

# FORDHAM URBAN LAW JOURNAL

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Dear ULJ Alumni,

Greetings from the current editors and staff of the Fordham Urban Law Journal. In an effort to keep our alumni more up-to-date and involved in the Journal's activities, we are happy to send this ULJ Alumni Update Letter. As former officers, editors, or members of the Journal, you will be receiving a letter each semester from the Journal keeping you abreast of the events, colloquia, symposia, and book topics for that semester.

The Fall 2008 semester was another good one for the Journal. We have recently published the last book in Volume 35, consisting wholly of student notes. The articles are available online at [law.fordham.edu/ulj](http://law.fordham.edu/ulj). This book caps a very successful volume; one cited by the Supreme Court in their decision of *Baze v. Rees*, 128 S. Ct. 1520. Special congratulations go to J.C. O'Brien '08, the recipient of last year's George C. McMahon Fellowship. The Fellowship funded Mr. O'Brien's research on the Homeless Management Information System initiative of the Department of Housing and Urban Development. His findings were published in *Loose Standards, Tight Lips: Why Easy Access to Client Data Can Undermine Homeless Management Information Systems*, 35 Fordham Urb. L.J. 673 (2008).

Last year the Journal ceased publication of our annual Alternative Dispute Resolution book. In its place, we are now publishing the Cooper-Walsh book – named after its sponsors, Dean Sheila Foster, the Albert A. Walsh Chair in Real Estate, Land Use, and Property Law, and Professor Matthew Diller, the Cooper Family Professor of Law. As the Journal publishes articles on a wide variety of public policy topics (we are the second-most cited law and public policy journal in the country and rank 76th out of the top 100 most prestigious law reviews generally), the Cooper-Walsh book, and colloquium, is dedicated solely to urban issues.

We have hosted two colloquiums as a forum for the authors of the first two books of Volume 36. The first colloquium, held in October, was entitled "Conditions of Confinement" and focused on various issues of prisoner rights – ranging from the effort to strike a balance between prison safety and the treatment of prisoners with dignity and respect, to the preparation of prisoners for reintegration to society upon release. The articles presented at this colloquium will be published this December in Volume 36, Book 1.

The second colloquium, held in early November, was entitled "The Future of the American City." This colloquium presented a forum for leading experts in the areas of climate change, environmental studies and regulation, and urban planning to discuss how cities can deal with, and potentially lead the effort to solve, the issue of climate change. This colloquium was the first in our newly instituted Cooper-Walsh series and the articles presented at the colloquium will be published early January in Volume 36, Book 2.

The third book in Volume 36 focuses on the recent mortgage, and resulting financial, crisis. The fourth book, which is also our symposium issue, focuses on "The Future of Public Rights Litigation." We look forward to providing you with more information on these upcoming books and events in our spring alumni letter.

We would like to take this opportunity to encourage donations to the Journal and remind members of the Alumni Association to pay their annual dues. Please contact Liz Malang, at [emalang@ryanconlon.com](mailto:emalang@ryanconlon.com), for further information about the Fordham Urban Law Journal Alumni Association.

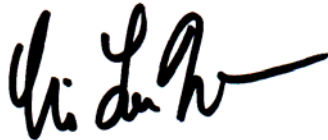
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It is important that the Journal keep its alumni active in its affairs. It helps keep you up-to-date on contemporary legal and public policy issues and provides current staff members and editors with an invaluable professional database. In this spirit, please look forward to more updates on Journal events in the near future.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Chris LaVigne", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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