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EDITOR’S APOLOGY AND NOTE

The previous version of issue 10.1 of the Journal was printed in error and does not contain the original submission or final edited version of Professor Jennifer Drobac’s article “Developing Capacity”: Adolescent “Consent” at Work, at Law and in the Sciences of the Mind. During the production process, Professor Drobac’s article was dramatically altered, and while I am seeking an explanation for these alterations, it is clear that a lack of redundancies in our editorial process left these production errors unchecked.

As Editor-in-Chief I accept full responsibility for the actions of the Journal. I sincerely apologize to Professor Jennifer Drobac, the administration and faculty of the University of Indiana School of Law, the administration and faculty of the University of California, Davis School of Law, and to our subscribers. Thanks to the generous support of Dean Rex Perschbacher and Assistant Deans Adam Talley, Kevin Johnson and Hollis Kulwin, we are able to offer a second printing of issue 10.1 of the Journal. This second printing of issue 10.1 ensures that each article is presented without production or editorial errors that the Journal may have caused. While we can never alleviate all of the damage we caused, I do hope that this reprinting rectifies an unfortunate situation.

To avoid an embarrassing and tragic event like this in the future, I intend to redesign our editorial process, establish better training for editorial staff and create more redundancies in our production process. A mistake of this magnitude should never happen.

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On September 10, 1978, Archbishop Oscar Romero of San Salvador, El Salvador said, “Love gives plentitude to all human duties and without love, justice is merely a sword.” He was assassinated two years later because of his advocacy for the poor and his open resistance of the oppressive military dictatorship in his homeland.
As an academic journal we strive to publish scholarship that exposes the intellect of professors, practitioners, judges, magistrates and students as they engage questions in juvenile law and policy. In this issue you will find significant scholarship such as Jennifer Ann Drobac’s article which discusses minors’ capacity both at law and as evidenced by research in neurodevelopment. Lorenzo Trujillo presents a model of truancy reduction which should be considered by all communities as they address educational goals, policies and reforms. Patrick Ryan, Eva Lievens and Jos Dumortier expose a view of co-regulation and media from across the Atlantic Ocean while Sara B. Poster and Olga Kotlyarevskaya’s article addresses parentage claims of same-sex couples in my home state of California.

Our Practitioners Section focuses on issues related to representing undocumented immigrant minors in U.S. courts. Finally, this issue presents overviews of propositions from California’s November 2005 Special Election and recent court decisions and legislation impacting juveniles in the areas of dependency, delinquency, education and health care.

While the intellectual life of the law is energizing and satisfying, I hope our readers embrace a realization that every academic question can be traced to the welfare of a human being who is young, impressionable, worthy of care and dignity, and often forgotten and neglected on the fringes of society. As we nourish our minds it is my hope that we simultaneously open our hearts to society’s children in need. Unless we can embrace the human person in every child and allow our legacies and their legacies to be intertwined, justice will forever be just a sword.

I sincerely thank Laura Warner, Neha Marathe and our entire editorial staff for their diligence. The Journal is a creation that is the product of wonderful scholarship and dedicated editorial work. Thank you all for your time and talent.

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