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EDITOR’S NOTE

This issue of the UC Davis Journal of Juvenile Law and Policy encompasses a variety of topics, such as child support, adoption subsidies, community policing, and education. At the same time, this issue indicates that there are recurring concerns when discussing children in the legal system.

Dan Macallair looks at the legal history and policy which influenced the development of California’s juvenile justice system. Related to Macallair’s piece, the Children’s Section explores the present state of California’s juvenile justice system from the perspective of those who know it too well. In addition, Karen Yiu questions whether foster children are receiving the protection they deserve. In the Case Summaries Section, Jennifer Rodriguez looks in-depth at a recent Washington state case, *Braam v. State*, a decision that could dramatically affect the foster care system in other states.

The connecting idea in our articles and features is that the legal system needs to value our children more. Hopefully, the work we present in this journal will provide some worthwhile suggestions toward that goal.

I would like to thank Professor Martha West, our new faculty advisor, for her support. I would also like to thank the journal staff who worked tirelessly to put this issue together. We hope you find the journal to be informative and thought-provoking.

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