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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, the moral hazard paradox of financial safety nets, medical-legal partnerships to assist the U.S. Department of Veterans Af-

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

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

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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).
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.