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EDITOR’S NOTE

Discussions about a post-racial America became nearly ubiquitous in the wake of President Obama’s election in 2008. But it didn’t take long to ground that optimism. In the summer of 2009, Cambridge police sergeant James Crowley and Harvard professor Henry Louis Gates reminded us of the different lenses through which we view our society. Racial tension persists. And where an issue exists, politicians will take advantage.

In this issue of the Washington and Lee Journal of Civil Rights and Social Justice, our authors address ongoing political struggles and their effects on different populations. These articles range from the 2009 arrest of Professor Gates to the discrimination that impedes educational equality in our schools. This issue also comments on the intersection of politics and access to courts with articles on prosecutorial immunity and the reach of personal jurisdiction.

It remains our honor that each of the four student Notes published in this issue were written by Washington and Lee law graduates of the class of 2011. The students explore the decriminalization of prostitution and marijuana, the role of federal courts in immigration law, and how undisclosed corporate political speech compels and counteracts the speech of dissenting shareholders.

I would like to extend my gratitude to the editorial board of 2010–11 for their guidance over the past year. Thank you, Koral Fusselman, for your encouragement and responsiveness over the summer. I would also like to thank the current editorial board for the time and care they put into editing this issue over the past year.

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