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Law requires looking beyond the mere critique. Finding solutions is a necessary path to helping the law meet modern social needs. This semester and this edition were specifically dedicated to finding solutions, both legal and non-legal, to rectify modern problems. In this regard, the *Journal* seeks to provide prescriptions to create meaningful remedies for an ever-changing world.

The Articles and Notes in this edition embark on solution-finding journeys. Professor Russell Powell explores the bounds of Catholic social thought and its impact on modern law in his Article entitled *Theology in Public Reason and Legal Discourse: A Case for the Preferential Option for the Poor*. Professor G. Kristian Miccio pleads for solutions to gender-based violence in her Article entitled *If Not Now, When? Individual and Collective Responsibility for Male Intimate Violence*. The student Notes contained herein explore legal issues and solutions concerning undercover police stings related to prostitution, affirmative action in India, increased asylum protection under international human rights law, and abuses in the payday loan industry. All student Notes published in the *Journal* are authored by current Washington and Lee law students.

In addition to the scholarship presented in this edition, the *Journal* welcomed several solution-finding voices to campus. First, the *Journal* introduced *War Child* and its director, C. Karim Chrobog, to the school for Diversity Week in January 2009. *War Child* is an award-winning documentary focusing on the Lost Boys of Sudan and one man's fight to end genocide through artistic expression. Later in the Spring, the *Journal* presented its annual Symposium entitled *Reproductive and Sexual Health and the African Women's Protocol*. Scholars from around the world traveled to Lexington, Virginia to engage in constructive debate on solutions to making current international human rights instruments more effective for women. Articles from this Symposium will appear in the Fall 2009 edition of the *Journal*.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the entire editorial board of the *Journal*. A special thanks to Executive Editor Kelley Stieler for her insight and friendship, Elizabeth Christensen for her hard work and dedication, and Professor Ann Massie for her support and guidance as the *Journal* continues to evolve and move forward. I would like to especially thank Professor Charles Ngwena, Managing Events Editor Karthik Nagarajan, and Wendy Rice for a provocative and successful Symposium. The *Journal* is indebted to the administration of Washington and Lee University's School of Law, specifically Dean Rodney A. Smolla and Associate Dean for Academic Affairs Robert T. Danforth, for their support.

The *Journal* would also like to thank the Francis Lewis Law Center for co-sponsoring our symposia throughout the years.

The *Journal* is proud of the scholarship it produces and the community it serves. Our goal is to aid individuals and ideas in need by providing thoughtful legal safeguards to protect their rights in the future.

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