and develop as an individual, student, and lawyer. 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.

In the future, fall issues of the JCRSJ will contain articles resulting from the annual JCRSJ symposium, in addition to scholarly articles and Notes written by Washington and Lee law students. Following the fall 2006 issue, JCRSJ will no longer publish analytical case notes. The spring issue will contain scholarly articles and student Notes. Since the spring 2006 issue, the JCRSJ has only published student Notes from Washington and Lee University School of Law students.

This spring the Journal was also able to expand on its traditional academic roots by implementing a weeklong service trip to New Orleans to assist victims of Hurricane Katrina. As we delve into academic problems facing underprivileged communities nationally and internationally, it is important to remember the realities on the ground. Only through an understanding of the realities can our scholarship translate into the change that we would like to see.

I would like to take the opportunity to thank the entire editorial board of the JCRSJ, especially Stephanie D. Yost, who have worked incredibly hard to publish this issue. The JCRSJ is indebted to the administration of Washington and Lee, specifically Acting Dean Brian Murchison, Associate Dean for Academic Affairs Blake Morant, and Associate Dean for Student Services Sidney Evans for their support and guidance. The JCRSJ would also like to thank the Francis Lewis Law Center and Professor Dorothy Brown who was instrumental in the planning and execution of the spring 2007 symposium. The JCRSJ would also like to thank our faculty advisor Professor Louise Halper, without whom the JCRSJ would not be a reality.

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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