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## Editor's Note

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Meaningful change often begins as mere words on a page. Through the dissemination of these words, others learn of the worthy cause. Armed with new insight and understanding, the cause gains recognition and moves into the public discourse.

This year marks the 50th Anniversary of the March on Washington. With the benefit of hindsight, we know now that the ideas expressed in Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s "I have a Dream" speech would inspire our nation to address social ills that were ignored for many decades prior. It is hard to believe that Dr. King's speech began as mere words on a page.

The *Journal of Civil Rights & Social Justice's* Spring 2013 Issue may begin as just words on a page, but it is in fact the starting point for meaningful change. Through this issue, the struggle for dignity, respect, and representation for all people continues. This issue of the Journal discusses the rights of atheists, LGBT issues, child abuse and neglect, the rights of caregivers, homelessness, public education, and the immigration system's failure to protect vulnerable immigrant youth. It is our hope that this thoughtful legal scholarship can impact change.

*"The hope of a secure and livable world lies with disciplined nonconformists who are dedicated to justice, peace and brotherhood."*

-Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

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