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A LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

Now in our thirty-ninth year of publication, the *Urban Law Journal* is in the midst of another exciting year. Volume 39's first book was a compilation of articles on the recent *Padilla v. Kentucky* Supreme Court decision, which has challenged the criminal defense bar to reconsider its duty to advise clients of collateral consequences when accepting plea bargains. In our second book, authors tackle some of the most current white collar crime issues. The *Journal* is also looking forward to publishing its fourth book of the year which will house articles on legal aspects of the Occupy Wall Street Movement. Building on the *Journal's* strong commitment to publishing student notes, we anticipate publishing several student notes in our remaining issues this year, in addition to the notes published thus far by Christopher Cook (Notes & Articles Editor, Vol. 38), Nitzan Sternberg (Writing & Research Editor, Vol. 39), and Shlomo Pill (Member, Vol. 39).

We are thrilled to announce the launch of our new website (www.urbanlawjournal.com), thanks in large part to the work of Joseph Robbins (Online Articles Editor, Vol. 39) and Tyler Robbins (Business Editor, Vol. 39). The website provides access to current and recent issues as well as exclusive online content. We will add additional functionalities to the website over the coming months, and we hope that this will help provide our growing alumni community with information as well as a place to connect.

In November, the *Journal* hosted the fourth annual Cooper-Walsh Colloquium, entitled "Big Problems, Small Government: Assessing the Recent Financial Crisis' Impact on Municipalities." Through a roundtable discussion of four authors' papers, attendees explored the impact of the current economic crisis on local governments.

Please consider attending our upcoming symposium on March 9, entitled "Gun Control and the Second Amendment: Developments and Controversies in the Wake of *District of Columbia v. Heller* and *McDonald v. Chicago*." This symposium boasts an exciting list of panelists and is open to the public. CLE credit is available.

Last, I hope that many of you will consider joining us for the annual Alumni Banquet on April 3. On behalf of the Volume 39 board, we look forward to seeing you there.

Elizabeth Gamble, Editor-in-Chief, Volume XXXIX

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INTRODUCING ULJ'S NEW WEBSITE AND CITY SQUARE!

ULJ is proud to announce the launch of its first-ever, full-fledged website: www.urbanlawjournal.com. "City Square," the website's online companion, is a competitive and lively arena showcasing meaningful "back-and-forth" between the nation's top legal scholars. For example, Professor Ilya Somin (George Mason University School of Law) and Professor Rick Hills (New York University School of Law) debate Professor Somin's Article, *Let There Be Blight: Blight Condemnations in New York After Goldstein and Kaur*, 38 FORDHAM URB. L.J. 1193 (2011); Professor Victor Romero (Pennsylvania State University's The Dickinson School of Law) and Professor Won Kidane (Seattle University School of Law) debate Professor Romero's Article, *Decriminalizing Border Crossings*, 38 FORDHAM URB. L.J. 273 (2010); and Professor Judith Maute (University of Oklahoma College of Law), Professor Jeffrey Jackson (Washington University School of Law), Executive Director Monica Fennell (Indiana Pro Bono Commission), and Professor Terence Lau (University of Dayton School of Business Administration) debate Professor Maute's Article, *English Reforms to Judicial Selection: Comparative Lessons for American States?*, 34 FORDHAM URB. L.J. 387 (2007).

City Square features five literary debates at a time and is regularly updated with new content. Additionally, the website will contain the latest on *Journal* events, and all past ULJ issues in searchable form, thanks to the extraordinary efforts of Volumes 38 and 39.

City Square's launch was set in motion last spring when Volume 38 decided to create the Online Articles Editor position. We invite you to visit www.urbanlawjournal.com and share this exciting achievement with others. The *Journal* welcomes your ideas and suggestions. Stay tuned!

UPCOMING SYMPOSIUM

This spring, the *Journal* will host a symposium entitled "Gun Control and the Second Amendment: Developments and Controversies in the Wake of *District of Columbia v. Heller* and *McDonald v. Chicago*." The symposium will analyze the right to bear arms, both from historical and modern perspectives, in light of the Supreme Court's recent decisions in *Heller* and *McDonald*. It will also examine the practical aftermath of *Heller* and *McDonald* from an empirical perspective, considering the risks and utilities of privately owned firearms. In addition, the symposium will reflect on urban exceptionalism in light of congestion, poverty, and race-related issues, and the range of local discretion in regulating firearms after these decisions. *(Continued on p.3)*

Volume XXXIX Editorial Board



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COOPER-WALSH COLLOQUIUM

The *Journal* hosted its fourth annual Cooper-Walsh Colloquium this fall, entitled “Big Problems, Small Government: Assessing the Recent Financial Crisis’ Impact on Municipalities.” Coordinated by Tricia Walsh (Cooper-Walsh Editor, Vol. 39), the event featured a roundtable discussion of four papers, all of which will be published in the *Journal*’s Cooper-Walsh Issue. The colloquium concentrated on the challenges that local governments face given the current economic climate and the end of supplemental federal funding, and how these issues can be addressed. The event was organized in conjunction with two of Fordham’s distinguished faculty members—Professor Susan Block-Lieb, the Cooper Family Chair in Urban Legal Issues, and Dean Sheila Foster, the Albert A. Walsh Chair of Real Estate, Land Use, and Property Law.

Professor Michelle Wilde Anderson (University of California Berkeley School of Law) analyzed other authorities’ intrusion on local government as a result of the financial crisis. Professor Clayton P. Gillette (New York University School of Law) explored how

changes in states’ policies have resulted in minimal efforts by states to reduce local obligations to bondholders. Professor Omer Kimhi (Haifa University Law School) used the Israeli financial crisis as a case study and proposed mechanisms that could decrease the weight of political interests and improve states’ supervision of local government affairs, especially in times of local deficits. Finally, Associate Dean Patricia E. Salkin (Albany Law School) discussed how deliberative democracy and collaborative decision-making at the local level might help local governments prioritize spending, particularly during a time of budget shortfalls and federal limitations.

