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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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