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Dear Urban Alumni,

Greetings from the current editors and staff of the Fordham Urban Law Journal. The Spring 2008 semester is proving to be another busy one for the Journal. We have completed Book 1 of Volume 36 and are hard at work on Books Two, Three, and Four. In addition, this semester we will be hosting our annual symposium, and we look forward to the ULJ Alumni Dinner, where New York Court of Appeals Chief Judge Judith Kaye will be accepting the Journal's Lefkowitz Award.

Book 1 was published in January as a compliment to our colloquium, entitled "Conditions of Confinement." The book focuses 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. Volume 36, Book 1 is available in print, and online at: <http://law.fordham.edu/ULJVol36Issue1>.

Book 2 is currently at the printer and should be available online and in print the first week in March. Book 2 will be published as a compliment to our second colloquium, held in November, entitled "The Future of the American City." This colloquium, part of the newly formed Cooper-Walsh Series, served as a forum for leading experts in the areas of climate change, environmental studies, regulation, and urban planning to discuss how cities can deal with, and potentially lead the effort to solve, the issue of climate change. The Cooper-Walsh Book consists of a collection of papers and comments from this inaugural colloquium. Watch for the book's arrival shortly.

The third book in Volume 36 focuses on the recent mortgage, and resulting financial, crisis. The articles in Book 3 include studies on the effects of subprime mortgages and foreclosures in urban areas; the ramifications of over-indebtedness on consumers and the economy; the prospect of wholesale mortgage modifications; the potential government organizations that should be used to implement the Congressional bailout; and the economic and policy origins of the crisis.


The fourth book, our symposium issue, will be entitled the "The Future of Public Rights Litigation." The symposium will be held on March 12, 2009 and will explore the causes and effects of recent developments in the law that have affected access to the courts, changing the judicial landscape for public rights litigation. The symposium will consider how these recent developments play into the ongoing debate about the value of public rights litigation, and the role of the public rights lawyer. For more information about the our symposium, attendance at the event, or CLE credits, please visit <http://law.fordham.edu/ULJSymposium>.

In addition, the editors, staff and Urban Law Journal Alumni Association are pleased to invite all of our alumni to our annual ULJ Alumni Dinner, hosted at the Triumph Room on April 15, 2008. This year we will be awarding the Lefkowitz award to the Honorable Chief Judge Judith Kaye of the New York State Court of Appeals. Judge Kaye has been at the forefront of our legal community for the length of her distinguished tenure on the court and we are truly

honored to have Judge Kaye accept this award at our dinner. Details and invitations will be forthcoming shortly.

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.

Christopher LaVigne
Editor-in-Chief
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