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CELEBRATING THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE *CORNELL JOURNAL OF LAW AND PUBLIC POLICY*

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A lot has changed in twenty five years, when Karen Kemble and the Volume 1 Board of Editors founded the *Cornell Journal of Law and Public Policy* (*CJLPP*). The Journal began through very modest means, such as raising money through a bake sale in the atrium. Soon enough, the *CJLPP* had successful symposiums and events on criminal justice, civil justice, and the Americans with Disabilities Act. Without the efforts from the first board of the *CJLPP*, the Journal would not have been as successful as it is today.

Since the founding of the Journal, the *CJLPP* has become recognized as a top public policy journal. The *CJLPP* has published thought-provoking pieces written by distinguished policymakers such as then-Senator Joseph Biden, former House Majority Leader Dick Armey, noted defense attorney William Kunstler, and economist Walter Williams. This is a result of the hardworking and dedicated members of the Journal, who have kept the *CJLPP* running successfully year after year.

In Volume 25 of the Journal, the *CJLPP* has continued to publish quality articles and notes on law and public policy, which the *CJLPP* believes will influence the legal field in years to come. Our articles this volume include pieces on inheritance inequities facing children of non-traditional families,¹ the moral hazard paradox of financial safety nets,² medical-legal partnerships to assist the U.S. Department of Veterans Af-

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¹ Danaya C. Wright, *Inheritance Equity: Reforming the Inheritance Penalties Facing Children in Nontraditional Families*, 25 *CORNELL J.L. & PUB. POL'Y* 1 (2015).

² John Crawford, *The Moral Hazard Paradox of Financial Safety Nets*, 25 *CORNELL J.L. & PUB. POL'Y* 95 (2015).

fairs,³ reducing inequality with a retrospective capital tax,⁴ fostering informed choice regarding genetic abortions,⁵ post-trial military reforms,⁶ crowdfunding and the market for entrepreneurial finance,⁷ Executive Branch enforcement of congressional investigations,⁸ a narrowed scope of citizen's arrest,⁹ wage compression,¹⁰ and heightened First Amendment protections for public university professors.¹¹

Our notes this volume include pieces on applying tort law to HIV exposure cases,¹² attorney-client communications sent through prison email systems,¹³ applying a special relationship between the government and victims of school shootings in gun-free zones,¹⁴ the impact of *Matter of A-R-C-G* for domestic violence victims seeking asylum,¹⁵ whether the Eighth Amendment's prohibition on cruel and unusual punishment could bar a "corporate death penalty,"¹⁶ and whether the Common Core is coercive.¹⁷

³ Stacey-Rae Simcox, *Lightening the VA's Rucksack: A Proposal for Higher Education Medical-Legal Partnerships to Assist the VA in Efficiently and Accurately Granting Veterans Disability Compensation*, 25 CORNELL J.L. & PUB. POL'Y 141 (2015).

⁴ James Kwak, *Reducing Inequality with a Retrospective Tax on Capital*, 25 CORNELL J.L. & PUB. POL'Y 191 (2015).

⁵ Bret D. Asbury, *Fostering Informed Choice: Alleviating the Trauma of Genetic Abortions*, 25 CORNELL J.L. & PUB. POL'Y 293 (2015).

⁶ Major Ryan A. Little, *Taming the Military's Post-Trial Leviathan: Reforms that Could Save the Military Up to \$170 Million Each Year*, 25 CORNELL J.L. & PUB. POL'Y 335 (2015).

⁷ Seth C. Oranburg, *Bridgefunding: Crowdfunding and the Market for Entrepreneurial Finance*, 25 CORNELL J.L. & PUB. POL'Y 397 (2015).

⁸ Michael D. Bopp et al., *Trouble Ahead, Trouble Behind: Executive Branch Enforcement of Congressional Investigations*, 25 CORNELL J.L. & PUB. POL'Y 453 (2015).

⁹ Ira P. Robbins, *Vilifying the Vigilante: A Narrowed Scope of Citizen's Arrest*, 25 CORNELL J.L. & PUB. POL'Y 557 (2016).

¹⁰ Stephen Plass, *Wage Compression As a Democratic Ideal*, 25 CORNELL J.L. & PUB. POL'Y 601 (2016).

¹¹ Joseph J. Martins, *Tipping the Pickering Balance: A Proposal for Heightened First Amendment Protection for the Teaching and Scholarship of Public University Professors*, 25 CORNELL J.L. & PUB. POL'Y 649 (2016).

¹² Dustin J. Lee, *Injections, Infections, Condoms, and Care: Thoughts on Negligence and HIV Exposure*, 25 CORNELL J.L. & PUB. POL'Y 245 (2015).

¹³ Christopher J. Milazzo, *When It Comes to Privilege, You're Better Off Dead: Protecting Attorney-Client Communications Sent Through Prison Email Systems*, 25 CORNELL J.L. & PUB. POL'Y 269 (2015).

¹⁴ Carl Rizzi, *A Duty to Protect: Why Gun-Free Zones Create a Special Relationship Between the Government and Victims of School Shootings*, 25 CORNELL J.L. & PUB. POL'Y 499 (2015).

¹⁵ Carolyn M. Wald, *Does Matter of A-R-C-G- Matter that Much?: Why Domestic Violence Victims Seeking Asylum Need Better Protection*, 25 CORNELL J.L. & PUB. POL'Y 527 (2015).

¹⁶ Drew Isler Grossman, *Would a Corporate "Death Penalty" Be Cruel and Unusual Punishment?*, 25 CORNELL J.L. & PUB. POL'Y 697 (2016).

¹⁷ Jeremy Bachrach Siegfried, *It's Common Sense: Why the Common Core Is not Coercive*, 25 CORNELL J.L. & PUB. POL'Y 723 (2016).

Whether editing an article for the Journal or planning an event, *CJLPP* members work together to maintain the Journal and to make it as successful as it is today. As I reflect on my experiences as Editor-in-Chief, I like to remember that while my day-to-day responsibilities may vary, my success derives from the entire Board's success. Surely, a large part of the *CJLPP*'s success today comes from its reputation as a top law and public policy journal. But what keeps the *CJLPP* running is our dedicated group of members, each with different but linked responsibilities, working together to successfully publish the Journal.

