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Dear Reader:

On behalf of the Editorial Board and staff, we proudly present Volume 4, Issue 2 of the Health Law & Policy Brief. The eighth issue of our publication features the annual Washington College of Law Health Law Symposium and several timely articles addressing a broad range of health law topics.

The 2010 Health Law Symposium focused on health disparities, which are increasingly evident today. The Symposium featured a number of prolific panelists and we are very pleased to share their memorable talks with you. Four distinct panels addressed: 1) language and race-based health disparities; 2) health disparities for the aging and people with disabilities; 3) international health disparities; and 4) federal and state approaches to ending health disparities. A true highlight of the Symposium was the keynote address delivered by Councilman David Catania, the District of Columbia Council At-Large Member and Chairman of the Council’s Committee on Health. We hope you will benefit from his insights into addressing health disparities in Washington, D.C. and beyond.

In addition to the Symposium, this issue includes three timely student articles. Ashley Goren addresses the right to health care in the domestic forum based on international treaty law. Jocelyn Sweet compares the use and regulation of assisted reproductive technology in the United States with that of the United Kingdom. Patrick Manders discusses the future of charitable status for tax-exempt health care providers. Finally, we present brief columns on several recent health law developments.

We extend our sincere gratitude to our incredibly talented staff and our dedicated advisor, Professor Corrine Parver, Esq. Thank you for your readership and we look forward to bringing you more health law scholarship in the future.

Sincerely,

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