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Dear Health Law & Policy Reader:

On behalf of the editorial board and staff, we proudly present this issue of Health Law & Policy (HLP). Now in our third year, we continue to strive to produce a publication that will both inform our readers of new and pertinent developments in the ever-changing field of health care, provide an opportunity for health law practitioners to contribute to scholarly discourse, and raise awareness for health issues in the greater legal community.

Our fifth issue opens with an article on ways to manage conflicts in health care innovation by one of the founding members of HLP. Following this article is model testimony by a Washington College of Law (WCL) pharmaceutical policy fellow that discusses data mining in the health care context. This issue also includes three articles that address the intersection of health and law and how to bring advancements to both. One of these articles analyzes the way in which we can use innovations from Deaf Culture to improve alternative dispute resolution. The student-written articles that follow explore flaws in health insurance law, and discuss the regulation of prescription drugs. Finally, our column section focuses heavily on the current economic climate and its impact on the field of health law.

This semester we co-hosted our second symposium at WCL on women’s health care research, genetics, and sexuality. Transcripts of these presentations are forthcoming in the Fall 2009 issue of HLP. We are pleased to cover such a broad range of topics, and invite new authors to submit works for publication.

We extend our sincere gratitude and thanks to our advisor, Professor Corrine Parver, Esq., for her dedication and guidance. Further, we would like to thank our staff members for their efforts during the production of this issue. As we prepare to graduate, we are confident that HLP will continue its success under the leadership of the new executive board and staff. We hope that you enjoy this issue as much as we enjoyed putting it together.

Sincerely,

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