Commentators included Vice Dean Richard Briffault (Columbia Law School), Professor Julie M. Cheslik (University of Missouri-Kansas City School of Law), Professor Richard C. Schragger (University of Virginia School of Law), and Professor Frederick Tung (Boston University School of Law).

(ULJ Hosts Gun Control Symposium, continued from p.2)

Confirmed panelists include: Adam Winkler (Professor of Law at University of California Los Angeles School of Law); David B. Kopel (Research Director of the Independence Institute); Richard M. Aborn (President of the Citizens Crime Commission of New York City); and Gary Kleck (Professor of Criminology and Criminal Justice at Florida State University College of Criminology).

The Symposium will take place on Friday, March 9, 2012 from 10:00am–5:00pm in McNally Amphitheatre. The program is free and open to the public. 4.5 Transitional & Non-Transitional CLE credits are available for \$50 for Fordham Law alumni and public interest attorneys and for \$65 for all others. To register, go to: <http://law.fordham.edu/guncontrol>. For further information, please visit the *Journal*’s website at www.urbanlawjournal.com or contact our Symposium Editor, Kimberly Carson (kcarson1@law.fordham.edu).

We would like to take this opportunity to encourage donations to the *Journal* through the Alumni Association and remind members to pay their annual dues. Donations of \$200 or more will receive a free one-year subscription to the *Journal*. Donations of \$500 or more will receive a five-year subscription to the *Journal*.

For more information about the Alumni Association, please contact Christopher LaVigne (christopherlav@gmail.com).

RECENT AND UPCOMING ISSUES

On April 4 and 5, 2011, the *Journal* co-sponsored a symposium with the Louis Stein Center for Law and Ethics and Touro Law School entitled “Bob Dylan and the Law.” The *Journal* published a number of articles from this symposium in Volume 38, Book 5. Focusing on Bob Dylan’s interest in and influence on contemporary jurisprudence and issues of social justice, this issue diverges from the *Journal*’s more traditional subject matter as it brings together law and popular culture.

In June, the *Journal* co-sponsored a conference hosted by the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers (NACDL). The conference brought together criminal defense attorneys from across the country to discuss the Supreme Court’s recent decision in *Padilla v. Kentucky* and to examine the ways in which the decision will affect defense lawyers’ duties to advise their clients of the collateral consequences of criminal convictions. The discussions revolved around such pressing issues as consequences affecting immigration status and access to employment. Volume 39’s first book is composed of a host of articles and essays authored by participants at the conference.

Volume 39’s second book is a compilation of articles on current issues in white collar crime. Ellen Podgor, Professor at Stetson University School of Law and author of the popular “White Collar Crime Prof Blog,” http://lawprofessors.typepad.com/whitecollarcrime_blog/, penned the introduction to the issue. Topics covered in this issue range from how Congress writes white collar crime statutes and how courts interpret them to empirical studies on community attitudes toward white collar crime. The issue will include a case comment by J. Kelly Strader on the Supreme Court’s recent decision in *Skilling v. United States*, 130 S. Ct. 2896 (2010), an article on pretextual prosecution, and an article on the International Corrupt Practices Act. Other authors include Lucian E. Dervan, Stuart Green, Matthew Kugler, Sandra Jordan, Dean Julie Rose O’Sullivan, and Katrice Bridges-Copeland.

Volume 39’s fourth book is dedicated to the timely issue of Occupy Wall Street and the movement’s legal implications. The issue will focus on the role that lawyers have played in the Occupy Wall Street Movement, particularly the legal issues that surround representing occupiers. The book will also discuss the questions surrounding the appropriate use of parks and public property in protest movements. The *Journal* is working on this issue in conjunction with the Louis Stein Center for Law and Ethics. In addition, this book will host four articles responding to the Religious Land Use and Institutionalized Persons Act. Notably, this issue will contain a number of articles by Fordham alumni.

The *Journal* has published two student notes so far this year by Christopher Cook (Notes & Articles Editor, Vol. 38) and Nitzan Sternberg (Writing & Research Editor, Vol. 39). A note by Shlomo Pill (Member, Vol. 39) will appear in our next issue. We anticipate publishing several more student notes in our remaining issues this year.

The *Fordham Urban Law Journal* is pleased to announce the annual Alumni Banquet.

This year’s Louis J. Lefkowitz Award winner has yet to be determined. Past recipients of the Lefkowitz Award have included Manhattan District Attorney Robert Morgenthau, the Honorable Leslie Crocker Snyder, New York City Police Commissioner Ray Kelly, Special Master for TARP Executive Compensation Kenneth Feinberg, the Honorable Judith S. Kaye, Kings County District Attorney Charles Hynes, and most recently, former New York City Schools Chancellor Joel Klein.

In addition to presenting the Lefkowitz Award, the

Alumni Association will honor the incoming and outgoing editors of the *Journal*, and announce the winners of its Urban Law Alumni Fellowship and the Note award. The dinner will be well attended by Fordham Law students, deans, faculty and alumni.

WHEN: 6:30 PM, April 3, 2012
WHERE: Opia (2nd Floor, Renaissance Hotel)
 130 East 57th Street
 New York, New York

Look for your invitation in the mail in the upcoming weeks!

Please contact Tyler Robbins with any questions (ULJ_BE@law.fordham.edu).

SAVE THE DATE!