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FROM THE EDITORS

Dear Readers:

We are pleased to present the first issue of the second volume of the *Criminal Law Practitioner (CLP)*. We would like to thank our authors for their timely and thoughtful contributions as well as our Executive Board and the CLP staff who put in countless hours to publish this issue. This issue was started in the Spring of 2014 and we combined it with the Fall 2014 issue to bring you a robust collection of practice-oriented articles in criminal law. We would like to give a special thank you to Megan Petry (J.D., WCL '14), last year's Editor-in-Chief, as well as last Spring's CLP Executive Board and dedicated staff for their substantial contribution to this issue.

This issue includes twelve unique pieces on varying topics in criminal law. We are pleased to foster a dialogue regarding the controversial issue of the drunk driving policies in the District of Columbia. In our Fall 2013 issue, Senior Editor Monika Mastellone (J.D., WCL '14) wrote about D.C.'s drunk driving policies. As one of our goals is to facilitate debate on contentious issues, we were grateful to receive a response to her article from the Office of the Attorney General in the District of Columbia. Other articles in this issue cover a wide array of topics to help inform practitioners about issues such as discrimination of LGBT youth and non-English speaking defendants, as well as articles that cover topics such as prejudicial effects of gang violence, U.S. Attorney guidelines for declining to prosecute cases and guidance for the courtroom. We have also added a new section (conceived and written by last Spring's Articles Editor, Calen Weiss, J.D., WCL '14), *Around the Nation*, which highlights recent court decisions and policy changes in criminal law throughout the country. Just as criminal law and the criminal justice system change, the CLP hopes to constantly evolve to bring you new features and articles to help criminal law practitioners as well as foster important debate.

Each week, you can follow our blog at <http://www.crimlawpractitioner.com> for new articles and stay up to date with exciting CLP events.

We hope you enjoy the Fall 2014 issue and wish you happy reading!

Sincerely,



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